

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Eastern State Hospital – City of Medical Lake Community Policing Program

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5187, Section 202(4)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2023 Washington State Legislature enacted Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5187, the 2023-25 Operating Budget which provides:

\$311,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2024 and \$311,00 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 are provided solely for the salaries, benefits, supplies, and equipment for one full-time investigator, one full-time police officer, and one full-time community services officer for policing efforts at Eastern State Hospital. The department must collect data from the city of Medical Lake on the use of the funds and the number of calls responded to by the community policing program and submit a report with this information to the Office of Financial Management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature each December of the fiscal biennium.

The proviso also requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to collect data from the City of Medical Lake on the use of the funds and the number of calls responded to by the community policing program and submit a report with this information to the Office of Financial Management and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature each December of the fiscal biennium.

Eastern State Hospital (ESH) and the City of Medical Lake have maintained formal and informal arrangements for a variety of services to support the operations and safety of both parties. Policing services have been such an arrangement with the City of Medical Lake extending the policing services to property owned by the Department of Social and Health Services. Policing Services have been provided by the City of Medical Lake for over 50 years. To achieve effective policing services, the City of Medical Lake contracts with the Spokane County Sheriff Department (SCSD) to provide the service of responding to calls on both the city grounds and DSHS properties.

POLICE PROTECTION

The SCSD, on behalf of the City of Medical Lake, provides patrol services and emergency police protection (911), evidence preservation and incident investigation at ESH and adjacent areas.

The following table shows data during the third quarter of the community policing program with regard to the number of calls made from the Hospital to SCSD for incident response and the number of times SCSD was on campus for non-emergent duties.

	Single-Unit Responses	Multiple-Unit Responses	Total Calls for Service
3rd Quarter 07/01/2023 – 09/30/2023	70	47	117

2023 Q3 BILLING TOTALS

City of Medical Lake billed DSHS for services starting on 07/01/23 through 09/30/23.

Police Protection (ESSB 5187 sec 202(4)) (Quarter Billing) -	\$77,750
Police Protection (ESSB 5187 sec 202(5)) (Annual Billing) -	\$25,000
Total	\$102,750

POLICE PROTECTION COST DETAILS

The SCSO bills the City of Medical Lake an hourly charge for deputies responding to calls at a rate of \$150, covering wages, vehicle use, and administrative overhead. On average, calls to the DSHS properties take 4 hours from initiation to resolution.

An estimated cost for Quarter 3:

Calls for Service	Responding Deputies	Est. Total Hours (4 hours per call)
47	2	376
70	1	280
Quarter 3 Total Hours		656
Hourly Rate		\$150.00
Cost of DSHS facility responses		<u><u>\$98,400.00</u></u>

FUTURE COLLABORATION

The City of Medical Lake considers Eastern State Hospital and Lakeland Village as key partners in the community. Relating to policing services, it is our desire to organize a quarterly meeting with leadership at ESH to bridge any communication gaps and ensure mutually beneficial outcomes.