

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A ONE-TIME STIPEND FROM ALTERNATIVE PATHS FOR THE CIT SUPPORT AND EXPANSION PROJECT - CIT INITIATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:**

- SEC. 1:** That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Agreement for a one-time stipend from Alternative Paths for the CIT Support and Expansion Project - CIT Initiative Program for the Police Department.
- SEC. 2:** That a copy of the Agreement is marked Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- SEC. 3:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.
- SEC. 4:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

**PASSED:** August 24, 2020

**SIGNED:** John M. Coyne, III  
President of Council

**ATTEST:** Kathy Patton  
Clerk of Council

**APPROVED:** August 25, 2020

**SIGNED:** Dennis Hanwell  
Mayor

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**Medina County CIT Support and Expansion Project**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Chief of the \_\_\_\_\_ Police/  
Sheriff's Department commit to my department's participation in the CIT Liaison Initiative as  
part of the Medina County CIT Support and Expansion Project. I acknowledge that my  
department will be provided a one-time stipend not to exceed \$1,500.00 for participating. The  
officer named below shall fulfill the role of CIT Liaison for my department at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Stipend:**

Make check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Liaison Officer Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Must be full-time and has completed the Medina County CIT Training

Please return this page by **June 15, 2020** via fax (330) 764-8126 or email [ghouk@alternativepaths.org](mailto:ghouk@alternativepaths.org).  
The liaison officer will be contacted on or after July 1, 2020 to schedule the initial meeting.



## **Medina County CIT Support and Expansion Grant**

### **Initiative 1: CIT Liaison Officer**

Each law enforcement department in Medina County will be asked to identify an officer who would serve as a CIT Liaison. The liaison would be the primary department contact for information sharing and follow up by county mental health agencies and the CIT coordinator. The CIT liaisons for each department would be asked to attend a 2-hour, quarterly meeting with the goal of sharing new resources, addressing current challenges, reviewing cases, troubleshooting complicated client situations and/or addressing frequent utilizers of services, assessing department needs, and planning for the annual CIT training. The quarterly meetings will be attended by the liaisons, CIT Coordinator, Medina County ADAMH Board representative, behavioral health agency representatives, the Opiate Response Team, a NAMI representative, and staff from the Medina County 24/7 crisis and behavioral health helpline. Each department that identifies a liaison who attends the quarterly meetings and actively engages in the role, will be provided a one-time stipend through the CIT Expansion Grant. An initial one on one meeting with each liaison and the CIT Coordinator will be held in July 2020. Quarterly meetings including all liaisons will begin in October 2020. The meetings will be scheduled in varying locations to allow for educational tours and presentations of local resources, etc.

### **Initiative 2: CIT Individualized Officer Training**

Each year Medina County certifies approximately 25 new officers in CIT. During the initial CIT course, the officers are exposed to a tremendous amount of information that we ask them to synthesize, retain and be able to apply within a short period of time. This initiative provides the opportunity to work with each of the officers individually, to expand upon knowledge and skills, after they complete the initial training 4-day training. A CIT Instructor will do a 4-6 hour ride-a-long with each officer who attends the CIT course in 2020 and 2021 to provide additional one on one training. For corrections officers or dispatchers, a shadowing opportunity will be scheduled so that the same goals of the initiative can still be attained across all professional disciplines. The CIT instructors will work with the officers to accommodate their shift/ schedule. Time spent during the ride-a-long will involve gaining feedback on the officer's CIT course experience, assessing ideas of training enhancement, addressing questions or concerns an officer may have about mental illness, substance use, utilizing local resources, working with crisis intervention services, probate/pink slips, interventions with different populations, e.g. children, teens, etc. Training certificates for the additional training will be provided for the time spent. Meeting with officers in their work environment, will also help CIT instructors gain knowledge and experience to better understand and offer support to their needs. The initiative is intended to move from providing education, to supporting knowledge/ skill application.