



**CITY OF ALLENTOWN**

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**RESOLUTION**

**R131 - 2023**

***Introduced by the Administration on August 2, 2023***

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**Authorization for Contract with Pinebrook Family Services in the amount of \$100,000 per year to provide professional services, Mental Health Liaison Program - sole source, one year contract with option for two additional renewal terms of one year each.**

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

***WHEREAS***, Article 130.16 of the City's Administrative Code requires City Council approval by Resolution for the award of contracts or engagement of professional services.

***WHEREAS***, it is the desire of the City of Allentown to enter into an agreement of the following contractor to provide the City with a Mental Health Liaison Program more fully described herein:

1. Name of Contractor/Consultant: Pinebrook Family Services.
2. Project or Contract Reference: Mental Health Liaison Program (MHLP).
3. Description of Services to be provided: - The primary responsibility of the MHLP is to work closely with the Allentown Police Department (APD) to assess individuals with mental illness who encounter the police, to refer individuals to the appropriate services, reduce recidivism, and to promote the Recovery Model. The MHLP program is an APD funded program that provides the APD with support in their work with individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse problems.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Council of the City of Allentown hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or such other City official as deemed appropriate by the City Solicitor, to sign and execute a Contract or Amendment and such other agreements and documents as are deemed by the City Solicitor to be necessary and/or related thereto, with the above-named contractor/consultant, for the project identified.

**Legislative Template**

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Police Department

- Summary and facts of the bill.

This resolution authorizes an agreement between the City of Allentown and Pinebrook to provide a Community Intervention Specialist (CIS) for a coordinated, consistent and collaborative response to persons with mental illness and alcohol related problems.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

Pinebrook Family Answers has been providing the Allentown Police Department with CIS since 2017. This program assists the Allentown Police Department by providing training as well as supervised CIS workers to assist in informing and assisting with matters related to mental health and substance abuse. The CIS workers partner with CIT training officers in making field visits on referrals.

- b. What are the benefits of doing this? What are the drawbacks?

It is a unique program and developed in conjunction with providing a referral resource as part of enhancing their provided services to the community and ensure community concerns. This also builds a relationship between the officers and the Community Intervention Specialist.

- c. How does this bill relate to the City's vision/mission/priorities?

The Allentown Police Department which has the mission, among other things, of reducing crime and contributing to the safety of the City's diverse community and is committed to working closely with community stakeholders and law enforcement partners to improve the safety and quality of life of the citizens.

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

\$ 100,000 annually

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
  - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

Budgeted General Funds - 000-04-0802-0001-46

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?  
As soon as possible