



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION  
May 5, 2026

For: Mayor and City Council

From: Amber Fellows, Council Member, Desirae Simmons, Council Member

Subject: Resolution No. 2026-097, A resolution directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and requesting County buy-in.

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SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TABLED -Resolution No 2026-096 1M

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CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: May 5, 2026

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

FISCAL SERVICES DIRECTOR APPROVAL:



Resolution No. 2026-097  
April 21, 2026  
TABLED  
May 5, 2026

**A Resolution Directing \$1,000,000 for a City-Run Community Responder Program and Requesting County Buy-In**

**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the City of Ypsilanti adopted Resolution No. 2025-008, requesting County funding for an unarmed crisis response program and directing an RFP; and

WHEREAS, the need for a community-based crisis response model has grown more urgent, with residents demanding care, prevention, and harm reduction; and

WHEREAS, the City must set aside funds to establish a Community Responder Program for mental health emergencies, substance use, homelessness, and other public health calls; and

WHEREAS, a two-year budget cycle allows for proper fund development and phased implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Budget Allocation. The City Manager and Finance Director shall allocate \$1,000,000 over the next two budget cycles for fund development and phased implementation of a city-run Community Responder Program.
2. Program Framework. The program shall prioritize trauma-informed, non-coercive interventions; coordinate with EMS and police via a clear triage protocol; and track reduced police involvement and improved care connections.
3. County Buy-In. The Council requests that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners commit financial or resource-based buy-in, including direct funding, mental health staff, dispatch integration, or in-kind support, consistent with Resolution No. 2025-008.
4. Collaboration & Reporting. The City Manager shall collaborate with the County, mental health providers, harm reduction specialists, and EMS, and continue working with LEAP to analyze Ypsilanti EMS calls.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall send this resolution to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, County Sheriff's Office, County Prosecutor's Office, and County Administrator.

OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YES:                      NO:                      ABSENT:                      VOTE: