

**CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY**  
**Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program**  
**STAFF SUMMARY**

<b>Lead Grantee:</b> County of Kern Department of Mental Health 3300 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301	<b>Application Number:</b> MH-04-53-57 <b>Authority Meeting Date:</b> May 26, 2016 <b>Resolution Number:</b> MH 2016-03 <b>Total Recommended Amount:</b> \$30,200.00
<b>County to be Served:</b> Kern	

**Project Title:** Eastern Kern Virtual Mobile Evaluation Team (Virtual MET)

- Crisis Residential Treatment Program**
- Crisis Stabilization Program**
- Mobile Crisis Support Team:** 25 new in-vehicle mobile field sites for virtual consumer crisis services

**Summary of Project:**

Mobile Crisis Support Teams Program

The County of Kern (the “County”) will expand crisis services to consumers of all ages who are experiencing a mental-health crisis in the rural communities of Eastern Kern by adding an equivalent of 25 new in-vehicle mobile field sites to the existing Mobile Evaluation Team (MET) (located in Metro Bakersfield) to include “Virtual MET.” Virtual MET is the utilization of a HIPPA compliant telehealth system linked directly to electronic tablets inside law enforcement officers’ vehicles. The Virtual MET solution addresses barriers of long distances and travel time inherent to the expansiveness of Kern County, which spreads across over 8,000 square miles. The Virtual MET solution enables mental-health professionals to virtually assist law enforcement officers at the scene of crisis to potentially de-escalate the consumers in crisis, determine whether an involuntary 5150 hold is appropriate, and/or link the consumer to follow-up treatment and/or community services as needed. The Virtual MET is projected to serve over 543 individuals, an increase of approximately 5% from the previous year. Grant funds will be used for information technology costs.

Staff has evaluated the plan and determined it is likely both feasible and sustainable.

**Summary of Amounts:**

Program	Amount Requested	Eligible Amount	Recommended Amount
Mobile Crisis Support Teams	\$ 30,200.00	\$ 30,200.00	\$ 30,200.00

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Authority approve Resolution Number MH 2016-03 for a Final Allocation in an amount not to exceed \$30,200.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. MH 2016-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH  
FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY APPROVING  
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF GRANT FUNDING UNDER  
THE INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM  
TO THE COUNTY OF KERN**

WHEREAS, The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (the “Authority”), a public instrumentality of the State of California, is authorized by the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848.5, the “Act”) and implementing regulations (California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 10, Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 7113)) to award grants for capital funding and personnel funding to finance eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, Authority staff reviewed the application submitted by County of Kern (“Grantee”) against the eligibility requirements of the Act and implementing regulations and, pursuant to the Act and implementing regulations, recommends approval of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$30,200.00 for the eligible project (the “Project”), which consists of no more than \$30,200.00 for mobile crisis support teams capital costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority, as follows:

Section 1. The Authority hereby approves a grant in a total amount not to exceed \$30,200.00 to complete the Project as described in the Grantee’s application and as more particularly described in Exhibit A to this Resolution (Exhibit A is hereby incorporated by reference) within a project period that ends on December 31, 2017.

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Authority to approve any minor, non-material changes in the Project described in the application submitted to the Authority and extend the project period completion date identified in Section 1 as authorized under the Act and implementing regulations. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to require the Authority to provide any additional funding, even if more grants are approved than there is available funding. Any notice to the Grantee shall indicate that the Authority shall not be liable to the Grantee in any manner whatsoever should such funding not be completed for any reason whatsoever.

Section 3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to disburse funds not to exceed those amounts approved by the Authority for the Grantee. The Executive Director is further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver to the Grantee any and all documents necessary to complete the disbursement of funds that are consistent with the Act and implementing regulations.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents which the Executive Director deems necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 5. This Resolution expires December 31, 2017.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proceeds of the grant will be used by the County of Kern as follows:

#### Mobile Crisis Support Teams Program

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#### Summary of Amounts:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Approved Grant Amount</b>
Mobile Crisis Support Team	\$ 30,200.00