

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Member Shaffer, Acting Chair, Budget Committee
Council Members

From: Maren Anderson, Office of Community Safety
Will Christenson, Office of Community Safety
Kira Hasbargen, Performance Management & Innovation

Copy: Todd Barnette, Community Safety Commissioner
Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk

Subject: LIMS file 2026-00807, alternative safety services pilot funding

This memo addresses issues about the referenced item that were raised at the committee's July 13, 2026 meeting. The issues that were raised included:

1. Please provide a status update regarding the \$500,000 appropriation that Council made in 2023 regarding alternative safety services pilots once it was moved to the Office of Community Safety.

\$500,000 was appropriated to Performance Management and Innovation in the 2025 budget, to address gaps and opportunities in the Safe and Thriving Communities Report. \$135,090 of this funding is being used for the embedded social worker in 911, funded through a Joint Powers Agreement with Hennepin County. In February 2025, \$135,090 was transferred from PMI to 911 for this purpose. The social worker started with the City on September 8, 2025, after being hired as an employee of Hennepin County. The JPA concludes December 31, 2026.

Please let me know if there are further issues to be addressed.