

626.8441 RESPONDING TO CALLS INVOLVING EMOTIONAL CRISES AND MENTAL ILLNESS; MODEL PROGRAM PILOT PROJECTS.

Subdivision 1. **Model policing program.** (a) The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the Community Mental Health Peace Officer Advisory Board named under subdivision 2, may award grants to (1) develop models of community policing that are responsive to the unique needs of the law enforcement and mental health systems in Minnesota, and (2) promote these models throughout the state. Grants may be awarded to either existing or new projects. The commissioner may approve the implementation of community policing pilot projects in metropolitan and rural areas.

(b) In order to receive funding, a pilot project must focus on the following:

(1) responding in a knowledgeable and sensitive way to persons exhibiting symptoms of mental illness, to persons having drug-related reactions, and to others who may be in an emotional or mental crisis;

(2) significantly reducing the risk of harm to the individuals who are the subjects of such calls, to the officers responding to the calls, and to the general public;

(3) identifying and implementing a continuum of intervention strategies that will prevent escalation, produce de-escalation, and minimize the use of force; and

(4) creating partnerships with community resources that result in positive resolution, reduction, and prevention of potentially harmful incidents.

Subd. 2. [Expired]

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