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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my support of the Aurora Police Department in their pursuit of the FY22 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Aurora Police Department in partnership with Family Service Association of the Greater Elgin Area have been working side by side to provide co-response and post-crisis case management to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. This partnership has allowed for the creation of the Crisis Intervention Unit which not only provides mental health resources but also has worked to increase collaboration with community partners including hospitals, schools, court services, social service organizations and other law enforcement agencies. The partnership has been successful since the two years it has been implemented helping connect those individuals to mental health services in lieu of jail.

We look forward to working with the Aurora Police Department as they work to respond to the needs of individuals in a mental health crisis that come in contact with the police department. I respectfully urge your support for this important project and appreciate your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Foster

Bill Foster
Member of Congress



Congressman Bill Foster