

Item #11
#26.102

City of St. Louis - DOH

Memo

To: Mayor's Office – City Hall Room 200
Attention: Colonel Benjamin Jonsson, Director of Operations
c/o Rochelle Pruitt

From: Carlotta Blair 
DOH Fiscal Contract Supervisor
Contract Management Section (CMS)

Date: January 29, 2026

Re: E&A Agenda Item(s)

Board of E&A Meeting Agenda Item for the February 18, 2026 scheduled meeting.

- **Board Bill (133) – FEMA Crisis Counseling & Training Program**

Dept of Health – Carlotta Blair (Contract Management Section 1520 Market Suite 4058)

DATE: 1 / 29 / 2026



CARA SPENCER
Mayor



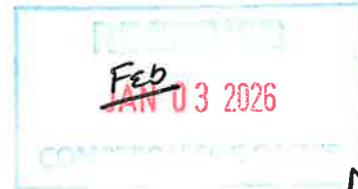
VICTORIA ANWURI, MPH
Commissioner of Health

City of St. Louis Department of Health

January 29, 2026

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Colonel Benjamin Jonsson
Director of Operations
Office of the Mayor
1200 Market Street
Room 200 – City Hall
St. Louis, MO 63103



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Dear Colonel Jonsson:

Attached are the E&A Agenda items from the Department of Health summarizing the Board Bill items to be considered at the February 18, 2026 Board of E&A meeting:

Board Bill #133 Approval – FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program Award

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (314) 657-1290.

Respectfully,

Victoria Anwuri

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Commissioner of Health

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Mayor



City of St. Louis
Department of Health

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HLATSHWAYO DAVIS, MD, MPH, FIDSA
Director of Health
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Commissioner of Health

January 29, 2026

Honorable Board of Estimate & Apportionment
c/o Rochelle Pruitt
Mayor's Office
1200 Market Street
Room 200, City Hall
St. Louis, MO 63103

Dear Honorable Board:

The City of St. Louis Department of Health requests permission for approval of Board Bill #133 authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) award funds in the amount of \$78,253.60 in accordance with the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement with the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers dba Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) to fund up to 50% of the time of a Project Manager and a Resource Director up to a year. This bill will authorize the expenditure of such funds to fulfill the obligations of said Consulting Agreement; authorizing contracts and other documents to expend such funds, to the extent received; and containing an emergency clause.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (314) 657-1290.

Respectfully,

Victoria Anwuri, MPH
Commissioner of Health

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Summary

Board Bill Number 133

Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd

January 30, 2026

This Board Bill recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to enter into the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement to accept funds awarded; appropriates said funds in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60); authorizes the Department of Health to expend the appropriated funds for the allowed purposes; and contains an emergency clause.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 133 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN PAMELA BOYD

1 An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authorizing the
2 Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to
3 enter into the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement and to accept funds
4 awarded; appropriating said funds in the amount of up to Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred
5 Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60); authorizing the Department of Health to expend
6 the appropriated funds for allowed purposes; and containing an emergency clause.

7 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Crisis
8 Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) is working in conjunction with the U.S.
9 Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Center for Mental Health Services, within the
10 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide funding to
11 states, tribes, or territories (STTs) to provide assistance to individuals and communities in
12 recovering from the psychological effects of disasters in jurisdictions that have received a
13 Presidential major disaster declaration through the provision of community-based outreach and
14 educational services; and

15 **WHEREAS**, a FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Assistance and Training Program Grant
16 was awarded by FEMA to the Missouri Department of Mental Health as one of the STTs, which
17 in turn subcontracted with the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers dba
18 Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the MBHC is subcontracting with the City of St. Louis Department of Health
20 to provide consulting services under the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Grant in the amount
21 of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60)
22 through a Consulting Agreement.

1 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

2 **SECTION ONE.** The Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee is hereby
3 authorized, on behalf of the City of St. Louis, to enter into the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program
4 (CCP) Consulting Agreement with the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers
5 dba Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) to accept the CCP Award. Said Consulting
6 Agreement shall be in substantially the same form as the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program
7 Consulting Agreement attached hereto as **Attachment A** and incorporated herein. The
8 Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee is hereby authorized to make,
9 negotiate, and execute any and all contracts or other documents on behalf of the City as necessary
10 or appropriate to receive the funds set forth in the CCP Award.

11 **SECTION TWO.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two
12 Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$78,253.60) in CCP Award funds, solely to the
13 extent received, for the purposes allowed under the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting
14 Agreement. The Commissioner of the Department of Health or her designee is authorized and
15 directed to execute any documents on behalf of the City to expend such funds for allowed purposes.
16 The Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury for payment
17 of all expenditures authorized in this Section provided that such warrants do not exceed the total
18 amount of funds appropriated by this Section.

19 **SECTION THREE.** Emergency Clause. This being an ordinance for the preservation of the
20 public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the
21 meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and therefore,
22 this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 133

FISCAL NOTE

Preparer's Name Craig Schmid

Phone Number or Email Address (will be available publicly) (314) 657-1534

Bill Sponsor Alderwoman Boyd

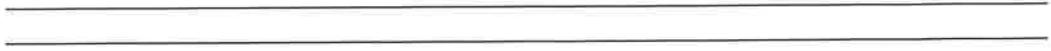
Bill Synopsis:	This Board Bill authorizes the Department of Health (the "DOH") to accept a FEMA Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) award of up to \$78,253.60 in accordance with the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement with the Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers dba Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) to fund up to 50% of the time of a Project Manager and a Resource Director (no fringes) up to a year; supplies; and advertising costs as set forth in the Immediate Service Program and Regular Service Program budgets (Exhibits A & B to the Consulting Agreement) that are part of Attachment A to the Board Bill; appropriating such funds to the Department of Health; authorizing the expenditure of such funds to fulfill the obligations of said Consulting Agreement; authorizing contracts and other documents to expend such funds, to the extent received; and containing an emergency clause.
Type of Impact:	This Board Bill authorizes the Commissioner of Health or her designee to enter into a Consulting Agreement with MBHC for the Department of Health to provide consulting services under the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Grant of up to \$78,253.60 granted by FEMA to the Missouri Department of Mental Health, which is subcontracting with MBHC for both the Immediate Service Program (2-3 months) and Regular Service Program (9-10 months) to provide consulting services related to assisting individuals and communities in recovering from the psychological effects of the May 16, 2025 disastrous tornado (receiving a Presidential major disaster declaration) through the provision of community-based outreach and educational services. It supports short-term interventions to assist disaster survivors in understanding their current situation and reactions, mitigating stress, promoting the use or development of coping strategies, providing emotional support, and encouraging

	<p>links with other individuals and agencies who may help survivors in their recovery process. This includes striving to meet the needs of people with access and functional needs, such as people with limited English proficiency and individuals with disabilities, such as people who are deaf or hard of hearing who may use sign language or captioning.</p> <p>It includes consulting for -- individual and group counseling connections to improve coping strategies, review their options, and connect with other individuals and agencies who may assist them either in person or via telehealth crisis counseling; educational information for general support and information on resources and services available to disaster survivors; building and/or supporting community networking and support among community resource organizations, faith-based groups, and local agencies; assessment of needs of adults and children and providing resource linkages such as referral to additional disaster-relief services, mental health or substance abuse treatment; development and distribution of educational materials; and obtaining media and public service announcements.</p> <p>Services are provided at no cost and are available to any survivor who has been impacted by the disaster.</p>
Agencies Affected:	Department of Health (the "DOH")

SECTION A

Does this bill authorize:

- An expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? Yes No
Costs covered entirely by CCP award
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? Yes No
- A commitment of city funding in the future under certain specified conditions? Yes No
- An issuance of bonds, notes and lease-purchase agreements which may require additional funding beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? Yes No
- An execution or initiation of an activity as a result of federal or state mandates or requirements? Yes No



Complete the chart below to list the total estimated expenditures required of the City resulting from the proposed board bill and any estimated savings or additional revenue.

Financial Estimate of Impact on General Fund			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	0	0	0
Additional Revenue	0	0	0
Net	0	0	0
Financial Estimate of Impact on Special Funds			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	0	0	0
Additional Revenue	0	0	0
Net	0	0	0

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:
 Acceptance and signature of Consulting Agreement with expenditure of grant funds for the purposes authorized only.

- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:

- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?
 ___ Yes ___ X No
 ○ If yes, by whom? _____.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT



FEMA Crisis Counseling Program Consulting Agreement

St. Louis City Health Department

And

Missouri Behavioral Health Council

This Agreement stipulates work to be completed by St. Louis City Health Department (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant") for Missouri Coalition of Community Mental Health Centers dba Missouri Behavioral Health Council (hereinafter referred to as "MBHC") between October 22, 2025 and September 7, 2026.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Consultant will work with the DMH Office of Disaster Services and all CCP provider agencies to coordinate the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program work. The Consultant will work with individuals, families, and groups to provide outreach, emotional support, individual and group crisis counseling, public education, and referrals when needed, as part of the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program. The Consultant will network with other agencies and partners to ensure needs of survivors are met. The Consultant will provide presentations for community groups on disaster reactions, coping skills, stress management, and the disaster response program.

COSTS AND PAYMENTS

› Consultant Fees and Rates

Consultant shall be paid for work delivered, and reimbursable costs incurred, per the Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) approved rates.

The maximum budget for the term of this agreement shall not exceed \$78,253.60, including all Consultant fees and expenses. The allocated consulting amount is subject to change and may be redistributed during the project.

› Invoice

Consultant will invoice DMH via email to Stacey Peters (stacey.peters@dmh.mo.gov) monthly. MBHC agrees to make payment within 30 days of receiving the invoice from DMH. Consultant must provide MBHC with a completed W-9 form before invoices can be paid. Only invoices and expenses submitted before September 7, 2026, may be reimbursed.

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OWNERSHIP

All documents created by the Consultant under this Agreement, and for the benefit of the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program, shall remain the sole property of the DMH. Those documents shall be shared with DMH, MBHC, and their affiliates to fulfill general operational and programming needs for this Agreement.

All documents, training materials, and intellectual property created by the Consultant in partnership with DMH and MBHC as part of this Agreement shall be accessible by DMH and MBHC in shareable format with full right of use during and after the term of this Agreement.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

The Consultant shall perform the Work as independent contractors and not as Missouri Behavioral Health Council employees. MBHC expects its employees and independent contractors to adhere to professional conduct and integrity standards. This ensures that the work environment is safe, comfortable, and productive. Consultant is required to represent themselves and MBHC positively and professionally. For example, employees and independent contractors should be respectful, courteous, and mindful of others' feelings and needs and always attempt to achieve their job objectives with diligence and consideration as a representative of MBHC. Any misrepresentation of MBHC may lead to immediate termination of the Consulting Agreement with MBHC and impact payment fulfillment by MBHC. Consultant will not be subject to control and direction as to the details and means for accomplishing the anticipated result of their service, nor as an agent for any other organization while conducting the agreed upon Work.

PROCUREMENT

Missouri Behavioral Health Council (MBHC) commits to maintain the highest standard of conduct and ethics to ensure that goods and services purchased are obtained in a cost-effective manner and in compliance with applicable federal and state laws. Purchases may also be subject to prior funding source approval and additional requirements imposed by grants or contracts. All MBHC procurement activities involving the expenditure of federal funds must be conducted in compliance with the Procurement Standards codified in 2 C.F.R § 200.317 through § 200.326 unless otherwise directed in writing by the federal agency or state pass-through agency that awarded the funds. MBHC will follow all applicable local, state, and federal procurement requirements when expending federal funds. MBHC will engage responsible vendors who possess the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement.

INDEMNIFICATION

Consultant will indemnify, defend and hold harmless MBHC and its affiliates, and its respective employees, directors, officers, members and agents, from and against any third party claims, demands, loss, damage, costs or expenses (including counsel fees and court costs) relating to bodily injury or death of any person or

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damage to real and/or tangible personal property but only to the extent that such claims result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee and are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of Consultant and its employees, agents, representatives, officers, principals, shareholders, directors, provided MBHC gives Consultant prompt written notice of any claim hereunder. Consultant shall allow MBHC to cooperate fully (at Consultant's expense) in defense of any such claim, and Consultant makes no settlement or compromise of any such claim without MBHC's prior written consent.

TERM / TERMINATION / CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

The Agreement shall commence on October 22, 2025 and shall terminate upon the satisfactory completion of all activities related to this Agreement, but not extend beyond September 7, 2026, unless sooner terminated by either party. Either party may terminate the Agreement at any time by written notice to the other, specifying the effective date of such termination, with a minimum of 30 days' notice. MBHC will not be responsible for reimbursing the Consultant for fees and expenses related to incomplete work or deliverables established in this Agreement.

AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION

This Agreement may only be modified or amended by written document expressly describing any such modification or amendment, signed by both parties.

DISPUTES

Any disputes arising under the terms of the Agreement, if unable to be resolved by the parties themselves, shall be resolved by arbitration, under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Any arbitration shall occur with the State of Missouri. This provision shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the State of Missouri. This provision shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

NOTICES

Notices to the Consultant will be addressed as follows:

St. Louis City Health Department
Behavioral Health Bureau
Beaudine Richmond
Email: richmond@stlouis-mo.gov

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Notices to **Missouri Behavioral Health Council** will be addressed as follows:

Chelsea Hughes, EVP Finance & Administration
Missouri Behavioral Health Council
PO Box 1007
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Office: 573.634.4626 x 106
Cell: 573.645.2230
Email: chughes@mobhc.org

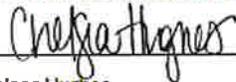
SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers or agents as of the effective date.

The Consultant:

Victoria Anwuri | Commissioner, St. Louis City Health Department Date

Missouri Behavioral Health Council:



Chelsea Hughes 01/04/2026
EVP, Finance & Administration Date

Exhibit A

ISP Narrative Budget
 Local Provider: St. Louis City Health Department
 Geographic Areas to be Served: St. Louis City

Budget Line Item Description				Pre-Notice of Award Costs		Projected Costs		Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs			
Direct Costs												
Direct Personnel Costs				No. of FTE	Hours per Day	Rate	Pre-Notice of Award Hours	Pre-Notice of Award Costs	Projected Days	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs
Project Director				0.50	8.00	\$36.20			45.00	\$6,516.00	\$6,516.00	
Resource Manager				0.50	8.00	\$30.15			45.00	\$5,427.00	\$5,427.00	
Personnel Subtotal								\$0.00		\$11,943.00	\$11,943.00	\$0.00
Fringe							Pre-Notice of Award Costs	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs		
Not claiming fringe.							0%			\$0.00	\$0.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.												
Fringe Benefits Subtotal								\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Direct Travel Costs				Miles	Rate	Pre-Notice of Award Days	Pre-Notice of Award Costs	Projected Days	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs	
Not claiming travel costs.									\$0.00	\$0.00		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.												
								\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Direct Supplies Costs				Unit Cost	No. of Units	Pre-Notice of Award Costs	No. of Units	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs		
General Office Supplies - pens, note pads, paper...etc. Supplies needed to complete the project. Estimated for ISP, \$25 per person.				\$25.00	2.00			\$50.00	\$50.00			

Printed material (flyers). These printed materials will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.	\$1.00	3000.00				\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Supplies Subtotal					\$0.00	\$3,050.00	\$3,050.00	\$0.00
Subtotal Direct Provider Charges					\$0.00	\$14,993.00	\$14,993.00	\$0.00
Contractual Costs								
Contractual Media/Public Information Costs								
					Pre-Notice of Award Costs	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs
Advertisements (for local talk radio, publications, social media, city bus signage, yard signs, brochures, etc.). These advertisements will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.						\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Subtotal Media/Public Information Costs						\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Other Contractual Costs								
					Pre-Notice of Award Costs	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs	Total In-kind Costs
Subtotal Other Contractual Costs						\$0.00	\$0.00	
Subtotal Contractual Provider Charges					\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Total Provider Charges: The total on this line should be added to the State's contractual costs and any other provider budget totals and reflected in line 6f. of the SF-424a.					\$0.00	\$19,993.00	\$19,993.00	\$0.00

Exhibit B

RSP Narrative Budget
 Local Provider: St. Louis City Health Department
 Geographic Areas to be Served: St. Louis City

Budget Line Item Description				Projected Costs		Total Funded Costs
Direct Costs						
Direct Personnel Costs	No. of FTE	Hours per Day	Rate	Projected Days	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs
Project Director	0.50	8.00	\$36.20	189.00	\$27,367.20	\$27,367.20
Resource Manager	0.50	8.00	\$30.15	189.00	\$22,793.40	\$22,793.40
Personnel Subtotal					\$50,160.60	\$50,160.60
Fringe						
Not claiming fringe.				0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.					\$0.00	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits Subtotal					\$0.00	\$0.00
Direct Travel Costs		Miles	Rate	Projected Days	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs
Not claiming travel costs.					\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box to confirm that these are the usual and customary rates for this organization.					\$0.00	\$0.00
Direct Supplies Costs						
			Unit Cost	No. of Units	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs
General Office Supplies - pens, note pads, paper...etc. Supplies needed to complete the project. Estimated for RSP, \$50 per person.			\$50.00	2.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Printed material (flyers). These printed materials will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.			\$1.00	3000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Supplies Subtotal					\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
Subtotal Direct Provider Charges					\$53,260.60	\$53,260.60
Contractual Costs						
Contractual Media/Public Information Costs						

	Projected Costs	Total Funded Costs
Advertisements (for local talk radio, publications, social media, city bus signage, yard signs, brochures, etc.). These advertisements will not be duplicative of what SMHA/Learfield will be producing.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Subtotal Media/Public Information Costs	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Other Contractual Costs		
Subtotal Other Contractual Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal Contractual Provider Charges	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Provider Charges: The total on this line should be added to the State's contractual costs and any other provider budget totals and reflected in line 6f. of the SF-424a.	\$58,260.60	\$58,260.60