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Ed Shikada, City Manager
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**SUPPORT OF MOMENTUM FOR HEALTH'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CASE MANAGEMENT
PROPOSAL TO AUGMENT THE NORTH COUNTY TRUST TEAM**

Dear Mr. Shikada:

The City of Mountain View is pleased to have collaborated with the City of Palo Alto and the City of Los Altos to secure funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, thanks to the leadership of Congresswoman Eshoo, to develop alternative responses to mental health calls for service.

The exploration of alternative mental health crisis response methods is a Mountain View City Council Fiscal Year 2022-23 Work Plan project supporting the City Council's ***Community for All*** strategic priority and is also on the work plan of Mountain View's Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB).

Mountain View is proud to partner with the City of Palo Alto and the City of Los Altos to support the success of the North County TRUST alternative mental health response program. We look forward to working with Palo Alto and Momentum for Health to further enhance the success of North County TRUST through Momentum for Health's proposal to provide extra community outreach and case management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimbra McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kimbra" and last name "McCarthy" clearly visible.

Kimbra McCarthy
City Manager

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cc: Honorable Anna Eshoo, U.S. House of Representatives

Chantal Cotton-Gaines, Deputy City Manager, City of Palo Alto

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City of Palo Alto
Palo Alto City Council

Subject: Agenda Item 9 – Acceptance of funding from the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2022

Dear Members of the City Council,

This letter is written in support of the acceptance of \$2,000,000 from the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2022 awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration for assistance related to North County TRUST (Trusted Response Urgent Support Team), an alternative mental health response pilot program, and the approval and authorization for the execution of a contract with Momentum for Health for assistance related to North County TRUST.

Momentum for Health is looking forward to partner with the City of Palo Alto, to provide outreach and engage with the community about the new alternative response services, provide needed ongoing support to individuals in crisis, and train individuals in mental health first aid to make referrals to behavioral health services including TRUST or other alternative response programs.

As the Chief Medical Officer of Momentum, I am proud of the important work Momentum is doing in our community. Outreach and engagement, behavioral health education and services to those in crisis conducted by community-based organizations is needed to support alternative responses that divert behavioral health lower acuity calls from law enforcement to mental health professionals. As North County TRUST rolls out, community outreach workers will interact with residents, businesses, and other community-based organizations of the new services and how to access these. Case managers will work with individuals who have had a field visit from North County TRUST with follow-up assistance and system navigation to address pressing needs, and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) instructors will train residents in MHFA who can then make referrals to behavioral health services including TRUST.

This type of information and support is needed, as cities across the nation seek to implement alternative community responses to better address mental health and substance misuse crisis calls from those in need. Your support will enable Momentum to augment North County TRUST services resulting in a better-informed community about behavioral health resources. I am available at smiller@momentumforhealth.org to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shefali Miller, M.D.".

Shefali Miller, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer