**Defund Sacramento Sheriff’s Department IMPACT Team: Reinvest in Community Alternatives:**

**[6/17/2020]**

**SAMPLE COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES**

1. **Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets [CAHOOTS]: Eugene, OR, established in 1989**

www.Whitebirdclinic.org/services/cahoots

Dispatched through police non-emergency number: CAHOOTS is a mobile mental health clinic, not a law enforcement agency.

Provides crisis intervention service 24/7 which includes a mobile crisis and medic response team [either a medical technician or nurse] and a crisis worker. Available for non-criminal crises, including homelessness, intoxication, disorientation, substance use, mental health issues and dispute resolution; as well as non-emergency medical care and first aid and transportation to services.

The crisis workers receive 500 hours of training in medical care, conflict resolution and crisis counseling, including trauma-informed de-descalation and harm reductions

In 2019 they responded to 24,000 calls and only 1% need law enforcement assistance.

Operating budget: $2 M annually – city funded

1. **Portland Street Response [PSR]: Portland OR: pilot program funded by city council in 12/2019**

Portlandstreetresponse.org

Modeled after CAHOOTS, which is providing training.

Portland Street Response would be dispatched through the Bureau of Emergency Communications on calls involving homelessness and behavioral health issues that come through 911 and police-non-emergency.

PSR would partner with Portland Fire and rescue and with teams serving as an expansion of the bureau’s CHAT program [Community Health Assessment Team].

Cost: Start-up cost Of $500,000. Each 24-hour unit would cost $800,000 annually. Six operating units would cost about $4.8 M

1. **Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland [MACRO]:** In 2019 Oakland City Council commissioned the Urban Strategies Council, the Police Commission and the Coalition for Police Accountability to develop a report on the feasibility to implement what is called the Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland program or M.A.C.R.O.
2. **Alliance for Street Health Response: Denver, CO-** [www.dashrco.org](http://www.dashrco.org): created in 2018 to bring groups and individuals together who were interested in creating a new emergency response method as an alternative to policing and jail. This was informed by models across the country as well as local work that embodied components of a new model for Denver. As we began to create the vision for this effort, we started to identify additional ways to create alternative responses and methods of navigating conflict and crisis that were worth investing our time and energy into as well as other ongoing work that was worth lifting up.
3. **MH [Mental Health] First, Sacramento Anti Police Terror Project:** <https://www.antipoliceterrorproject.org/sacramento>: Non-police response to mental health crisis. Currently only available for phone support.