Grant Narrative for Law Enforcement Agency Grant Application

Provided by the National Crisis Response Academy (NCRA)

# Project Title:

Implementing Crisis Intervention and De-Escalation Training for Law Enforcement Officers

# Applicant Summary (To be filled in by the agency)

[Agency Name] seeks funding to partner with the National Crisis Response Academy to implement a comprehensive, evidence-based training initiative that enhances law enforcement’s ability to respond safely and effectively to individuals experiencing mental health crises, particularly youth and vulnerable populations.

# Project Abstract

The requested funding will enable [Agency Name] to deliver 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, Youth Crisis Intervention Training, and Advanced De-Escalation & Escalation Prevention training to its officers. Delivered by the National Crisis Response Academy, this initiative will reduce use-of-force incidents, improve officer and community safety, and increase diversion from incarceration to treatment.

# Problem Statement

Law enforcement officers are increasingly the first responders to behavioral health crises. Up to 20% of calls for service involve individuals in mental health distress. Without specialized training, these interactions too often result in unnecessary force, jail admissions, or injury to officers and civilians alike.  
  
Youth-specific crises — such as suicidal ideation, trauma reactions, and school-based incidents — are particularly complex and require developmentally appropriate response techniques that most departments lack in-house.  
  
In response to these urgent challenges, [Agency Name] recognizes the need for structured, evidence-based training and seeks funding to implement NCRA’s national-standard programming.

# Project Goals and Objectives

## Goal 1: Train officers to safely and effectively respond to mental health crises.

Deliver NCRA’s 40-Hour CIT Training to all patrol-level officers, focusing on verbal de-escalation, crisis recognition, scene safety, and diversion techniques.

## Goal 2: Improve outcomes for youth in crisis.

Deliver Youth CIT, equipping officers with trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate skills to respond to juveniles experiencing crisis.

## Goal 3: Strengthen agency-wide de-escalation culture and supervisory leadership.

Deliver Advanced De-Escalation Training to supervisors and CIT-certified officers for tactical refinement, stress management, and escalation prevention.

# Training Provider: National Crisis Response Academy

NCRA is a specialized training institution founded by law enforcement and mental health professionals. All programs are based on the Memphis Model, endorsed by the DOJ, and aligned with BJA and SAMHSA standards.

## Core Features:

- Customizable delivery (in-person, virtual, or hybrid)  
- Realistic scenario-based role-play  
- Measurable outcomes via pre- and post-assessment tools  
- Coordination with community resources and NAMI chapters

## Courses to Be Delivered:

1. 40-Hour Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)  
2. 40-Hour Youth Crisis Intervention Training  
3. 16-Hour Advanced De-Escalation & Escalation Prevention

# Performance Measures & Outcomes

- 20%+ reduction in use-of-force incidents during mental health-related calls  
- 30% increase in diversion to treatment vs. jail  
- Improved officer confidence (tracked via surveys)  
- Reduction in injuries, overtime, and liability risk  
- Creation of a crisis response culture across shifts and command levels

# Budget Summary

[Agency Name] seeks funding for the following:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Line Item | Estimated Cost |
| 40-Hour CIT Training (per officer) | $3,000 |
| Youth CIT Training (per officer) | $3,000 |
| Advanced De-Escalation (per officer) | $1,250 |
| Training materials & manuals | Included |
| Scenario props and instructor travel | Included |
| Reporting & evaluation tools | Included |
| Total Request (for ~XX officers) | $XX,000 |

> \*Pricing may vary based on agency size and travel requirements. Contact NCRA for a formal quote.\*

# Sustainability Plan

Following grant implementation, [Agency Name] will sustain the training through:  
- Internal policy updates  
- Peer mentorship / train-the-trainer options  
- Ongoing access to NCRA refresher modules  
- Integration into annual in-service training

# Attachments (Available Upon Request)

- NCRA Course Catalog  
- Sample Training Schedules  
- Sample Evaluation Reports  
- Letters of Support / MOUs  
- NCRA Capability Statement

# Contact for Training Provider

National Crisis Response Academy  
[Your Name], Founder & Director  
📞 [Your Phone] | 📧 [Your Email] | 🌐 [Your Website]