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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 191—ASSEMBLYMEN KRAMER, TITUS;  
BENITEZ-THOMPSON, CARRILLO, HAFEN, HAMBRICK,  
HANSEN, LEAVITT AND ROBERTS

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR HARDY

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Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**SUMMARY**—Makes an appropriation to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants to provide Mobile Outreach Safety Team services in certain counties. (BDR S-667)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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**AN ACT** making an appropriation to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants of money to certain counties, federally recognized Indian tribes or other persons or entities for the purpose of providing Mobile Outreach Safety Team services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 This bill makes an appropriation to the Division of Public and Behavioral  
2 Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants of money  
3 to counties whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than  
4 Clark and Washoe Counties), federally recognized Indian tribes whose tribal land is  
5 located in a county whose population is less than 100,000 and certain other persons  
6 or entities for the purpose of providing Mobile Outreach Safety Team services to  
7 persons in a behavioral or mental health crisis. This bill defines “Mobile Outreach  
8 Safety Team services” to mean a program in which first responders collaborate  
9 with mental health clinicians, community health workers, persons who are  
10 determined to be qualified by the Administrator of the Division to provide peer  
11 support services or mental health case managers to respond to persons in a



12 behavioral or mental health crisis. This bill also requires the Administrator to: (1)  
13 base the amount of the grants entirely on the need for Mobile Outreach Safety  
14 Team services in the county; and (2) prepare a written report concerning the grant  
15 program and submit the report to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative  
16 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     **Section 1.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
2 General Fund to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the  
3 Department of Health and Human Services for the grant program  
4 described in subsection 2 the following sums:

5         For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 ..... \$1,000,000  
6         For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 ..... \$1,000,000

7     2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, the  
8 Administrator of the Division shall use the money appropriated by  
9 subsection 1 to award grants of money to the following persons or  
10 entities to provide Mobile Outreach Safety Team services to persons  
11 who are in a behavioral or mental health crisis and reside in a county  
12 whose population is less than 100,000:

13         (a) Counties whose population is less than 100,000;

14         (b) Federally recognized Indian tribes whose tribal land is  
15 located in a county whose population is less than 100,000; and

16         (c) Private persons or entities that have the written approval of  
17 the board of county commissioners of a county described in  
18 paragraph (a) or an Indian tribe described in paragraph (b) to apply  
19 for such a grant on behalf of the county or Indian tribe.

20     3. Mobile Outreach Safety Team services funded by a county  
21 or federally recognized Indian tribe using a grant awarded pursuant  
22 to this section may be provided wholly or partially pursuant to a  
23 contract between the county or tribe and a governmental entity or  
24 private person or entity.

25     4. In awarding grants pursuant to this section, the  
26 Administrator shall:

27         (a) Solicit the input of:

28                 (1) The regional behavioral health policy boards created by  
29 NRS 433.429 for the Northern Behavioral Health Region, the Rural  
30 Behavioral Health Region and the Southern Behavioral Health  
31 Region; and

32                 (2) The Commission on Behavioral Health created by  
33 NRS 232.361.

34         (b) Base the amount of the grants entirely on the need for  
35 Mobile Outreach Safety Team services in the county.



1 5. The Administrator may not use more than 10 percent of the  
2 money appropriated by subsection 1 to administer the grant program  
3 established by this section.

4 6. Upon acceptance of a grant from the money appropriated by  
5 subsection 1, the recipient of a grant agrees to:

6 (a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance  
7 Committee on or before December 18, 2020, that describes each  
8 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1  
9 from the date on which the money was received through  
10 December 1, 2020;

11 (b) Prepare and transmit a final report to the Interim Finance  
12 Committee on or before September 17, 2021, that describes each  
13 expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1  
14 from the date on which the money was received through June 30,  
15 2021; and

16 (c) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available  
17 to the Legislative Auditor any of the books, accounts, claims,  
18 reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or  
19 otherwise, of the recipient of a grant, regardless of their form or  
20 location, that the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct an  
21 audit of the use of the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.

22 7. The Administrator shall, on or before February 1, 2021,  
23 prepare a written report concerning the grant program established by  
24 this section and submit a copy of the written report to:

25 (a) The Governor; and

26 (b) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
27 transmittal to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature.

28 8. As used in this section:

29 (a) "Community health worker" has the meaning ascribed to it  
30 in NRS 449.0027.

31 (b) "Mobile Outreach Safety Team services" means a program  
32 in which first responders, including, without limitation, police, fire  
33 and emergency medical personnel, collaborate with mental health  
34 clinicians, community health workers, persons who are determined  
35 to be qualified by the Administrator to provide peer support services  
36 or mental health case managers to respond to persons in a behavioral  
37 or mental health crisis.

38 (c) "Peer support services" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
39 NRS 449.01566.

40 **Sec. 2.** The sums appropriated by section 1 of this act are  
41 available for either fiscal year. Any remaining balance of those sums  
42 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2021, by the  
43 entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which  
44 money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in  
45 any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining



1 must not be spent for any purpose after September 17, 2021, by  
2 either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity  
3 to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and  
4 must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before  
5 September 17, 2021.

6 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

