



March 2, 2023

Wayne P. Wright
ARPA Program Manager
City of Powder Springs
4426 Marietta St.
Powder Springs, GA 30127

Dear Mr. Wright:

Highland Rivers Behavioral Health would like to offer our support to the City of Powder Springs for the 2023 CHIP Partnership Grant Proposal to provide a behavioral health first responder program in partnership with the Cobb PATH team.

Highland Rivers Behavioral Health provides comprehensive treatment and support services for adults, children and families, and veterans affected by mental health disorders, intellectual developmental disabilities and addictive disease. One of the state's largest public safety net providers, Highland Rivers operates more than two-dozen treatment facilities across a 4,700-square mile area of Northwest Georgia that includes Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Paulding, Pickens, Polk and Whitfield counties, and serves more than 19,000 individuals annually. Highland Rivers is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and is a Tier 1 safety net Core Provider for the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Highland Rivers Behavioral Health and the City of Powder Springs have a shared mission. Our shared mission is to protect the health and safety of constituents and to improve mental health outcomes. The co-response model allows communities and local leaders to develop a crisis continuum of care that facilitates the reduction of harm, arrests, and use of jails and emergency departments. This system promotes access to quality mental health and substance use disorder treatment and services.

In short, we support your efforts to both partner and make a difference in our service area and are very supportive of your proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Dallas", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Melanie Dallas, LPC
Chief Executive Officer