

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: Contract with Mental Health Associates of the Triad	
FROM: Mary Sizemore, Library Director	MEETING DATE: July 15, 2024
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PURPOSE: To approve a contract in the amount of \$136,987.20 with Mental Health Associates of the Triad for contracted social work support services at the High Point Public Library. These funds cover all costs related to the placement of a licensed social worker and a peer navigator onsite at the library.

BACKGROUND: For five years, the library has had social work interns from the Joint School of Social Work from UNC-G and NC A&T who provide assistance and referrals to library customers during the academic year. The need for such assistance has grown exponentially, especially in the areas of economic insecurity and mental health and library staff are not equipped to respond effectively to these issues. In addition to directly working with library customers, the contracted social workers will support library staff through training in issues relating to behavior management, social services, and trauma-informed approaches to public services.

BUDGET IMPACT: Funds for the contract were included in the approved 2024-2025 budget.

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED: The Library Department recommends that City Council approve a contract with Mental Health Associates of the Triad in the amount of \$136,987.20 for contracted social work support services at the library.

