



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Report to Accompany a Resolution Accepting the terms of the First Responder Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA) grant and Appropriating up to the Amount of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$126,999) to implement a Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) program, pending both NH Fire Standards and Training & EMS approval and Governor and Council approval. Enhancing the City's Ability to Respond to Emergencies Involving Opioid Overdoses

Recommendation

Accept this report and set the attached resolution for a public hearing.

Background

In September, the City Council approved a resolution and report to authorize the City Manager or his designee to apply for funding for a grant from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration through the New Hampshire Department of Safety to apply for grant funding for Project FIRST (First Responders Initiating Recovery, Support, and Treatment).

On November 16, 2018, the Fire Department was notified that the City had been approved for funding in the amount of \$126,999. That funding would be allocated as follows.

Object	Amount	Description
Program Administrator	\$104,000	Cost of contract employee plus additional funding for additional work from incumbent employees to maintain coverage and to do support work for the project.
Training	\$6,224	Cost of initial training for Concord Police and Fire responders regarding opioid use disorder patients
Travel	\$1,944	Costs for the use of existing City vehicles for purposes related to the program
Equipment and Supplies	\$5,155	Computer, phone, CPR training equipment and other supplies

Other	\$2,176	Advertising, TV/radio marketing, food for educational events
Indirect	\$7,500	Cost of computer software for patient care reporting purposes

The purpose of the program is to “reduce the number of opioid related deaths and increase the number of at risk individuals on the road to recovery by having first responders train and educate at risk individuals affected by opioid use disorder (OUD) and their support systems on CPR (non-certified) rescue breathing (and) naloxone administration; distribute emergency opioid response kits which contain naloxone, gloves, pocket mask, and information on the Good Samaritan Law; (and) share information on treatment, recovery, and support services with at-risk individuals and their support systems to assist with linking the at risk individual on the road to recovery.” (NH Project FIRST Program Overview)

The notification included the information that the grant would go to the Governor and Executive Council for final approval once the City Council had approved it. Funds could be released as early as February of 2019.

Discussion

The Fire and Police Departments will continue to provide regular updates to the City Administration on the progress of program implementation.