



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2588, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Emergency Medical Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to accept and appropriate \$166,667 in additional grant funds from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission through the Texas Targeted Opioid Response Program.

Lead Department

Emergency Medical Services

Fiscal Note

Funding is available from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission. The grant period is September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. A City funding match is not required. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

October 17, 2019 - City Council authorized negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a pilot program to reduce opioid overdose death and improve access to opioid response services on a 9-0 vote, with Council Member Alter and Council Member Tovo off the dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

The United States Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) fund HHS Substance Use Disorder projects throughout the United States. The Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission receives and then distributes these funds through the Texas Targeted Opioid Response (TTOR) Program.

The TTOR Program provides grant funds to local governments, including local first responders, in order to leverage all resources to fight the opioid crisis through public awareness efforts, prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Opioid Response Programs supported through the TTOR Program combine prevention, treatment, and recovery support strategies with a primary focus on reducing overdose death. The Programs implement programming using four key strategies: provide overdose reversal education and disseminate opioid overdose reversal medication; provide induction onto U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved medications used to treat opioid use disorder and link patients to ongoing care;

provide peer recovery support services; and provide community pre-hospital health care provider follow-up and support.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, EMS Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Health and Environment.