

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2022

**SUBJECT: SAMHSA FY2022 Congressional Directive Spending Projects Award for the
Department of Social Services**

Request: Council authorization to accept federal award in the amount of \$616,704 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from the Congressional Directive Spending Projects under the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2022 for the Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE). No local match is required.

Purpose of Request: The Division of Social Services submitted application on June 14, 2022 to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requesting \$616,704 under the Congressional Directive Spending Projects. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the LFUCG \$616,704 in federal grant funds for the Barrier Free Re-Entry and Recovery Initiative (BFREE). The Initiative will collaborate with community stakeholders to create strategies in response to the devastating impact COVID-19 had on individuals who use substances. Grant funds will be used for the following activities:

- Fund a BFREE Community Health Outreach Worker;
- Purchase two (2) vans for client transport;
- Make naloxone available to be carried and administered by first responders and members of other key community sectors;
- Train and provide resources for first responders and members of other key community sectors on carrying and administering naloxone;
- Continue working with community partners to facilitate admission to treatment or harm reduction services; and
- Establish processes and protocols for referrals to appropriate treatment and recovery communities to connect individuals receiving opioid reversal drugs to follow-up services.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$616,704 is awarded for Fiscal Year 2023. No matching funds are required. Future funds dependent on fund availability.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment 11924 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Baker/Allen-Bryant

