



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

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

**DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2023**

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid,  
Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program Grant for the Division of  
Fire and Emergency Services**

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**Request:** Request Council authorization to accept \$1,300,000 in federal funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program. The Division of Fire and Emergency Services will use the funds to reduce the number of overdose fatalities by facilitating access to substance abuse treatment services for those who have recently experienced a non-fatal overdose. No match required.

**Purpose of Request:** The Division of Fire and Emergency Services submitted an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program and was awarded \$1,300,000 for a three-year period. These funds will be utilized in the Division of Fire and Emergency Services to hire two social workers and one peer support specialist to work within the Community Paramedicine Team. Funds will also be used for operating supplies and expenses, travel, the purchase of naloxone, and to contract with the University of Kentucky Center for Drug and Alcohol Research to conduct an evaluation of the program.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** \$1,300,000 is awarded for the three-year period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026. No matching funds are required. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of funds.

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

**File Number:** 1112-23

**Director/Commissioner:** Wells/Armstrong

