



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2020

**SUBJECT: SAMHSA First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Program
Year 3 Continuation Grant for the Department of Social Services**

Request: Council authorization to accept a federal Year 3 Continuation Grant in the amount of \$508,928 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Program which will be used to reduce the number of overdose fatalities by facilitating access to naloxone through first responders and members of other key community sectors.

Purpose of Request: On June 11, 2017 (Resolution 461-2017), Council authorized the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requesting \$2,000,000 under the First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Program. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the LFUCG \$2,000,000 of grant funds over a four-year period. On November 11, 2018 (Resolution 668-2018), Council authorized acceptance of \$469,884 of federal funds for Year 1 of the project. On September 12, 2019 (Resolution 485-2019), Council authorized acceptance of \$510,594 of federal funds for Year 2 of the project. Grant funds are used for the following activities:

- Fund a project coordinator;
- 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? \$2,000,000 is awarded for the four-year period from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2022. \$508,928 has been awarded for Year 3; \$510,594 is estimated for year 4. No matching funds are required.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment 10750 is in process to budget \$508,928 for year three.

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Director/Commissioner: Baker/Ford

