



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 19, 2024

Re : Boone County Community Paramedic Program

Executive Summary

An ordinance accepting a grant for the Boone County Community Paramedic Program from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the amount of \$499,784 per year for the period of 9/30/2023 – 9/29/27.

Discussion

Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) applied for a grant from SAMHSA to work in partnership with University of Missouri Health Care to implement a Community Paramedic program. A community paramedic program is a healthcare delivery model that increases access to basic services by utilizing specially trained emergency medical services providers in an expanded role. Community paramedics can expand the reach of public health services by using emergency medical services personnel to perform assessments and referrals. PHHS was notified that the City of Columbia has received this award. The award will provide funding for PHHS staff time to provide education and naloxone distribution in the community. PHHS is also required to create a disparity impact statement to identify populations most impacted by the opioid epidemic. The Curators of the University of Missouri (MU) is a subrecipient and will receive funding for 3.0 FTE paramedics and 1.0 paramedic evaluator. There will be a separate subrecipient agreement prepared for council consideration. MU's role is to establish processes, protocols, and mechanisms for referrals. They will use community paramedics to make referrals for individuals receiving opioid overdose reversal drugs to follow-up services. The grant provides \$499,784 in funding for four years.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: This is grant funding. There is no impact to the general fund.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
	Not applicable.

Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.