



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2024

Re : The Curators of the University of Missouri

Executive Summary

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with The Curators of the University of Missouri for the Boone County Paramedic Program.

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. 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. 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. This agreement provides \$454,349 in funding per year. The City may renew the agreement for up to two additional, consecutive 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



City of Columbia

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Legislative History

Date	Action

Suggested Council Action

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