

Memorandum



DATE December 9, 2022

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **December 14, 2022, City Council Agenda Item #26; 22-2683 “Overdose Response Team”**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on December 14, 2022.

Agenda #26; 22-2683

Authorize **(1)** a three-year master service agreement with Recovery Resource Council to engage the City of Dallas through its Dallas Fire-Rescue Department to provide medical support services for persons in the Recovery Resource Council “Overdose Response Team” project for the period December 14, 2022, through December 13, 2025; and **(2)** the receipt and deposit of the revenue funds - Estimated Revenue: General Fund \$564,245.61

BACKGROUND

The goal of this project is to support the City of Dallas with the implementation of an Emergency Medical Services program to prevent overdose in the Dallas County region. This is part of a statewide intervention directed by Texas Health and Human Services. Resource Council and Dallas Fire-Rescue Department (DFR) must incorporate four key strategies:

1. Provide overdose reversal education and disseminate or make referral to opioid reversal medication.
2. Make referral for or directly induce US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved medications used to treat opioid disorder and link patients to ongoing care.
3. Provide Recovery Support Peer services.
4. Provide community pre-hospital health care provider follow-up and support.

The Opioid Response Team (“ORT”) members, Recovery Resource Council (RRC) and DFR must offer services to the target population approved by DFR and RRC. The ORT team must provide one or more of the above activities to 225 individuals annually.

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DFR will utilize one specially trained paramedic who will work as a part of a two-person team (Paramedic and a Peer Services Specialist employed by RRC) to engage clients from previous interactions, referrals from law enforcement, 9-1-1 dispatch, RRC, or other stakeholders and community sources and provide education and assess the client’s willingness to engage in recovery and the status of current withdrawal symptoms.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (214) 670 5299.



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