



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
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THROUGH: Mark R. Lauzier, City Manager
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GRANT AWARD / FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH / EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONISTS

Recommended Action:

Motion to accept an award of emergency opioid antagonists through the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program from Florida Department of Health.

Background:

The Police Department is requesting approval to accept an award of emergency opioid antagonists through the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program from Florida Department of Health. The purpose of the program is to reduce the number of drug/opioid overdose-related deaths and adverse events by providing emergency responders with the appropriate pharmaceutical resources to address this crisis.

Law enforcement officers are often first to arrive on scene as the result of an emergency call or in the ordinary course of patrol or duties. During an overdose, delayed appropriate first aid by mere minutes can translate in the difference between life or death and permanent brain damage. That is why it is important for law enforcement to carry Naloxone. One-hundred percent of our field personnel have been trained to administer Naloxone, including all officers, sergeants, and lieutenants.

The Delray Beach Police Department is committed to saving lives and having Naloxone accessible to staff will help with this effort. When law enforcement carries Naloxone in conjunction with EMS and the community, it gives the maximum opportunity for people who have experienced an overdose to be rescued and have a second chance in life.

The Police Department submitted application and was awarded 500 doses of intranasal Naloxone (Narcan). To receive the award the Police Department was required to register for the Minnesota Multi-State Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy Agreement (MMCAP) as well as have the ability to report Naloxone administrations to the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (OD Maps). The emergency opioid antagonists will be shipped sometime in early November of 2018.

City Attorney Review:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

This is an award of 500 doses of Naloxone; no match is required.