



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-1114

Agenda Date: November 16, 2023

Department: Gainesville Fire Rescue

Title: 2023-1114 Medication Assisted Treatment Grant (B)

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Description: Requesting retroactive approval from the Commission to apply for, and accept, if awarded, a Medication Assisted Treatment Program Grant from the State of Florida Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support.

Fiscal Note: This is a reimbursement grant that requires no match. The amount will be determined at the time of the award. The project amount is not to exceed \$500,000.

Explanation: The City of Gainesville sought funding from the State of Florida through the legislative process for the provision of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) coordinated response and intervention program to reduce the impacts of opioid-related addiction in the Gainesville community. The program, known as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), will facilitate the initial treatment of opioid-related events and support the patients' comprehensive behavioral health needs, including the coordination of recovery support services. The Gainesville Fire Rescue Community Health Program and Community Resource Paramedicine Program are prepared to implement the MAT program.

Funding will support administrative, salary, vehicle, equipment, and medication costs not to exceed \$500,000.

The contract period runs from October 1st, 2023 until June 30th, 2024.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission: 1) retroactively approve the Medication Assisted Treatment grant application, 2) authorize the City Manager or their designee to accept funding from the State of Florida Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support and execute any other necessary documents subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.