



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2023-1084

Agenda Date: November 16, 2023

Department: Gainesville Fire Rescue

Title: 2023-1084 Community Health FY23 COCLI Grant Application (B)

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Description: Requesting retroactive Commission approval to authorize the City Manager or designee to submit an application and, if awarded, to accept funding from the University of Baltimore for the FY23 Combating Overdose through Community-Level Intervention Initiative (COCLI) Grant.

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 \$70,000.

Explanation: The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) awards funding to the University of Baltimore for the Combating Overdose through Community-Level Intervention Initiative (COCLI). The City of Gainesville – Gainesville Fire Rescue was selected as a sub-recipient by the University of Baltimore for the Gainesville Community Overdose Prevention Plan Project and received FY22 program funding of \$28,275.

The FY22 funding has supported a part-time, temporary position in the Community Health Program. This staff member conducts research on local overdose incidents to design overdose prevention and response efforts specific to the needs of Gainesville.

Gainesville Fire Rescue seeks to extend this work with FY23 COCLI funding not to exceed \$70,000. The grant application was submitted on November 6, 2023. If awarded, this grant will be used to continue efforts that began with the previous funding. It will support a temporary staff person and activities that may include but are not limited to: developing a robust substance misuse prevention education campaign spanning multiple target audiences; increasing mental health; crisis- and trauma-related trainings for local health and social services providers; and increasing recovery support. This program will be rooted in evidence-based and theory-driven public health practices and will focus on fostering community collaboration.

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 authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to apply for the University of Baltimore FY23 Combating Overdose through Community-Level Intervention Initiative (COCLI) grant, accept the grant if awarded, and execute the grant application and any other necessary documents, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.