



THE CITY OF KEY WEST

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MEMORANDUM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TO: James K. Scholl, City Manager
Greg Veliz, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Carolyn Sheldon, Senior Grants Administrator

DATE: September 21, 2018

RE: **Approving the acceptance of a Florida Department of Health Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program award for emergency opioid antagonist/Narcan doses.**

ACTION STATEMENT:

This resolution will approve the acceptance of a Florida Department of Health Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program award for emergency opioid antagonist/Narcan doses.

BACKGROUND:

The drug overdose death rate involving opioids has increased by 200% since 2000 and has now become the leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States. The Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) program was created by the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to help reduce the number of drug/opioid overdose-related deaths and adverse events. The HEROS program provides emergency responders with the appropriate pharmaceutical resources to address the nationwide opioid epidemic.

The City of Key West Fire Department submitted an online application in July 2018. Through a competitive process, an award was made this month. The grant scoring methodology of the DOH HEROS program is designed to provide emergency opioid antagonists to the areas of the state with the greatest need and ability to impact the opioid crisis.

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

The opioid crisis has become a heavy burden for emergency responders. The HEROS Program will ease the burden placed on the Key West Fire Department by providing emergency opioid antagonist/Narcan doses that must otherwise be purchased by the Fire Department to combat this epidemic.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The HEROS grant award is in number of doses rather than monetary value. Based on the cost of purchasing the Narcan directly, the following is an estimate of the cost savings provided by the HEROS Program:

HEROS Program

City of Key West Fire Department grant award

Cost equivalent

Type	Award Quantity	Units/ Doses	Cost		Total Cost
Intranasal doses	40	20	\$ 99.99	per unit	\$ 1,999.80
Fixed needle doses	200	200	\$ 44.79	per dose	\$ 8,958.00
Luer lock doses	600	600	\$ 42.70	per dose	\$ 25,620.00
Total cost equivalent					\$ 36,577.80

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Commission approve the acceptance of a Florida Department of Health Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program award for emergency opioid antagonist/Narcan doses.