



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

ALL

Item Creation Date: 6/13/2025

HHD – UH Frontlines+ Project

Agenda Item#:

Background:

The Director of the Houston Health Department (HHD) recommends that City Council approve and authorize the Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston and **University of Houston** (UH) for a maximum contract amount of **\$400,000.00** with an initial term from the countersignature date of the City Controller through September 29, 2028 with two (2) one-year renewals, for the FRONTLINES+ (First Responder Opioid Overdose Naloxone Training and Linkage Into Needed Evidence-based Services Plus) Project.

Specific Explanation:

The FRONTLINES+ Project is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant award led by HHD, which created a collaboration between HHD, Houston Fire Department (HFD), Houston Recovery Center (HRC), Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and UH, to address the opioid crisis in our community by meeting the following objectives:

- Ensure all HFD response units will be equipped with high-dose naloxone opioid overdose kits;
- Train all HFD first responders and lay person first responders in recognition and pre-hospital management of a person with opioid overdose, including proper administration of naloxone using culturally sensitive and trauma informed methods;
- To provide real-time peer support response for overdose victims in emergency centers for overdose education, naloxone distribution, and linkages to ongoing care coordination with other overdose prevention programs in the community;
- Implement a synchronous and asynchronous comprehensive, culturally sensitive and trauma informed educational campaign on overdose education including fentanyl risks within the greater Houston community.

James H. Bray, PhD, of UH will serve as the Project Evaluator and provide the required SAMSHA evaluation services. Under this agreement, Dr. Bray's duties will include: assisting in the implementation of the project; completing and reporting evaluation findings and other documentation to HHD's project team; continuously monitoring the progress of the project and provide regular reports; and contributing to the continuous improvement of the project by identifying lessons learned and best practices; and developing and utilizing an integrated database.

MWBE Participation:

Zero Goal Waiver Request approved by the Office of Business Opportunity.

Play or Pay Program:

The agreement does not require compliance with the City's Executive Order 1-7 regarding the Pay or Play program as this intergovernmental contract falls under exception to the program.

Grant Source:

The funding for this project is from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA).

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required on grant items.

ESTIMATED SPEND AUTHORITY			
FUND SOURCE	FY26	OUT YEARS	TOTAL
FUND 5000	\$ 100,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$ 400,000.00

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 Director – Houston Health Department

Prior Council Action:

N/A

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$400,000.00

Federal Government

Fund 5000

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Notice of Award

MWBE OBO Waiver

UH Insurance Statement

University of Houston Subrecipient Agreement

Certification of Funds

Form A

Type

Backup Material

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Contract/Exhibit

Financial Information

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