



Community Paramedicine Dogwood Grant Award

BOCC Briefing

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Grant Summary

- \$382,000 from Dogwood Trust
- Awarded to Emergency Services Department
- May 2020 – May 2021
- Program Evaluation to be conducted by Performance Management



Grant Goals

- ↓ overdose death rate
- ↑ access to Medication Assisted Treatment
- ↓ burden of the opioid overdose and infectious disease epidemics to the local medical system
- ↓ 911 dispatch calls for chronic disease manifestations, including behavioral health issues



Grant Activities

- Enhanced, specially trained paramedics respond in real time to overdoses
- Offers in-time dosing and warm hand-offs to Medication Assisted Treatment
- Provides Naloxone kit and training on the scene
- Conducts in-person follow-ups for chronic disease management and prevention, including wound care, infectious disease, diabetes, heart disease, behavioral health, etc.
- Provides rapid response medical clearance for those wishing to enter detox



Alignment with Current Opioid Efforts

- Works seamlessly with Post-Overdose Response Team (PORT) in following up with peer support and mental health services within 72 hours of the overdose
- One paramedic will be assigned to PORT from 8-5 Mon-Fri
- Refers to community health providers for primary care and behavioral healthcare for those not interested in PORT
- Accepts community referrals from PORT Peer Support Specialist



Grant Budget

Revenue	Dollars	In-Kind
Dogwood Health Trust	382,000	
Buncombe County EMS		15,400
Total Revenues	\$382,000	\$15,400

Program Expenses	Dollars	In-Kind
Community Paramedics (Salary + Fringe for 3 FTE's)	276,500	
Program Oversight (Current EMS Supervisor, 8 hrs/wk)		10,400
Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel		5,000
Communications (phone, radio, computer)	6,500	
Medical Equipment and Supplies	7,000	
Program Promotion	7,000	
CP Continuing Education	5,500	
Total Program Expenses	\$302,500	\$15,400

Capital Expense	Dollars
Vehicle	40,000
Zoll Cardiac Monitor	39,500
Total Capital	\$79,500



Grant Personnel

Covered by Grant

3 Enhanced Paramedics*: Provides Naloxone and Naloxone training, infectious disease education and treatment, medical clearance for detox, chronic disease prevention, warm hand offs to PORT

95%

*Remaining portion is covered by existing grant. No additional county funds required.



Next Steps

- July 21st – BOCC Request
 - Accept Dogwood Trust Grant for Community Paramedicine Pilot Program & Authorize Budget Amendment in the amount of \$382,000
 - Authorize 3 EMT Paramedics Positions, 100% grant funded and time-limited
- Program Evaluation & Progress Report - January 2021

