

Grant Award Summary

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2023 Public Health Vending Machine Program Grant

Grant Type: New Grant

Grantor: State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Grant Period: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Award Amount: \$55,000 (\$55,000 from Grantor, \$0 from city)

Match Required: None

Allocation Purpose: The 2023 Public Health Vending Machine (PHVM) Program grant will fund the purchase of a public health vending machine and harm reduction supplies, naloxone nasal spray and fentanyl test strips, for distribution to the public as one response to help combat the opioid overdose epidemic.

Program Goal: The goal of the program is to reduce overdoses and overdose deaths and improve the quality of life for people who use drugs by increasing low barrier access to naloxone and other harm reduction supplies. The grant will fund the purchase of a public health vending machine, also referred to as a harm reduction vending machine, and harm reduction supplies including naloxone nasal spray and fentanyl test strips. All harm reduction supplies dispensed through the vending machine will be available to the public at no-cost. The public health vending machine will be located in a police district lobby. The Department is exploring Districts 2 or 3 as locations.

Program Summary:

Data from the Medical College of Wisconsin show the highest incidents of overdose and overdose deaths occur on the near south side. The placement of the public health vending machine in Police District 2 would correlate with the highest need for harm reduction services. Police District 3 is another possible site for the vending machine given its central location. The public health vending machine will be located in a police district lobby and available to the public 24/7. It will dispense naloxone nasal spray and fentanyl strips at no cost. No public identifying information or tracking of individuals will be conducted. No law enforcement response will result from use of the machine.