GRANT ANALYSIS FORM
OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: **Fire Department**

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Category of Request

- ☒ **New Grant**
- ☐ **Grant Continuation** — **Previous Council File No.**
- ☐ **Change in Previously Approved Grant** — **Previous Council File No.**

Project/Program Title: EMS Leave Behind Grant

Grantor Agency: U.S. Department of Justice

Grant Application Date: **Anticipated Award Date:** August 3, 2023

Please provide the following information:

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

The Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative (MORI) has taken a community-wide approach towards addressing the opioid epidemic by connecting individuals who have experienced a non-fatal overdose with community resources. MORI's goals are to decrease Overdose fatalities, increase access to evidence-based treatment, and decrease emergency department usage. In March of 2022, MORI added a Narcan Leave Behind Program. With the approval of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, members of Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) were trained in the creation and distribution of Hope Kits. Hope Kits contain a Narcan kit, Fentanyl test strips (FTS), a disposable CPR face mask to provide rescue breathing, instructions for the use of Narcan and FTS, literature for treatment and supportive substance use services, and contact information for using substances safely when using alone. These items are combined into a pouch to create the kit. A kit is offered to the substance user and to family and friends that are present when and EMS intervention requiring Narcan/naloxone occurs. Kits can also be obtained at MFD stations and through MORI interventions or community outreach. Funding for the kit supplies has largely depended on contributions from outside agencies. An increased demand on these agencies from other entities for similar supply has left MFD with limited means to assemble kits for distribution. The EMS Leave Behind Grant will fund approximately 2400 kits for MFD distribution.

2. Relationship to City-wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

Contributes to the Mayor goals of ensuring public safety and maintaining clean healthy neighborhoods through the provision of effective emergency response services.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

Failure to accept these funds would mean MORI could not continue the Leave Behind Program. MFD does not have funds budgeted for these supplies.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

MORI compiles a monthly Narcan Hope Kit Program report to monitor the number of its that have been distributed. Program data is compared to the number of emergent MFD EMS responses where Narcan was administered to revive and overdose. The goal is distribute kits to match the number of witnessed overdoses, primarily at the time the overdose occurs. A monthly review of the confirmed fatal overdoses in Milwaukee related to opioids is also completed to monitor any trends in changes to those totals. The hope is a greater distribution of harm reduction will to a decrease in fatal overdoses.

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-out Plan:

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

6. Provide a List of Subgrantees:

None

7. If Possible, Complete Grant Budget Form and Attach.

See Attached