



MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Berman, City Attorney
From: Kimberly Cristiano, Emergency Management Administrator, MA, CEM, FPEM
Date: 07/07/25
Re: Resolution Request: Grant agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Health (DOH),
Post-Overdose Co-Responder (CoRe) program

The Fire Department would like to request the preparation of a resolution to be placed on the consent agenda for the Commission meeting on July 22, 2025 approving and authorizing the Commission to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Health (DOH). This grant will provide up to \$349,000 in grant dollars for one year beginning September 1, 2025 and ending on August 31, 2026.

The grant agreement between the City of Pompano Beach and the State of Florida Department of Health is intended to assist the City in further establishing and maintaining its Community Action Support Team (CAST) program. The City identified DOH's post-overdose co-responder (CoRe) grant program as an ideal opportunity to complement the City's CAST program that links people who use drugs (PWUD) to services. Services include harm reduction services and linkage to care and social support services. To support Ms. Cassandra Rhett, our Housing and Social Services Manager, the grant will also provide contract staffing for a Peer Support Specialist and a Program Coordinator to assist with grant compliance. Ms. Cassandra Rhett will provide the direct program oversight.

This is a non-matching, zero cost share grant for the City.

If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 954-242-0565.

Thank you in advance.

CC: Peter McGinnis, Fire Chief