



**Robert Torres**  
Fire Chief

# Memo

**To:** Kennie Hobbs, City Manager  
**From:** Robert Torres, Fire Chief  
**Subject:** DOH Grant  
**Date:** 3/27/2025

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The Lauderhill Fire Rescue Department is working in collaboration with the Department of Health to implement an Opioid Co-Responder Program aimed at providing post-overdose support to residents. This initiative will be funded through a grant and will involve hiring a Social Worker/Peer Navigator to conduct follow-up visits with patients discharged from the hospital due to opioid overdoses.

The program's goal is to connect individuals with harm reduction services, treatment options, and social support resources to reduce repeat overdoses and improve long-term recovery outcomes. The navigator will work alongside our Community Paramedics to provide naloxone education, overdose prevention training, and referrals to behavioral health services.

This initiative aligns with our ongoing efforts to address the opioid crisis in our community and will enhance our Community Paramedic Program's ability to offer proactive care. The grant will cover personnel costs, training, equipment, and necessary program resources.

The DOH will pay the city a one-time advance payment of \$149,000 within seven days of contract execution to cover the CORE program set-up costs in accordance with the budget. Thereafter, the DOH shall reimburse the city in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract a total dollar amount not to exceed \$176,667.00 for the contract term.