



## Legislation Text

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### **SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept a Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program grant, to update the Police Department's Naloxone (Narcan) supply in the valued amount of \$20,416 and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

### **SUMMARY:**

On October 10, 2018, the Resource Management Committee approved the Clearwater Police Department's (CPD) submission of a grant application under the Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program. That grant is now awarded and CPD seeks approval to accept it.

The Opioid crisis has significantly impacted the State of Florida and Pinellas County.

In 2016, there were 204 opioid-related deaths in Pinellas County, up from 150 in 2015.

Pinellas County EMS reported 2,529 overdose related transports in 2016.

Clearwater Police and Clearwater Fire/Rescue respond to opioid related overdose calls for service on a routine basis.

In 2016, CPD became the first law enforcement agency in the Tampa Bay Region to deploy opioid antagonist Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan, to selected field personnel.

In 2017, the Police Department equipped all field personnel with this life saving drug.

Since, Clearwater Police Officers have saved the lives of at least three individuals through the deployment of Naloxone and/or CPR.

Providing opioid antagonists, such as Narcan, is a central tenant of the Pinellas County Opioid Task Force's Strategic Plan.

In July 2018, the Florida Police Chief's Associations (FPCA) made available the Florida Department of Health, Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program to municipal Police Departments.

The Clearwater Police Department applied for this grant to replace its current Naloxone supply; the majority of this supply is set to expire in April 2019.

The Clearwater Police Department was awarded a grant allotment, to replace two-hundred and ninety packages of Narcan Nasal Spray (Naloxone HCl, 4mg).

Each officer/field personnel is equipped with two doses of this life saving drug.  
The value of the grant award is \$20,416.

There will be no direct adverse impact to the Police Department annual operating budget nor is there a required match.

**APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:**

Funds are available in Special Program 99329, Investigative Cost Recovery, to fund this contract.  
Reimbursement revenues will be received in the special program to offset the expenditure.