



City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

TO: Michael D. Polensek, Chair
Safety Committee

FROM: Dornat A. Drummond, Director
Department of Public Safety

DATE: September 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Ord. No. 807-2024 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the Ohio Attorney General for the Law Enforcement Diversion Program

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 807-2024 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Ohio Attorney General for the 2024 Ohio Attorney General Law Enforcement Diversion Program grant. This legislation would provide funding for the operation of an EMS Quick Response Team for overdoses for the Division of Emergency Medical Service, Department of Public Safety.

This funding to enable the City of Cleveland to implement a Quick Response Team (QRT) model that will be enhanced to reflect the current needs of our community. Cleveland currently offers a successful law enforcement-led QRT program, but our community needs, and has requested, a QRT program that includes law enforcement as a vital partner, but not as part of the team reaching out to the overdose survivors and loved ones. This grant would allow teams of EMS paramedics and EMTs to conduct the follow-up contacts and offer important resources. The grant will fund efforts to help heal the community from this opioid epidemic, such as: dissemination of Narcan to community members, drug disposal programs, community awareness, tracking of occurrences, continued research, maintaining community partnerships, and participating in state/regional networking groups.

The grant is for \$50,000.00 and there is no grant matching requirement. The funding will be used for overtime costs for EMS paramedics and EMTs to conduct the follow-up contacts and offer important resources to community members.