



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/27/2026

REQUESTER: Justin Garrett

PRESENTER: Justin Garrett, EMS Director

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT AND CONTRACT K-2627-99 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$737,870 FUNDED BY THE FIRST RESPONDER'S COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

On July 1st, 2026, the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), opened a grant opportunity funded by the First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act ("FR-CARA"). This short 26-day window was the designated application period for entities to submit proposals for training first responders and communities in administering and distributing opioid reversal medications, as well as points of contact for future treatment.

DISCUSSION:

The FR-CARA Grant would provide the Norman Fire Department and its regional partners with resources to strengthen the community's response to opioid overdoses and substance use disorders. Through this grant, first responders would receive specialized training in overdose recognition, naloxone administration, emerging drug threats such as fentanyl and xylazine, and connecting individuals to treatment and recovery services. The program would also expand the availability of lifesaving naloxone for individuals and families after an overdose, allow EMS providers to initiate buprenorphine in appropriate circumstances, and establish connections between overdose survivors and ongoing behavioral health and recovery support. Norman Fire Department would lead this regional effort in partnership with eight other Oklahoma EMS and fire agencies, helping create a coordinated system of care that serves both urban and rural communities. Ultimately, the grant would strengthen our first responders' ability to save lives, provide immediate treatment and support, and connect individuals experiencing addiction with the resources they need for long-term recovery.

Out of the anticipated \$34.7 million in funding, the City of Norman, along with program partners, was awarded \$737,870, Award Number 1H79TI089485-01. This award reflects multi-

year funding with two 12-month incremental periods (9/30/2026 - 9/29/2028) within the budget period (09/30/26 – 09/29/2030).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council approve and accept the First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grant (Contract K-2627-99) in the amount of \$737,870. It is further recommended that \$737,870 be appropriated from the Capital Fund Balance (account 50-29000), deposited to HHS Health & Human Svc Grant when received (account 226-333361), and allocated to the FR CARA Grant project (GF0090) in the following expenditure accounts:

22664116-42001 Salaries Full-Time	\$72,834.00
22664116-43117 Other Supplies/Material-Medical	\$54,600.00
22664116-43199 Other Supplies-Miscellaneous	\$41,861.00
22664116-44604 Employee Travel-Workshops/Seminars	\$21,640.00
22664116-44754 Miscellaneous Svs-Pass-Thru Reimb	\$368,935.00
22664116-44755 Miscellaneous Svs-Subrecipient	\$178,000.00