

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 159

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Strongsville has experienced an exponential rise in drug overdoses directly related to the opioid epidemic over the last four years; and

WHEREAS, the number of drug overdose calls that the Strongsville Police and Fire Departments have responded to over the past four years has increased significantly and still continues to accelerate; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General's Office recently announced that new State grant money is being made available to Ohio law enforcement agencies that partner with treatment providers, such as faith-based organizations, children's service organizations, or other appropriate agencies, and who apply for financial assistance in order to replicate successful law enforcement diversion programs that are similar to Drug Abuse Response Teams (DART) and Quick Response Teams (QRT) that have been successful in other communities in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the total allocation for the grant program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 is \$3,000,000.00, with an anticipated average award of \$150,000.00 over two years; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the deadline for submission of applications to receive funding under the Ohio Attorney General's Office Law Enforcement Diversion Programs for the fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the City, through its Police Department, has applied for funding in order to form a Quick Response Team to combat the growing trend of opioid drug overdoses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby ratifies, confirms and approves the submission of an application for financial assistance to the Ohio Attorney General's Office Law Enforcement Diversion Programs for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, in the form on file with the Chief of Police.

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Section 2. That execution and filing by the Mayor and Chief of Police and/or other appropriate officers of the City be and is hereby ratified, approved and authorized for an application to the Ohio Attorney General's Office Law Enforcement Diversion Programs for funding of up to approximately \$150,000.00 for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, in order to form a Quick Response Team related to the opioid epidemic in the City of Strongsville.

Section 3. That any funds required to meet the City's obligation under said application have been appropriated and shall be paid from the General Fund, and any grant funds awarded to the City shall be deposited to such fund.

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to ratify and approve the filing of the application in order to meet the filing deadline and be eligible to receive the available funding. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Kenneth M. Dooner
 President of Council

Approved: Thomas B. Buier
 Mayor

Date Passed: September 5, 2017

Date Approved: September 6, 2017

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Carbone	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Daymut	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
DeMio	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Dooner	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Schonhut	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Short	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Southworth	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Attest: Aimee Pientka
 Clerk of Council

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