

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 119

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 RELATING TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, by and through Ordinance No. 2017-159, this Council approved and authorized the filing of an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in connection with their Law Enforcement Diversion Program relating to the opioid epidemic, so that the City could proceed to form and implement a Quick Response Team (QRT) to directly assist individuals affected by the opioid crisis, and provide such individuals and families with outreach from the City of Strongsville Police and Fire Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, by and through subsequent Ordinance Nos. 2017-178, 2019-144, 2020-071, 2021-127 and 2022-081, this Council approved the filing of additional applications and acceptance of awards of funding from the Ohio Attorney General's Office and further authorized the Mayor to enter into Agreements in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General's Office has once again extended the opportunity for law enforcement agencies to apply for funds through the Law Enforcement Diversion Program for the fiscal year 2024; 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 Program for the fiscal year 2024, the City, through its Police Department, has applied for further funding to continue the Quick Response Team program; and

WHEREAS, the City has been notified that its application for the reimbursement of certain funds expended under the Ohio Attorney General's Office Law Enforcement Diversion Program has been approved in the amount of \$65,000.00; and

WHEREAS, therefore, the City is now desirous of accepting such award.

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 and approves the submission of an application for financial assistance to the Ohio Attorney General's Office Law Enforcement Diversion Program for fiscal year 2024, in the form on file with the Chief of Police.

Section 2. That this Council hereby approves the acceptance of the award of funding in the amount of \$65,000.00 under such Law Enforcement Diversion Program, and hereby authorizes the Mayor, Director of Finance, Chief of Police, and/or other appropriate officers of

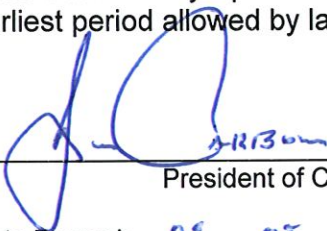
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the City to provide, execute and deliver agreements, certifications, assurances and such other information as may be required in connection therewith.

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

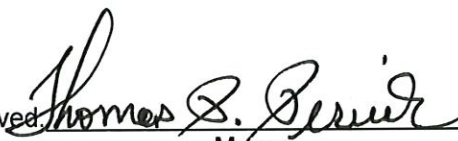
Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal action were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

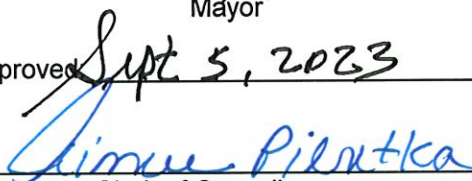
Section 5. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to ratify and approve the submission of the application for financial assistance in order to meet the filing deadline, to accept such award, and to conserve public funds. 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.



President of Council
Date Passed: 09 05 2023

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Carbone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
DeMio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Kaminski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Kosek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Approved: 

Mayor
Date Approved: Sept 5, 2023
Attest: 

Clerk of Council

Ord. No. 2023-119 Amended: _____
1st Rdg. 09-05-23 Ref: _____
2nd Rdg. Suspended Ref: _____
3rd Rdg. Suspended Ref: _____

Public Hrg. _____ Ref: _____
Adopted: 09-05-23 Defeated: _____

**OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT**

Recipient Organization: Strongsville Police Department

Maximum Amount: \$65,000.00

Award Period: Commencement Date – July 1, 2023 End Date – June 30, 2024

The parties hereto agree as follows:

I. Funding Purpose and Recapture of Funds. In accordance with the terms hereof, the Recipient Organization (the "Recipient") agrees to expend certain funds for the Law Enforcement Diversion Program to address the opioid epidemic in Ohio by providing necessary assistance and/or referrals to treatment options, recovery support, counseling and mental health treatment services, in accordance with the approved application attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated as if fully rewritten herein. The Recipient agrees that it will be liable to repay any funds spent in a manner inconsistent with this Agreement or the stated purpose as determined by the Ohio Attorney General ("Attorney General"). This Agreement may only be modified with the prior approval of the Attorney General. All modifications to this Agreement will be in writing and signed by both parties to this Agreement. Any change from the application in Exhibit A without a modification to this Agreement will be grounds for recapture of the funds by the Attorney General.

II. Limitations on Use of Funds. Funds received under this Agreement will not be used for any political campaign or governmental lobbying in a partisan manner. Expenses to be reimbursed under this Agreement must be performed during the Award Period stated above.

III. Disbursement of Funds. Funds will be disbursed monthly on a reimbursement basis upon the Attorney General's receipt of: (1) a Request for Payment Report, the form of which will be provided by the Attorney General and is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit B for reference, from Recipient documenting the services provided for the previous month; and (2) a Monthly Reporting Questionnaire, the form of which will be provided by the Attorney General and is attached to this Agreement as Exhibit C for reference. Request for Payment Reports and Monthly Reporting Questionnaires are due by the fifteenth of each month for the previous month's expenses. After receipt and approval by the Attorney General of a completed Request for Payment Report, payment will be made pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 126.30. Unless otherwise directed by the Attorney General, completed Request for Payment Reports and Monthly Reporting Questionnaires should be directed via email to: Invoices@OhioAGO.gov. Disbursements are contingent upon the timely submission and approval of all required program and financial reports and compliance with the requirements set forth in Section IX below. Unexpended funds must be returned to the Attorney General.

IV. Ethics/Conflict of Interest. The Recipient, by signature on this document, certifies that it has reviewed and understands the Ohio ethics and conflict of interest laws, and will take no action inconsistent with those laws.

V. Non-Discrimination. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") 125.111 and the Attorney General's policy, Recipient agrees that Recipient and any person acting on behalf of Recipient shall not discriminate, by reason of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry against any citizen of this state in the employment of any person qualified and available to perform the work under this Agreement. Recipient further agrees that Recipient and any person acting on behalf of Recipient shall not, in any manner, discriminate against, intimidate, or retaliate against any employee hired for the performance of work under this Agreement on account of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry.

VI. Compliance with Law. The Recipient, in expending the funds, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

VII. Authority to Bind Parties. The person signing this document on behalf of Recipient is legally authorized to contractually obligate the Recipient.

VIII. Certification of Funds. It is expressly understood and agreed by the parties that none of the rights, duties, and obligations described in this Agreement shall be binding on either party until all relevant statutory provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, including, but not limited to, R.C. 126.07, have been complied with, and until such time as all necessary funds are available or encumbered and, when required, such expenditure of funds is approved by the Controlling Board of the State of Ohio, or in the event that grant funds are used, until such time that the Attorney General gives Recipient written notice that such funds have been made available to the Attorney General by the Attorney General's funding source.

IX. Reporting Requirement. Recipient shall submit a report by January 1, 2024 and a final report by July 31, 2024 to the Attorney General describing the use of the funds during the Award Period and the outcome received from the expenditure of the funds. These reports shall include the information on attachment Exhibit D, 2024 DART Semiannual-Annual Report Form. These reports shall be sent to the following address: GrantsManagement@OhioAGO.gov. Additionally, pursuant to Section 221.30 of Amended Substitute House Bill No. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, Recipient shall, within six months of the end date of the Award Period, submit a written report describing the outcomes that resulted from the award to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

X. Relationship of Parties. It is fully understood and agreed that Recipient is an independent contractor and neither Recipient nor its personnel shall at any time, or for any purpose, be considered agents, servants, or employees of the Attorney General for the purpose of Ohio Public Employees Retirement Systems benefits.

XI. Time of Performance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as the current General Assembly cannot commit a future General Assembly to expenditure, this Agreement shall expire no later than June 30, 2022. The Attorney General may renew this Agreement for an additional one-year term on the same terms and conditions by giving written notice prior to expiration. Such renewal shall begin July 1, 2022 and shall expire no later than June 30, 2023, unless sooner terminated as set forth herein.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Recipient Organization Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

30 East Broad Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3400

By: _____

Benjamin Marrison

Chief of Staff

Date: _____

Approval as to Form

By: Melissa L. Wilburn

Melissa L. Wilburn
Principal Assistant Attorney General
Finance Section, Business Counsel Unit

Date: 8/15/23

STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

By: Thomas P. Perciak

Name: Thomas P. Perciak

Title: Mayor, City of Strongsville

Date: 09-05-23

EXHIBIT A
Approved Application



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

**LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION**

This grant supports collaborative partnerships between local law enforcement and behavioral health treatment providers to assist in the replication or expansion of law enforcement diversion programs to address addiction. Programs should be modeled after the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) and Quick Response Teams (QRT) initially created in Lucas, Hamilton and Summit counties. DART members provide 24-hour assistance to overdose survivors and their families, including treatment options, recovery support and other necessary services. QRT team members visit the overdose survivor at home within 72 hours of an overdose to offer counseling and referral to physical and mental health treatment services. During the visit, the QRT provides a resource packet offering phone numbers of treatment facilities and information about addiction.

NON-PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- Bonuses, fees, or reimbursable expenses associated with administrators, staff, board members and executive directors
- Capital campaigns
- Cellular service/equipment
- Contracts for audits
- Debt retirement, including mortgages, line-of-credit, etc.
- Entertainment
- Equipment/technology
- Food and beverages
- Fundraising events or donations to other organizations
- Indirect costs
- Legal costs or legal representation
- Political activity or lobbying
- Rent, utilities, insurance and taxes
- Salaries, benefits and overtime for personnel who are not directly responsible for the program
- Travel and related expenses
- Uniforms/clothing
- Vehicles

NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATION REVIEW

1. The Ohio Attorney General may make use of resources beyond the materials submitted in each application and/or request additional documentation from applicants, as necessary. This may include, but is not limited to, documentation available from published and other sources related to the project and which supports or verifies the content of the application.
2. Requests for additional information from applicants will include a due date by which applicants must submit responses.
3. The Ohio Attorney General's Office reserves the right to make exceptions to these requirements and consider modifying program guidelines on a case-by-case basis.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Submit the completed application and all attachments via email to **Mary Lynn Plageman** at **GrantsManagement@OhioAGO.gov**.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost
Attn: Mary Lynn Plageman
30 E. Broad St., 17th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: 614-728-2280
Website: www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov
Email: MaryLynn.Plageman@OhioAGO.gov

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization name: Strongsville Police Department
Address: 18688 Royalton Road
City: Strongsville ZIP: 44136 County: Cuyahoga
Phone number: 440-580-3230
Is your organization tax-exempt under Section 501 (c)(3): ☐ Yes ☒ No

HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Name: Mark Fender
Title: Police Chief
Phone number: 440-580-3232
Email address: Mark.Fender@Strongsville.org

CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

Name: Michael Campbell
Title: Police Lieutenant
Phone number: 440-580-3224
Email address: Michael.Campbell@Strongsville.org

WORK PLAN ESSAYS

The Work Plan Essays explain the connections between the different components of the program or project. It is a useful tool for planning, implementation, and evaluation and for quickly explaining to others what your program is about.

1. What would the grant funds be used for?

The grant funds will be used to pay for the wages and fringe benefits of police and fire department personnel and to cover the cost of a drug counselor. This team will visit the survivors of an overdose who reside in the City of Strongsville. If the survivor lives outside of the Strongsville City limits, at minimum, a phone call will be placed to the survivor or their family. Treatment options and resources will be provided to the survivors and their families. The ultimate goal is to have the survivor receive the appropriate treatment for their addiction. With the consent of the families and/or survivors, the team will maintain contact to offer additional resources and to monitor their progress. The team will also assist those in our city jail or those who voluntarily come to our police department who wish to seek treatment for their drug addiction. The funds also will be used personnel to participate in public relations activities to increase awareness and educate the public about the addiction and treatment options.

2. The primary purpose of the grant is support of law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic. Please explain any desired expansion of the program considered necessary to meet the current needs of your community.

Our department has been running this program since 2017. As of the time of this application the team has attempted almost 2,000 encounters with people through this program. We continue to communicate with these individuals to offer them support and resources. Due to the amount of people we strive to remain in contact with, more time and money is needed for this purpose. There has been an increase of those in our jail population who wish to seek treatment upon their release. This expansion will decrease recidivism among those who commit crimes because of their addiction. The primary purpose of this program is to help those with an addiction to opioids, but we encounter others in our community who have addictions to other drugs that would benefit from our services. We will help these individuals when the need arises. We will also cover this program at community events including our Citizens Police Academy to increase awareness about addiction and decrease the stigma associated with addiction.

3. Outline objectives that will result from the proposed project. Objectives are specific, observable, time-framed and measurable.

The objectives associated with this grant include contacting 50% of the survivors of an overdose within 72 hours of their overdose. Another objective of this grant is to assist 30% of overdose survivors to engage in treatment services for their addiction during this grant cycle. Another objective of this grant is to assist 80% of those who willingly ask for help finding treatment either through our city jail or by contacting our department to enroll in treatment. Our department will also aim to participate in at least 2 community events to educate the community about addiction and to decrease the stigma associated with addiction. These objectives will be measured on a monthly, annual, and length of the project basis.

4. Describe the steps necessary to accomplish your objectives, including an operational schedule for the project.

To accomplish the objectives of this project, members of the response team will convene at least twice a week to contact survivors, follow up with those we have contacted, and educate the public. The officers who initially respond to a reported overdose are crucial to the success of this program. Our department has created cards that are given to the survivor at their overdose that describes the program and provides a phone number that the survivor can contact to make an appointment for the response team to visit or answer any questions they may have. If the survivor does not wish to go to treatment upon the first visit by the response team, the team will continue to follow-up with the survivor. Our corrections officers will provide information to inmates in our jail about this program. If they wish to seek help, this can be facilitated upon their release from our jail.

5. Who will be responsible for completing the work necessary to achieve the objectives? Please list all agency community partners. Treatment providers must be certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

The responsible parties to complete the necessary work and achieve objectives are Ohio Guidestone and all the police officers and fire medics who work on this project. The Support Services Lieutenant with the police department will be responsible for the oversight and reporting for this grant. Ohio Guidestone is certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

6. Specify the indicators and measures to be used to determine whether your objectives have been met. The methodology, type of measurement utilized, and responsible individuals for collecting this data should be specified.

The ultimate goal of this program is to reduce drug overdoses in the City of Strongsville. The objectives outlined in section (3) will be measured using a combination of a spreadsheet and an application developed by our IT department. The Support Services Lieutenant with the police department will be responsible for collecting the necessary data. After the data is compiled for the previous month and finalized, a monthly report summary will be generated. The monthly report will contain the number of overdoses, the number of survivors contacted within 72 hours, the number of overdose deaths, the number of contacts with overdose survivors, the number of survivors referred to treatment, and any public relations activities conducted by team members. These statistics will be used to demonstrate progress toward meeting stated objectives and dictate any changes needed to improve the program.

3. Please provide a detailed description of the items included in the Project Budget table.

A police officer, drug counselor, and fire medic, all plan on devoting an average of 6 hours per week, for a total of 312 hours for the fiscal year, (52 weeks, multiplied by 2 (times per week), multiplied by 3 (hours meeting each time according to labor agreements)) to this program. The police and fire employees participating in the project will be paid according to a contract agreed upon by collective bargaining. The cost of services provided by Ohio Guidestone is \$80 per hour.

4. Please provide a time frame during which the funds will be used, including milestones and project completion.

The funds will be used over the upcoming grant cycle (2024 fiscal year) to pay for wages and fringe benefits for personnel involved with this project. A milestone will be the sustained reduction of overdose calls for service for our police and fire departments to the level in 2015 (20). If this can be achieved, the next milestone would be the reduction of overdose calls for service to the level in 2014 (5), when the opiate problem was first observed in Strongsville. The objectives for this project will be considered complete should this second milestone be achieved.

5. Should you be using an amount of the funds, within the allowable range, for salary, what is your plan for funding the position(s) once the grant funds are exhausted?

We plan to continue this program after the grant funds have been exhausted. We intend to keep this program for as long as the drug problem persists in the City of Strongsville. The successes and failures associated with this grant project will dictate any changes to the program and how it is administered.

ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

I understand that by signing this application, I grant the Ohio Attorney General’s Office or its authorized agents access to any records for verification and evaluation of the information provided in this application. I understand that completion of the application does not guarantee that I will receive the requested grant.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate and complete disclosure of the requested information. I understand that I may be held civilly and criminally liable under federal and state law for knowingly making false or fraudulent statements.

Organization: Strongsville Police Department

Name: Michael Campbell Title: Lieutenant

Signature: _____ Date: 05/18/2023

EXHIBIT B
Request for Payment



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT REPORT

Reporting Period: _____ Payment Request: \$ _____ PO Number _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Budget Cost Categories	Approved Budget	Current Expenditures	Total YTD Expenditures
Personnel Salaries			
Other			
Total Costs			

Status of Objectives

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Certification & Signature

I certify that all information and transactions I have reported in this report is, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate and complete disclosure of the requested information.	
Typed Name & Title of Designated Official:	Signature of Designated Official and Date:

Please remit to Invoices@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov. Attach documentation for justification of the request for payment (i.e. timesheets & ledger reflecting date of expenditures).

EXHIBIT C
2023 Monthly Reporting Questionnaire

MONTHLY REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE: DART/QRT GRANT

The Ohio Attorney General's Office seeks to quantify the excellent work being done by your overdose response team. Please submit the following information along with your monthly request for payment for your QRT/DART grant. And feel free to add any other information that you think helps to describe your team's performance.

Report begin date: _____ Report end date: _____

Fatal overdoses during current reporting period: _____

Percentage increase/decrease from previous reporting period: _____

Nonfatal overdoses during this reporting period: _____

Percentage increase/decrease from previous reporting period: _____

Number of victims who experienced multiple overdoses during current reporting period: _____

Number of overdose victims you attempted to contact during current reporting period: _____

Number of overdose victims you succeeded in contacting during current reporting period: _____

Number of overdose victim's family members you contacted (because victim wasn't available) during current reporting period: _____

Of the overdose victims you contacted during the current reporting period: _____

How many sought treatment? _____

How many refused or ignored treatment options offered? _____

How many have continued treatment/recovery? _____

How many had a subsequent overdose? _____

How many died of a subsequent overdose? _____

What services/products/information do you offer/recommend to overdose victims and their family members?

If your program provides naloxone kits to drug users, how many drug users received kits? _____

If your program provides naloxone kits to family members of drug users, how many families received kits? _____

Please save the completed form to your computer for your records.

Return report to Invoices@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lynn Pageman at 614-728-2280.

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2023 DART Semiannual-Annual Report Form

SEMIANNUAL/ANNUAL REPORTING FORM

DART/QRT GRANT

CONTACT INFORMATION

Project Name: Date:
Project Sector: Project Contact:
Partner Agencies:

GOALS

State original project goals and objectives and describe outcome progress.*

Objective 1:	<input type="text"/>
Progress:	<input type="text"/>
Objective 2:	<input type="text"/>
Progress:	<input type="text"/>
Objective 3:	<input type="text"/>
Progress:	<input type="text"/>

PARTNERSHIPS

Describe current partnerships; include what is working and what should be added or removed.

Partnership 1:	<input type="text"/>
Partnership 2:	<input type="text"/>
Partnership 3:	<input type="text"/>

**If you need more space than allotted to answer any question on this form, please attach additional pages to submission.*



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL

SEMIANNUAL/ANNUAL REPORTING FORM: DART/QRT GRANT

PROJECT DETAILS

Describe the obstacles you have encountered.

What support(s) do you need in order to make your DART/QRT sustainable?

Please provide attachments for any achievements related to DART/QRT work (i.e. press releases, news stories, awards, etc.).
Briefly list achievements and supporting documents.

Please include any additional details you would like to share with the Attorney General's Office.

Please save the completed form to your computer for your records.
Return report to GrantsManagement@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.
If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lynn Plageman at 614-728-2280.

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OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL
City of Strongsville

TO: Lt. Michael Campbell Lieutenant Police Department

FROM: Marialena Beach, Council Secretary

DATE: September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 2023-119
Grant application; Ohio Attorney General's Office
Law Enforcement Diversion Program

Attached is a certified copy of Ordinance No. 2023-119, along with the **original** grant application; through the Ohio Attorney General's Office, in connection with the Law Enforcement Diversion Program.

Please deliver to the appropriate person to have the agreement executed. After doing so, please **make sure the original, executed document, or a fully executed copy**, is forwarded back to the Council Office to be retained with the legislation.

Thank you.

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Attachments