

Sarasota Police Department FY25 Implementation Plan

The Sarasota Police Department Community Relations Unit (CRU) is dedicated to fostering a safe and prosperous community by actively engaging with residents and building strong, positive relationships. We are committed to addressing community concerns and promoting public safety, with a focus on combating the opioid crisis through education and support.

The funds that are being requested are to support the following initiatives:

- Engaging the community through positive interactions.
- Public awareness by visually displaying the Attorney General's Opioid prevention hotline on the side of the CRU Trucks.
- Providing education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage or prevent misuse through positive law enforcement interaction.
- Participate in summer youth programs that emphasize warm hand-off services available.
- Engage non-profits and faith-based communities as systems to support prevention (Youth Empowerment Services, Y.E.S. Program).

We are requesting to utilize the funds for the following:

- New Vehicle estimated at \$84,534 (please see the attached motor vehicle and equipment purchase form). Please note, as of 7/1/24, a Motor Vehicle Purchase form has been submitted for approval, but we have not received approval yet.
- \$30,000 to support the Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.) program.
- Remaining funds to be utilized for expanding training for our Officers, and supplies needed for expanding participation in community engagement programs and warm had-off services.