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To: Tanya Strickland, Finance Director  
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RE: Opioid Funds  
Date: May 9, 2025

When we submitted our request for funds from the Opioid Class Action Settlement, the City was approved for \$13,600 for FY 2024 – 2025. At the time of submittal, this money was allocated as listed below:

- Subscription to ESO emergency reporting program as determined to be consistent with Schedule B, Part Two: PREVENTION, Section H: PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION).
- Subscription for Vector Solutions training program as determined to be consistent with Schedule B, Part Two: PREVENTION, Section H: PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION).
- Tuition for 3 members to attend EMT school consistent with Schedule B, Part Two: PREVENTION, Section H: PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION).

The City has already used the funds to pay for the ESO reporting program (\$4,775), Vector Solutions training software (\$1,542). One member of the department just finished EMT school and the department will use the settlement money to reimburse his tuition and costs (\$1,883.79). A second member was unable to get into that class but has been accepted into a fall semester class that starts in August and does not finish until December. The third member has not been determined yet. Due to the length of time to complete the class, the funds for the second member will need to be rolled over into the next year. Because we currently do not have a third member to send, those funds will be reallocated as listed below. If another member requests permission to enroll in the class, we can include it in our FY 2025 – 2026 funding request.

This is a total \$8,200.79 in expended funds leaving \$5,399.21 in approved funds left in the approved \$13,600. However, the City's actual FY 2024 – 2025 payment was \$18,257. So, the City really has \$10,056.21 in approved funding left to use. As stated above, one member is registered for EMT training so an additional \$1,883.79 will be deducted from the left-over amount to roll over into the next fiscal year. The remaining \$8,172.42 will be used to purchase four additional automated external defibrillators ("AED's") and two training units. The AED's are

\$1,671.23 each and the trainer units are \$610 each. This will leave \$267.50 in funds to roll over (in addition to the \$1,883.79 EMT tuition funds that need to be rolled over).

These AED's are consistent with the requirements of compliance with Schedule B, Part Two: PREVENTION, Section H: PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION) because they are used to assist patients suffering from cardiac arrest due to opioid overdose. The department has two front line AED's and several older units in service. Because we never know which truck will be the first to respond to an incident, having a new AED on each truck will ensure that the response includes an AED consistent with the training on our primary AED's. The trainer will have a wide impact. Fire Department and Gulf Breeze Police Department personnel will have the opportunity to train on AED use. The department assists Santa Rosa County Emergency Management teach CPR to other City staff and members of the community. City Hall and the Parks and Recreation facilities all have the same AED units for public use. The trainer will allow more trained citizens to access the units. The unit will also be used to provide training for staff at the Gulf Breeze High School, home to an at-risk community for drug overdoses.