



City of Sarasota, Sarasota Police Department FY26 Implementation Plan

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

Program Objectives and Initiatives

The requested funds will support the following CRU initiatives:

- **Community Engagement:** Foster trust and build relationships through consistent, positive interactions with residents.
- **Opioid Prevention Awareness:** Increase public awareness by displaying the Attorney General's Opioid Prevention Hotline prominently on the sides of CRU vehicles.
- **Youth Education and Outreach:** Deliver education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage substance misuse through positive engagement with law enforcement.
- **Summer Youth Program Participation:** Actively participate in summer programs that promote warm hand-off services and connect youth to support systems.
- **Collaboration with Community Partners:** Engage with non-profits and faith-based organizations, such as the **Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.) Program** to strengthen prevention and support networks for at-risk youth.

Funding Utilization Plan

We are proposing funding expenditure for the following purposes:

1. **New Vehicle Purchase – Estimated Cost: \$90,000**
A Motor Vehicle Purchase form has been submitted as of **June 18th, 2025**, and is currently pending approval. The vehicle will be instrumental in increasing CRU's community presence and visibility of public health resources.
2. **Support for the Y.E.S. Program – \$30,000**
These funds will directly support program operations, youth engagement activities, and essential services provided through the Youth Empowerment Services initiative.
3. **Training and Program Expansion – Remaining funds**
The balance of the requested funds will be allocated to:



- Enhancing training opportunities for CRU officers with a focus on youth engagement and opioid prevention strategies.
- Purchasing materials and supplies needed to expand participation in community programs and to implement warm hand-off service models effectively.

This implementation plan reflects our community's commitment to utilizing opioid settlement funds in ways that align with Schedules A and B. By investing in prevention and public education, the City of Sarasota is working to create a healthier and safer future for all residents affected by the opioid crisis.