



THE SUNRISE CITY

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE *Florida*

TO : The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM : Nicholas C. Mimms, P.E., City Manager *NCM*

RE : 2018 Legislative Priorities - Nalaxone/Narcan

DATE : September 26, 2017

At the September 21, 2017 Conference Agenda meeting, the City Commission discussed the addition of Nalaxone/Narcan to the 2018 Legislative Priorities. The following information was provided by the Legislative Affairs Director Nicole Fogarty in response to the Commission's inquiries regarding the usage of this product.

Nalaxone/Narcan

Every 15 hours last year, someone died of an opioid overdose in St. Lucie County, nearly double the rate of murders and fatal car crashes. Nalaxone, otherwise known as Narcan, is a medicine used for the treatment of an opioid emergency such as an overdose or a possible opioid overdose with signs of breathing problems and severe sleepiness or not being able to respond. The City SUPPORTS state efforts to reduce the financial burden on entities that must purchase Narcan for public safety. For example, changing state law to allow Nalaxone to be available as an over the counter (OTC) drug.

Cost

Currently, the market price for the purchase of Narcan, is \$75.00, 1 unit includes two 4mg devices.

Side Effects

Common side effects of Narcan and narcotic drug withdrawal are:

- flushing
- dizziness
- tiredness
- weakness
- nervousness
- restlessness
- irritability
- body aches
- diarrhea
- stomach pain
- nausea
- fever
- chills
- goosebumps
- sneezing
- shortness of breath, or
- runny nose

Average Citizen's Access

There is no access provided to the average citizen.

Narcan Grant Application Response

On September 21, 2017, Chief Hobbey-Burney received the following response from the Florida Police Chiefs Association:

Thank you for applying for the Narcan Grant. We worked in consultation with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to develop a methodology for awarding the kits.

Per the grant guidelines, priority was to be given to law enforcement agencies that are located in counties with high rates of death due to opioid overdoses on data provided in the most recent Florida Medical Examiners Commission Report; counties that do not currently deploy emergency opioid antagonists; and counties that do not receive any federal or local funding or donations for emergency opioid antagonists.

Due to the limited funding amount, the top 15 counties reporting the highest rates of death could be included in the award.

Unfortunately, your jurisdiction was not included in those top 15 counties. We do hope that there will be another opportunity for more grant dollars to be available in the near future.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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