



To: Village Manager's Office

From: Rahel Woldemichael, Grants Coordinator

CC: Mike Charley, Health Director

Subject: Local Health Department Overdoses Surveillance and Response Project Grant Opportunity

Date: March 29, 2019

Cara,

The Health Department is requesting your approval to apply for the Local Health Department Overdoses Surveillance and Response Project grant. For your review and approval, I have attached the Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity for the new IDPH grant. At this time we believe that this grant presents several benefits and ties well with already existing grants. Local Health Department Overdoses Surveillance and Response Project is used for the development of local response plans for opioid overdose and associated infectious disease morbidity and mortality based on near real-time surveillance. This project is funded through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Response and the main focus will be to support our health department and the community by preparing the Village to respond to recent increase in opioid overdoses and associated infectious diseases based on real time surveillance.

Cook County has been recorded as one of the highest burdened areas for opioid overdose in 2018. As one of the few certified health departments in Cook County, the Village is a real asset not just to our community but to the county level as well. The funds from this grant are to be used to create a response plan with specific public health interventions at the sub-county level within at least one community with a state-certified health department and for the prevention of infectious disease transmission that is tailored to the local community needs and resources which fits in perfectly with our goals.

This new opportunity ties well with our current grants and projects:

- I-NEDSS – Infectious Disease Reporting, Cities Readiness Initiative, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Base awards for this grant will be \$60,000 with a possible additional \$10,000 for jurisdictions to include planning for reducing the risk of Hepatitis and HIV infections attributed to opioid use and overdose risk behaviors.
- This grant ties well with the goals of the IPLAN (By 2022, establish reporting system for illicit opioid availability within Oak Park and River Forest).

I have attached the Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity for your review and please let me know if you need additional information. Since this new grant has a lot of interest from other agencies it would be great to get stated with the application process at our earliest (closing date is 04/24/2019).