

ORDINANCE NO. 105, SERIES 2023

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY AWARDED TO LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT PAYOUTS.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER JECOREY ARTHUR

WHEREAS, according to a report from the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, there were more than 2,100 overdose deaths in Kentucky in 2022. Of those people, 505 were Jefferson County residents;

WHEREAS, since 2015, Louisville Metro Government's harm reduction outreach services program has helped more than 27,500 people;

WHEREAS, by providing Narcan kits and overdose prevention training to residents and community partners, there have been nearly 11,000 self-reported overdose reversals;

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government will receive an estimated \$57 million, as a result of settlement agreements with opioid distributors, to bolster its efforts in helping people negatively impacted by substance use; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government wants to use the funds to increase opportunities for everyone to live their healthiest life and reach their full human potential by investing in evidence-based solutions for substance use prevention and addressing the needs of people who experience the greatest barriers to accessing harm reduction, treatment and recovery services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Louisville Metro Government will distribute money from the opioid settlement payouts in the following manner:

A. Feed Louisville, a support organization for unhoused individuals, will receive \$200,000.00 to increase harm reduction efforts with individuals experiencing homelessness by conducting outreach in homeless encampments and providing comprehensive harm reduction services and linkage to community services.

B. Kentucky Harm Reduction Coalition, an organization focused on reducing substance addition overdoses and death, will receive \$591,751.00 to increase harm reduction efforts with Black, Latinx and non-U.S. born communities by hiring multilingual outreach staff, expanding outreach in communities of color and in partnership with community-based organizations serving people from racial and ethnic minority grounds, and developing and disseminating harm reduction training programs.

C. Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness (“LMPHW”) will receive \$128,818.00 to expand access to free naloxone and overdose prevention education by increasing the number of locations where naloxone is available, distributing naloxone and providing naloxone trainings to residents and community partners in zip codes most impacted by the opioid epidemic. LMPHW will also receive \$256,313.60 to contract with an external auditor to develop a systematic method for collecting, analyzing and using data to examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs funded through the opioid settlement and to assist with continually improving the programs, to hire one (1) new employee to serve as a project manager for the opioid settlement process, and to cover the administrative costs for the Opioid Settlement Distribution Advisory Board.

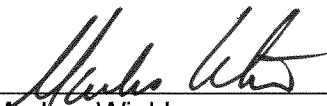
D. University of Kentucky Target4, a harm reduction program, will receive \$649,888.00 to increase harm reduction efforts in the West End of Louisville by

establishing a West End harm reduction hub, providing comprehensive harm reduction services including connections to substance use treatment programs, screening and care for HIV and viral hepatitis, naloxone distribution, education about overdose preventions and referrals to social, mental health and medical resources.


SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.



Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk



Markus Winkler
Metro Council President



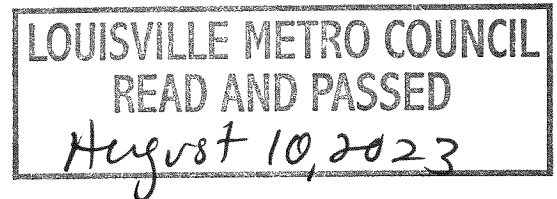
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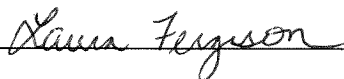
8/17/23

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney



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