



Legislation Text

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Consider a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County for the establishment of Mobile Outreach Team service and personnel housing at Round Rock fire stations.

Round Rock, Texas is one of the fastest growing, safest, and most caring cities in the nation. Our community is just north of Austin and, like most other major metropolitan areas, we have seen an increase in the number of opioid overdoses and deaths. The Round Rock Fire Department, city leaders, and our Williamson County Emergency Services partners are determined to create an overdose awareness, prevention, intervention, and treatment response plan as a part of our comprehensive Community Risk Reduction program. Round Rock Fire Department (RRFD), Round Rock Police Department, Williamson County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Williamson County Mobile Outreach Team (MOT), our County's emergency behavioral health response unit, already collaborate to provide outstanding public safety to our community. Round Rock Fire Department is ready and willing to be the leader in our public safety response to this emergency. Our plan, briefly outlined below, starts by expanding our Community Risk Reduction program, enhancing our First Responder Advance Paramedic (FRAP) training, and co-locating MOT in our city's fire stations. We will then incorporate Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and peer recovery coaches into our response models so that we can initiate best practice interventions on the scene of a 911 call. We will continue and expand our outreach and education efforts and partner with community agencies to provide comprehensive prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery options for our community. Round Rock Fire Department is seeking funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in order to reach our goals and we hope to have your support in this endeavor.

Project Goals

- Increase the number of First Responders trained in opioid overdose response and prevention
- Incorporate evidence based practices for prevention, treatment, and recovery into the Community Risk Reduction Program
- Incorporate MOT's M&M Rapid Response Unit, (Medic and Mental Health) into all 911 overdose calls
- Create the foundation for providing MAT in our community
- Provide outreach and education to vulnerable population
- Provide outreach and education to local businesses, agencies, schools, and the general public
- Incorporate Peer Recovery Coaches into RRFD and MOT response plans
- Provide direct patient care to overdose survivors and their families
- Streamline data collection and record keeping among emergency services
- Offer research opportunities to one or more of our existing university partners

