

SUBJECT: REAPPROPRIATING NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING TOTALING \$21,000 AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PEER SUPPORT TRAINING PROGRAM.

AGENDA OF: August 19, 2025

Assembly Action: Adopted without objection 09/02/25 - BJH

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Introduce and set for public hearing.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	8 / 7 / 2 0 2 5 X P a m e l a G r a h a m Signed by: Pamela Graham
Department/Finance Director	Recoverable Signature X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel
Borough Attorney	8 / 7 / 2 0 2 5 X J o h n A s c h e n b r e n n e r Signed by: John Aschenbrenner
Borough Manager	8 / 7 / 2 0 2 5 X M i c h a e l B r o w n Signed by: Mike Brown
Borough Clerk	8 / 8 / 2 0 2 5 X E s t e l l e W i e s e f o r Signed by: Estelle Wiese

ATTACHMENT(S) : Fiscal Note

IAFF Peer Support Training Flyer (1 pp)

Ordinance Serial No. 25-094 (2 pp)

Resolution Serial No. 25-080 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Department of Emergency Services wishes to provide "Peer Support" training to Emergency Responders. Training for emergency responders is an approved use for the Opioid Settlement funding, per Exhibit E. Section I.2. of the Settlement agreements, and fits within the goals and objectives of the Mat-Su Opioid Training and Education Grant Program.

This training, through a contract with the International Association of Firefighters, will include:

- Two days of training on two consecutive days, eight hours per day for up to 30 participants
- Two instructors to deliver the training
- All instructor-related expenses (e.g., travel, hotel)

- Providing and shipping student manuals and handouts
- Access to the online prerequisite behavioral health course

This legislation will authorize the transfer of \$21,000 from the Opioid Settlement funding to a project account for the Department of Emergency Services to cover the costs associated with this training, per the grant application.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Respectfully request approval.

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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED \$21,000	FUNDING SOURCE Opioid Settlement Fund
FROM ACCOUNT # 205.000.000 4xx.xxx	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT: 425.000.000 3xx.xxx	PROJECT # 45158
VERIFIED BY: X <u>L i e s e l Z a n t o</u> 8 / 7 / 2 0 2 5 Signed by: L i e s e l W a l l a n d	

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous		21.0				
TOTAL OPERATING		21.0				

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other		21.0				
TOTAL		21.0				

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

APPROVED BY:	X <u>C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</u> 8 / 7 / 2 0 2 5 Signed by: C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l
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IAFF PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Developed and Delivered by Peers

► CURRICULUM INCLUDES HOW TO:

- Approach a brother or sister of concern
- Establish trust and confidentiality
- Provide support
- Determine whether a crisis is developing
- Refer the person to available resources
- Educate others about behavioral health (e.g., PTSD and resilience)

QUESTIONS?

Contact behavioralhealth@iaff.org

► THE IAFF PEER SUPPORT TRAINING IS AVAILABLE IN TWO FORMATS:

- In-person format (\$9,000): taught by two instructors on two consecutive weekdays; limited to 30 students
- Virtual format (\$4,600): taught by three instructors over three consecutive days; limited to 25 students

Both formats are highly interactive and give participants multiple opportunities to practice newly learned skills. Once members attend the IAFF Peer Support Training, they have access to two free advanced peer support trainings:

- Safety Planning Intervention for Suicide Prevention
- Disaster Response Peer Support
- For more details, visit iaff.org/peer-support

► WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING?

Fire service personnel of any rank and position — active or retired — may participate in the training. Members who are already providing peer support are welcome to participate in the IAFF Peer Support Training.

In addition, host sites may choose to invite other relevant community members (e.g., EAP, workers' comp, local behavioral health providers, researchers) as a way to expose these non-fire personnel to fire fighter and EMS culture.

► HOW CAN MY IAFF LOCAL OR DEPARTMENT HOST THE TRAINING?

Any Local, state, or provincial association or IAFF-affiliated department may serve as a host site. All training requests must be approved by the IAFF Local president. Typically, classes are scheduled four-six months in advance. To request and schedule a training, complete the Peer Support Training request form found at iaff.org/peer-support/#host-training.

The host site is responsible for managing registration and coordinating logistics with the IAFF, to include securing a training space and arranging for AV equipment for in-person trainings. Programs costs cover all training materials, instructors fees, and instructor travel/ hotel expenses.

► IF MY ORGANIZATION IS NOT READY TO HOST THE TRAINING, HOW CAN I ATTEND THE TRAINING AS AN INDIVIDUAL?

Sometimes host organizations have available space in their training for outside participants. The IAFF Division of Occupational Health, Safety, and Medicine also hosts virtual peer support trainings throughout the year. Sign up [here](#) to be notified of training opportunities that arise. Individuals who want to participate in the training should (1) obtain approval from their IAFF Local president, (2) register for the training, and (3) pay any applicable registration fee.

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To learn more about the IAFF Peer Support Training and other behavioral health resources, visit iaff.org/behavioral-health.