



**DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION**

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**CITY of WEST ALLIS
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Mayor Devine, Common Council Members

City of West Allis

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The City of West Allis requests permission to apply for the Bureau of Justice Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) Grant of 2024. If funded and accepted by the city, the grant will provide \$1,300,000 of funding over three years to support the department's efforts to curb the effects of stimulant use.

The grant will fund the staffing of a community paramedic, peer counselor, and fire administrator who will manage the grant, and provide the City with community-based outreach services for those affected by stimulant use. Those served by this program will be connected with treatment centers and provided harm-reduction materials that when provided have been known to lower the rates of overdose and overdose-related deaths. The remaining funding will be used for other eligible expenses.

No cost matching or unfunded expenses will be written into the grant. Applications to COSSUP do not create any obligation for the City to accept funding or fulfill any actions.

I am requesting Common Council approval to apply for the grant. If selected for funding a separate request will be sent to the common council to accept the grant award.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Jason M. Schaak
Assistant Chief, Division of Community Risk Reduction
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