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Council President Kail-Smith and Members of Council
Fifth Floor
City County Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

RE: SAMHSA POST Grant Agreement

Dear President and Members of Council,

The Department of Public Safety will be submitting a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the purpose of receiving and spending grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to support the Office of Community Health & Safety's efforts to develop and pilot a Post Overdose Support Team (POST) to respond to overdoses with teams of certified peer recovery specialists and case managers. POST will aim to focus on de-escalation and trust building that leads to the provision of services which support long-term recovery.

Should you have any questions regarding the resolution or agreement, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Your favorable consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee C. Schmidt".

Lee C. Schmidt
Director

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