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# PATH Foundation grant equips Warrenton Police with overdose medication

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The PATH Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 Make it Happen grant to the Warrenton Police Department to fund the REVIVE! Project, the Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education (ONE) program for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The project provides training on how to recognize and respond to overdoses with the administration of naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal nasal spray.

Funding of the project means both the Warrenton Police Department and the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office are equipped with the potentially lifesaving medication. The FCSO received funding from the PATH Foundation in February to support the Travis Project, named in memory of Travis Rose, a 27-year-old Marshall man who died of a heroin overdose in May 2015.

REVIVE! is a collaborative effort led by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) working alongside the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of Health Professions, recovery community organizations such as the McShin Foundation, OneCare of Southwest Virginia, the Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance of Virginia (SAARA), and other stakeholders.

"The quick turnaround of the Make it Happen grant made it possible for us to have our officers equipped to handle potential overdose situations," said WPD Chief Louis Battle. "The opioid problem in our area is very serious, and naloxone is an important piece of the puzzle for combatting the dire situations opioid abuse leaves in its wake."

In 2015, the Sheriff's Office recorded 10 overdose deaths, with nine from heroin or other opioids. To date in 2016, they have seen five overdose deaths, of which four were from heroin or other opioids.

"So far this year, Warrenton has had one death resulting from a heroin overdose," Battle said.

The use of naloxone on three different occasions contributed to the survival of overdose victims. Fauquier County numbers do not include incidents that occurred in the Town of Warrenton.

"Unfortunately, we continue to hear all too often that heroin is a growing problem in Warrenton, as well as Fauquier County," said Christy Connolly, president and CEO of the PATH Foundation. "We believe this program will help the officers of the Town of Warrenton Police Department be better equipped to handle situations where a person has overdosed."

## *About the Grants*

The Make It Happen! grant program has a rolling deadline with \$250,000 in available funds – \$83,000 of which is still available. Two categories are offered.

The first is for small and rapid projects that can be completed within 90 days with requests of \$10,000 or less. A second category will fund mid-size projects that can be completed within six months with requests of \$25,000 or less.

Both grant types will be processed on a shared application form and Foundation staff will respond to applicants with a final determination within 30 days. The grants are created to engage the community to develop new, innovative program. Grants will not be awarded for the continuation of past projects. Eligible applicants include 501(c)3 nonprofits, government entities, and religious organizations for non-religious purposes that service Fauquier, Rappahannock and Northern Culpeper Counties.

For more information on the PATH Foundation, visit [www.pathforyou.org](http://www.pathforyou.org).