



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #229

**Relating to the Application for Federal Resources to
Target the State's Response to the Opioid Crisis**

WHEREAS, I have previously created a Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse and designated Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and State Representative John Nygren as co-chairs; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has met several times since its creation, heard testimony from a number of experts, and diligently studied the many facets of the opioid epidemic facing our state; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has recently passed into law the 21st Century CURES Act, which makes available up to \$7,636,938 per year for two years to Wisconsin for programs responding to the opioid crisis, through the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant;

WHEREAS, the Co-Chairs of the Governor's Task Force have prepared a report recommending the optimal allocation of these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services must apply for State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant funds by February 17, 2017,

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby order the following:

1. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services shall apply for the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant funds by February 17, 2017.
2. The grant application shall seek funds to support programs and initiatives in line with the recommendations contained in the report from the Co-Chairs.
3. The Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services shall exercise her discretion to ensure the optimal allocation of funds among these or other initiatives in line with the federal law and grant guidelines to ensure the State receives the maximum program allocation.
4. The Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse shall evaluate the effectiveness of these expenditures under the leadership of its Co-Chairs, to whom I extend my appreciation for their hard work preparing these recommendations.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the Village of Weston this fifth day of January, in the year two thousand seventeen.



SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State