

Opioid Settlement Funds Implementation Plan

State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025)

City of Gainesville

Overview

This implementation plan outlines how the City of Gainesville intends to allocate and utilize the opioid settlement funds in alignment with the requirements of Schedules A and B of the opioid settlement. This plan details the specific areas of focus, the amount of funds dedicated to each area, and any associated hiring, capital outlay projects, and vehicle purchases.

Funding Allocation

Schedule A: Core Strategies

The following areas will be funded in alignment with Schedule A:

- A. Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) Distribution and other opioid-related treatment**
 - a. Amount: \$167,000
 - b. Description: Funding will be used to continue the piloted Medication Assisted Treatment Program for 6 months, through December of 2024. Staff are already on board, protocols are established, and a vehicle has been purchased. The available funding will support salaries, ongoing supplies and Suboxone, and gas for the vehicle, among other operational needs.
 - c. Hiring: N/A – 2 part-time staff are already hired
 - d. Capital Outlay: Suboxone, operational needs
 - e. Vehicle Purchases: N/A

Schedule B: Approved Uses

The following areas will be funded under Schedule B:

B. Support People in Treatment and Recovery

- **Amount:** \$10,000
- **Description:** Through the Gainesville Fire Rescue Community Resource Paramedicine Program, fund transportation for individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to mental health, substance use, and healthcare appointments. These individuals would be enrolled patients in the Community Resource Paramedicine Program.
- **Hiring:** N/A – Contractual Service
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

D. Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons

- **Amount:** \$9,000
- **Description:** Funding will be used to contract with a community-based organization to provide educational workshops for incarcerated individuals who are also impacted by the opioid epidemic. Curriculum offers empowerment skills and teaches participants how to gain self-compassion to address substance use. Twice monthly, community outreach including education, resources, and Narcan will be available to friends and family members of those who are incarcerated.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

J. Leadership, Planning, and Coordination

- **Amount:** \$22,080
- **Description:** Funding will support 50% of a FT Temporary Program Coordinator reporting to the Community Health Director at Gainesville Fire Rescue. The responsibilities of this individual will be to coordinate the program activities listed within the implementation plan. track expenditures and outcomes, and submit the required reports. Additionally, this coordinator will develop and disseminate a monthly report of substance use trends and efforts in the community.
- **Hiring:** 50% FTE Program Coordinator
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

K. Training

- **Amount:** \$8,200
- **Description:** Funding will support printed materials to provide to attendees of the Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Intervention and De-Escalation trainings, including community partner organizations and community members. Also, a Trauma-Informed Symposium Event will be held to educate the community on trauma, its intersection with substance use and mental health, and how to incorporate trauma-informed practices into everyday work. This will be a summit-style event featuring various speakers from the community with expertise in the field. Funding will be used to provide printed materials to attendees, advertising cost for the event, continuing education units, and other event supplies like stationary, nametags, etc. Lastly, staff will attend the RX Summit conference to enhance substance use prevention knowledge and relevant connections. Funding will include flight/ground transportation, registration fees, hotel cost, and per diem.
- **Hiring:** 50% FTE Program Coordinator
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

Total Funding and Distribution

- **Total Settlement Funds:** \$259,810.21
- **Schedule A Allocation:** \$167,000
- **Schedule B Allocation:** \$49,280
- **Total for SFY25:** \$216,280

Implementation Timeline

- **Q1 2024:** Continuation of MAT Program; 50% FTE Onboarded; Trauma-Informed Care Day; Fund CRP patient health visit transportation
- **Q2 2024:** Continuation of MAT Program; Execution of contract for support services for those who are criminal-justice involved; ongoing mental health trainings; Fund CRP patient health visit transportation
- **Q3 2024:** Contractual work continues for justice-involved services; ongoing mental health trainings; Fund CRP patient health visit transportation
- **Q4 2024:** Contractual work continues for justice involved services; Staff attends RX Summit; ongoing mental health trainings; Fund CRP patient health visit transportation

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure the effectiveness of funded programs. Reports will be submitted to the appropriate oversight committee detailing progress, outcomes, and any necessary adjustments to the implementation plan.

Conclusion

This implementation plan provides a comprehensive approach to utilizing the opioid settlement funds in a manner that aligns with the stipulations of Schedules A and B. Based in public health, the above plan reaches the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of prevention. In reaching all three, the plan is likely to make a more significant impact on the focus area at hand. Through strategic investment in prevention, treatment, recovery, public awareness, and training, the City of Gainesville aims to significantly reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in our community.