



OPIOID SETTLEMENT

FY2025 FUNDING PLAN



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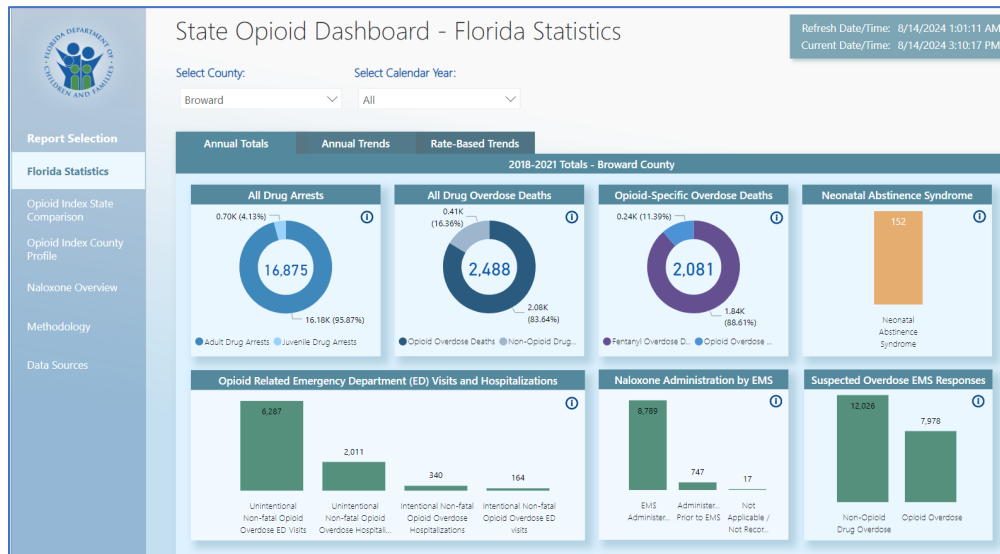
Executive Summary

The Plan for the City of Pembroke Pines' Opioid Settlement Funds recommends allocating the available funds to the following strategies:

Prevention	Treatment	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families • Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use • Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand availability of Naloxone and other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment and recovery support services such as counselling, recovery housing, or housing assistance program • Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalition to support people in treatment and recovery

Background

The overdose crisis is one of the most severe public health emergencies our country has faced in decades. In Broward County alone, nearly 2,500 people died from a drug overdose between 2018 and 2021, with 2,081 of those deaths attributable to opioid overdose. Counties and local governments are at the forefront of this crisis, providing crucial public health services that are essential for survival and recovery from substance abuse disorders.





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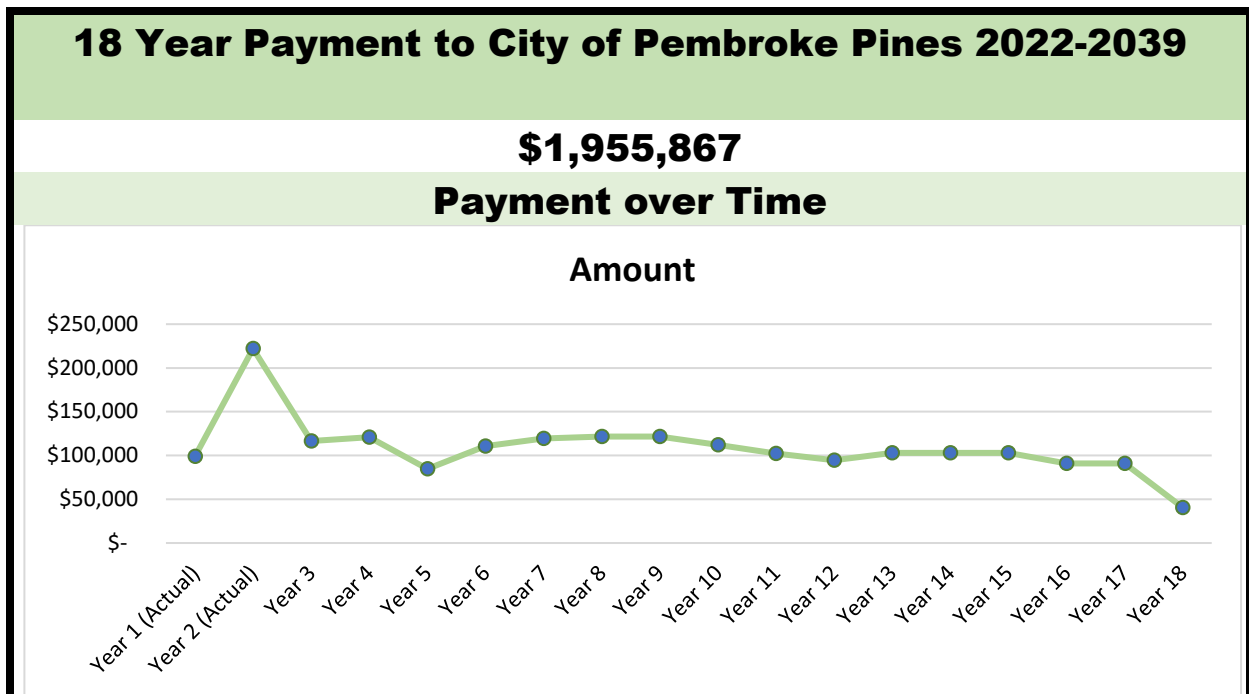
In 2018, Florida filed a lawsuit against 11 corporate entities for their involvement in the opioid epidemic crisis. The state has reached a settlement with eight of these corporations; one (Mallinckrodt) has a bankruptcy plan in effect, and one (Purdue) has a bankruptcy confirmation order on appeal. Over the next 17 years, the state and its subdivisions are expected to receive more than \$3.1 billion. With bankruptcy recoveries factored in, the total amount is estimated to exceed \$3.2 billion, contingent on the performance of the entities. Furthermore, Florida will also receive \$84 million worth of Naloxone (an opioid reversal drug) over the next ten years, which will be distributed by the last remaining defendant, Walmart.

Broward County will receive approximately \$80 million over the next 18 years as part of the Regional fund. The fund will be administered through Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC), which is the managing entity for behavioral health services in Broward County. The fund is designated for the general purpose of addressing the opioid epidemic.

These funds will be used to support early intervention, overdose prevention, treatment, recovery support, and other life-saving programs and services. Additional details on the settlement agreement can be found at [Florida Opioid Settlement](#) website.

Funding Available

The City was allocated \$116,000 for FY2025 and is expected to receive additional \$1.5 million over the next fifteen (15) years. To date, the City has received about \$315,000 from the settlement.






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Plan Period

The staff has proposed a spending plan for the next fiscal year using available funding to provide support from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. This plan will include start-up funding for new programs, one-time funds for some programs, and ongoing costs for others. It will allow City leaders to monitor performance to determine the impact of investments, track trends affecting this issue, and utilize other funding sources. Planning for subsequent years will be based on the outcomes achieved during this initial plan period, additional stakeholder input, and a current assessment of the treatment, recovery, and support environment.


Eligible Expenditure Categories

Local governments in Florida participating in the national settlement have committed to using the proceeds in line with the expectations outlined in the "Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement between the State of Florida Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General and Certain Local Governments in the State of Florida" (the "Agreement"). The Agreement directs local governments to utilize settlement funds for opioid remediation activities as summarized below (Exhibits A and B of the Agreement).



Treatment

- Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Support people in treatment and recovery
- Connect people who need help to the help they need (Connections to Care)
- Address the needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved persons
- Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome



Prevention

- Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (Harm Reduction)



Other Strategies

- First responders
- Leadership, Planning, and Coordination
- Training
- Research

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Plan Spending Recommendations



Connect People who Needs Help to the Help They Need (Connection to Care) - Collaborative Strategic Planning

- Support collaborative strategic planning such as community engagement events and townhall meetings that increase strategic use of the Opioid Settlement Funds - **\$50,000**



Frist Responders

- Provide funding for expansion of training for rist responders, schools, community support groups and families to increase awareness of the opioid epedimic, available resources, and life-saving stragegies - **\$50,000**



Prevention Program

- Provide funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use and other evidence-based prevention programs - **\$50,000**



Naxolone or other FDA approved drugs to reverse opioid overdose

- Support programs or organization that distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social network such as post-overdose response teams, EMS, and other community-based organizations - **\$50,000**



Support People in Treatment and Recovery

- Support programs offering recovery housing support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities - **\$100,000**
- Provide evidence-based recovery support services such as care navigators and peer support specialists to support people in treatment, recovery, or who currently use drugs, in accessing addiction treatment, harm reduction services, primary healthcare or other services or support they need to improve their health or well-being - **\$100,000**



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Conclusion

This funding plan addresses significant community needs. The City will actively seek opportunities for community engagement throughout the planning process and is considering establishing an advisory group structure to provide input. The City of Pembroke Pines is dedicated to implementing these funds transparently and equitably.

The long-term design of the settlement agreement and this plan's commitment to transparency and measuring the impact of these initial investments will allow the City of Pembroke Pines to make future planning adjustments. This will enhance related program commitments and capitalize on emerging policy and funding opportunities.