

## Opioid Remediation Proposal Selected from Core Strategies

Per the list of opioid remediation directions, it is approved to fund "community anti-drug coalitions that engage in drug prevention efforts". Through our staff support we could focus on the following objectives that are pulled from the approved proposed list.

1. **Create or support community-based education or intervention services (\$25,667.42)**
  - a. Families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. Encourage the use of CRAFT (provides families with tools to better understand your child's reasons for substance use, ways to improve communication and to reward healthy behaviors while discouraging substance use. Equally important are the tools around self-care to handle negative emotions like anger, shame, fear, guilt and depression, and to address feelings of isolation.) or other evidenced based models for families to utilize to learn how to intervene if they have a loved one with a potential and/or active substance use disorder.
  - b. Support evidence-informed programs or curricula to address mental health needs of young people who may be at risk of misusing opioids or other drugs, including emotional modulation and resilience skills.
  - c. Funding evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others. Connect schools to community agencies such as Living Skills in the Schools, DATA, Hanley Foundation and the Coalition to provide these programs in schools and community centers.
  - d. Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to
    - i. support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.
  - e. Youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids. Work with the Village of Wellington to create Alternative Activities aimed at teens that models the Iceland Model (an environmental approach in which parenting, parental supervision and organized leisure time activities, together with increased normative pressure (curfew hours and encouragement of joint family dinners) play a central role in reducing alcohol and drug consumption among young people).
2. **SBIRT (\$4,500)**
  - i. Purchase automated versions of SBIRT and support ongoing costs of the technology.
  - ii. Fund SBIRT programs to reduce the transition from use to disorders, including
    1. SBIRT services to pregnant women who are uninsured or not eligible for Medicaid.

2. Reach out to physicians, hospitals and organizations working with pregnant women in Wellington to learn and utilize SBIRT in their practices.
  - iii. Engage non-profits and the faith community as a system to support outreach for treatment and encourage faith members to have trained volunteers utilize SBIRT.
3. **Funding for community drug disposal programs; and (\$1,000)**
- a. Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:
    - i. Public education relating to drug disposal.
    - ii. Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs. Engage Village of Wellington in yearly national Take Back Day.
4. **Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use (\$3,000)**
- a. (similar to the FDA's "Real Cost" campaign to prevent youth from misusing tobacco)
  - b. Funding media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse. Utilize social media advertising to advertise Drop Boxes, Take Back Day and Lock Your Meds campaign.
  - c. Corrective advertising or affirmative public education campaigns based on evidence

#### **Funding and Distribution**

Schedule B Allocation, Year 1: \$10,710.35

Schedule B Allocation, Year 2: \$23,457.07

#### **Implementation Timeline**

Fiscal Year 2024: Full implementation and evaluation of all funded programs

Fiscal Year 2025: Full implementation and evaluation of all funded programs

#### **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 Schedule B. Through strategic investment in prevention, treatment, recovery, public awareness, and law enforcement support, The Village of Wellington supports significantly reducing the impact of the opioid crisis in our community through the work of The Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition.

The Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition agrees to comply with the program requirements of the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement dated 11/15/2021, Section B. 10. and B.11 Program Requirements (Exhibit A), and will provide all necessary information as outlined.

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