

# 2023/24 Orange County Florida Regional Opioid Settlement Fund Implementation Plan

## Overview

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

## Funding Allocation

### Schedule A: Core Strategies

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

#### **Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses:**

Increase distribution to uninsured individuals whose insurance does not cover the needed service.

- **Amount:** \$30,000
- **Description:** Increase distribution to uninsured individuals or those whose insurance does not cover the needed service.
- **Hiring:** Contract with local non-profit agencies to distribute naloxone.
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

#### **Address the needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons:**

Recovery support, including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

- **Amount** \$145,000
- **Description:** Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- **Hiring:**
  - i. Provide funds for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court to hire a case manager.
  - ii. Contract with a local non-profit to provide the Court with one Certified Recovery Peer Specialist to work with Problem-Solving Court clients.
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

#### **Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services:**

- **Amount:** \$60,000
- **Description:** Provide wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including transportation.
- **Hiring:** Contract with local Recovery Community Organization to coordinate a rideshare service for clients enrolled in the Orange County Better Access to Treatment initiative.
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A

- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

## **Schedule B: Approved Uses**

The following areas will be funded under Schedule B:

### **Treat Opioid Use Disorder:**

Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services to persons who use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

- **Amount:** \$190,000
- **Description:** The Better Access to Treatment program will include a mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** MAT medication
- **Vehicle Purchases:** One vehicle will provide mobile OUD services.

### **Connect People Who Need Help to Care:**

Develop and support best practices for addressing OUD in the workplace.

- **Amount:** \$50,000
- **Description:** Support best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace—disseminate information on the US Department of Labor Recovery Ready Workforce to Orange County businesses
- **Hiring:** Contract with a local non-profit agency to disseminate Recovery Ready Workforce training materials.
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

### **Prevention Programs:**

Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use.

- **Amount:** \$130,000
- **Description:** Launch a public awareness campaign to educate the community about the dangers of opioid misuse and available resources.
- **Hiring:** Contract with marketing vendors
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

### **Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms:**

Support efforts to prevent or reduce overdose deaths or other opioid-related harms.

- **Amount:** \$30,000
- **Description:** reduce harms associated with drug use, including peer support services, referrals to treatment, fentanyl checking, connections to care, and harm reduction and treatment services.

- **Hiring:** Contract with local non-profit agencies to distribute Fentanyl test strips. Test strips will be available to individuals when requested.
- **Capital Outlay:** Fentanyl Test strips
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

## **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.

- **Amount:** \$160,000
- **Description:** Provide oversight and management of opioid abatement program funds.
- **Hiring:** Hire one Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator and one Fiscal Coordinator.
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

## **Conclusion**

The costs described are impacted by start-up timing. The 2024/25 costs will be higher due to the expansion of services. This implementation plan provides a comprehensive approach to utilizing the opioid settlement funds that align with Schedules A and B stipulations. Through strategic investment in prevention, treatment, recovery, public awareness, and law enforcement support, the Orange County Region aims to significantly reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in our community.