

St. Lucie County Local Settlement Funds Implementation Plan FY 2024-2025

Overview

This implementation plan outlines how St. Lucie County intends to utilize the local opioid settlement funds in alignment with the requirements of Schedules A and B of the opioid settlement.

In May 2024, the St. Lucie County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board recommended a plan for distribution and management of the regional funds to the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). On June 4, 2024, the BOCC and Department of Health – St. Lucie entered an Interlocal Agreement for Allocating and Managing St. Lucie County Regional Opioid Settlement Funds.

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH-St. Lucie). Will utilize a two-fold approach to using the regional opioid funds in alignment with the requirements of Schedules A and B of the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement.

St. Lucie County intends to use the St. Lucie County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board to provide insight for the best uses of the County's Local Settlement Funds. This plan will be modified as the specific areas of need come into focus.

Funding Allocation

Schedule A: Core Strategies

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

1. Prevention Programs

- **Amount:** TBD
- **Description:** Implement prevention programs and community outreach initiatives aimed at reducing opioid misuse among our citizens.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** TBD
- **Vehicle Purchases:** TBD - One outreach vehicle

2. Treatment and Recovery Support

- **Amount:** TBD
- **Description:** Expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) programs and recovery support services.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** TBD
- **Vehicle Purchases:** TBD

Schedule B: Approved Uses

The following areas will be funded under Schedule B:

1. Public Awareness Campaign

- **Amount:** TBD
- **Description:** Launch a public awareness campaign to educate the community about the dangers of opioid misuse and available resources.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** TBD
- **Vehicle Purchases:** TBD - One outreach vehicle

2. Law Enforcement and First Responders

- **Amount:** N/A
- **Description:** N/A.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

Total Funding and Distribution

- **Total Local Settlement Funds:** \$4,400,000 (over 17 years)
- **Schedule A Allocation:** TBD
- **Schedule B Allocation:** TBD

Implementation Timeline

- **Q1 2024:** TBD
- **Q2 2024:** TBD
- **Q3 2024:** TBD
- **Q4 2024:** TBD

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. Through strategic investment in prevention, treatment, recovery, public awareness, and law enforcement support, St. Lucie County aims to reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in our community.