



# Opioid Settlement Funds Implementation Plan

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

## Overview

This implementation plan outlines how Lee County 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, fixed capital outlay projects and vehicle purchases.

## Funding Allocations

### Kimmie's Recovery Zone

*Estimated Funding for 7/1/24 to 6/30/25: \$280,599*

#### Program Summary:

Kimmie's Recovery Zone (KRZ) offers a wide range of services to support individuals and families affected by substance use and mental health challenges. They provide food distribution, Narcan, clothing, peer support and community referrals through various outreach programs. KRZ also conducts weekly group sessions such as Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) and iTHRIVE, focusing on mental health and recovery. Additionally, they engage in community outreach to educate on overdose prevention and connect individuals to necessary resources.

#### Schedule A: Core Strategies

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

1. **Naloxone or Other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses**
  - **Amount:** \$58,857
  - **Description:**
    - Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families.
    - Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed.



## Schedule B: Approved Uses

The following areas will be funded under Schedule B:

### 1. Leadership, Planning and Coordinating

- **Amount:** \$58,856
- **Description:**
  - A dashboard to share reports, recommendations, or plans to spend opioid settlement funds; to show how opioid settlement funds have been spent; to report program or strategy outcomes; or to track, share, or visualize key opioid-related or health-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative statewide, regional, local, or community processes.
  - Invest in staffing at not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery, connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic.

### 2. Support People in Treatment and Recovery

- **Amount:** \$58,856
- **Description:**
  - Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement or job training.
  - Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups, social events, computer access, or other services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

### 3. Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms

- **Amount:** \$90,000
- **Vehicle Purchase:** Wheelchair Accessible Van
- **Description:**
  - Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.



## Centerstone

*Estimated Funding for 7/1/24 to 6/30/25: \$1,906,565*

### Program Summary:

Centerstone's Wellness Interventions for Substance Use and Harms Abatement (WISH) project is dedicated to implementing a comprehensive continuum of care for individuals affected by substance use. Their services include harm reduction, outreach, prevention, education, evidence-based treatment, recovery services, and linkages to medical, social services, and peer support. The project aims to engage and empower adults and youth who use or are at risk of using drugs, providing them with tools to make positive changes in their lives. WISH focuses on preventing overdoses, reducing infectious disease transmission, improving physical, mental, and social well-being, and offering low-threshold treatment options to those facing barriers like income, transportation, and other resources.

The project will enhance community capacity for harm reduction and overdose prevention through mobile and community-based treatments for substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD). Services will be accessible in emergency departments, medical clinics, schools, shelters, homeless encampments, homes and other traditional and non-traditional settings. WISH aims to reduce stigma, decrease overdose fatalities and lessen the public health impact of substance use while providing non-judgmental, culturally sensitive, trauma-informed support to empower individuals on their recovery journey.

### Schedule A: Core Strategies

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

#### 1. Medication-Assisted Treatment ("MAT")

- **Amount:** \$0 – In-Kind Services
- **Description:**
  - Increase distribution of MAT to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured individuals.

#### 2. Prevention Programs

- **Amount:** \$45,000
- **Description:**
  - Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use.
  - WISH will partner with Lee County Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida (The Coalition) to develop a multiyear focused strategy using social media to educate youth aged 12-18 on safe medication practices



and opioid misuse prevention, while promoting positive choices and social norms using empowering, youth-first language. The campaign will utilize social media platforms, e.g., Facebook and Instagram.

- WISH will implement a broad-based public education/communication campaign utilizing CDC's best practice guidance "Stop the Overdose" (2022). The campaign will utilize out-of-home (OOH) advertising, including LeeTran - bus/bench/shelter advertising, digital billboards, and social media to reduce stigma and increase awareness of program.

## **Schedule B: Approved Uses**

The following areas will be funded under Schedule B:

### **1. Support People in Treatment and Recovery**

- **Amount:** \$953,517
- **Description:**
  - Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.

### **2. Connect People Who Need Help to the Help They Need**

- **Amount:** \$126,790
- **Description:**
  - Provide funding for peer support specialists or recovery coaches in emergency departments, detox facilities, recovery centers, recovery housing, or similar settings; offer services, supports, or connections to care to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or to persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.
  - WISH will launch an innovative partnership with Lee Health to offer immediate initiation of MAT along with peer support and SUD Navigation in emergency departments.

### **3. Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons**

- **Amount:** \$306,818
- **Description**
  - Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise



#### 4. Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms

- Amount: \$243,440
- Description:
  - Increase availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, individuals at high risk of overdose, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public.
  - The program will distribute medication lockboxes, medication disposal kits, substance test kits (e.g., fentanyl test strips), sharps disposal kits, safe sex kits, rapid oral HIV tests and Naloxone kits by staff and through 3 vending machines located throughout Lee County.

#### 5. Training

- Amount: \$6,000
- Description:
  - Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis.
  - Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or implement other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.



## Lee County Human and Veteran Services

*Estimated Funding for 7/1/24 to 6/30/25: \$111,784*

Summary: Provide local government oversight to ensure funded programs effectively address opioid-related challenges in the community. This includes monitoring program activities to ensure they meet established metrics and adhere to best practices in harm reduction, prevention, and treatment. Manage the data reporting process, compiling and analyzing program data to report to the Department of Children and Families (DCF), ensuring compliance with state requirements and demonstrating the impact of the funds.

### Schedule B: Approved Uses

#### 1. Leadership, Planning and Coordinating

- Amount: \$108,784
- Description:
  - Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement programs.
  - Invest in staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery, connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.

#### 2. Training

- Amount: \$3,000
- Description:
  - Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis.
  - Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or implement other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.



## Spending Plan

### Total Funding Distribution for 7/1/24 to 6/30/25

- Total Settlement Funds: \$2,298,948
- Schedule A Allocation: \$103,857
- Schedule B Allocation: \$1,956,061
- Administrative (5%) and Indirect: \$239,030

### Future Spending Plan

Kimmie's Recovery Zone (KRZ) was awarded a contract for year one, spanning from April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024. Year Two extends from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. The county has the option to renew this contract for an additional three years if KRZ continues to meet its contractual goals.

Centerstone's WISH program was awarded a contract for year one, spanning from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024. Year two is in the process of being renewed for the period from August 1, 2024, to July 31, 2025. The county has the option to renew this contract for an additional three years if Centerstone continues to meet its contractual goals.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure the effectiveness of funded programs. By the 10th of every month, Kimmie's Recovery Zone and Centerstone must report the prior month's program data into a county Smartsheet for tracking purposes. This data will then be reported quarterly to the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC). The PSCC serves as the designated local task force to address the opioid epidemic and coordinates local efforts, provides progress updates and makes recommendations to ensure effective program implementation and capacity management.

In addition, the two agencies must send their payment request and supporting documentation for reimbursement to the Contract Coordinator on or before the 20th of the following month. The Contract Coordinator reviews the request to ensure it aligns with the deliverables and budget narrative. They also verify that all receipts and proof of payment are included before processing the payment.

Lastly, annual contract monitoring will be conducted by the assigned Contract Monitor to ensure compliance and performance.