



**Opioid Abatement Funding Program**  
**Implementation Plan**  
**Volusia County Regional Settlement Funds**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Implementation Plan: Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

**Overview:**

**Volusia County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board**

The Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board (Advisory Board) is comprised of fourteen appointed seats, one seat each from the Volusia County Council and representatives of the cities participating via the Interlocal Agreement. Board members represent a spectrum of knowledge and experience related to opioid issues, including elected officials, law enforcement officials, fire and emergency services staff, faith organization representatives, and other community stakeholders, bringing valuable expertise and perspectives to the subject of opioid abatement in Volusia County.

**Advisory Board Members**

Danny Robins, Chair - Volusia County  
Bill Partington, Vice Chair - Ormond Beach  
Travis Anderson - Daytona Beach  
Jim Bland – Holly Hill  
Mike Chitwood – Deltona  
Jeff Glazier - Ponce Inlet  
Michael Grebosz - DeLand

Randy Hartman - New Smyrna Beach  
Robert Kemp-Baird - Daytona Beach Shores  
Joseph Mahoney – Edgewater  
Joe Meeske - Port Orange  
Jim Pappalardo - DeBary  
Alex Tiamson - Orange City  
Lake Helen – Vacant

**Past Meetings**

On March 18, 2024, the Advisory Board held a meeting and discussed the initial solicitation. The Board determined it would open the first funding cycle to local governments, municipalities and non-profit organizations for a one-year or two-year term. The board agreed to award \$4,000,000 in the first cycle of funding with a maximum request amount of \$500,000 and a minimum request amount of \$25,000. The Board further specified that there will be no minimum request amount for proposals for equipment purchase. The Board determined ineligible costs such as new construction and renovation, leasing or renting vehicles, executive salaries, subcontracting of funds, payments on mortgages or loans, Stand-alone research projects, lobbying and general operations or overhead.

Volusia County opened the first solicitation period for the Opioid Abatement Funding Program on April 19, 2024, and allowed one month to receive applications. The applications were reviewed by staff and the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board held a meeting on June 21, 2024, and ten proposals were approved and will be recommended for funding to Volusia County Council in September 2024.

*The following programs and services will be submitted to Volusia County Council for recommendation of funding awards:*

1. **Proposal:** Prevention

**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Prevent overdose deaths

**Amount:** \$25,000

**Description:** Funding for one hands-free CPR device for municipality Fire Department for implementation with opioid and other substance overdoses.

2. **Proposal:** Treatment, Prevention

**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Increase naloxone distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the service, Treatment and recovery support services such as outpatient therapy or counseling and recovery housing that allow or integrate medication with other support services, Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions, Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery housing including housing, transportation, job placement/training and childcare, Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers

**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Increase availability and distribution of naloxone, provide comprehensive wrap-around services and the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, Address the needs of criminal-justice-involved persons

**Amount:** \$479,000

**Description:** Funding for placement of two naloxone vending machines in the community, and funding for recovery housing for individuals in recovery to include wrap-around services, case management services, counseling and peer support services and funding to hire an additional peer specialist and addictions counselor.

3. **Proposal:** Treatment, Prevention

**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Expand screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment services to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured pregnant women, Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD including housing, transportation, job placement/training and childcare, Expand comprehensive evidence-based and recovery support for NAS babies, Expand services for better continuum of care with infant-need dyad, Expand long-term treatment and services for medical monitoring of NAS babies and their families

**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Support for people in treatment and recovery, Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

**Amount:** \$207,716

**Description:** Funding to hire additional case managers to provide child and family supports for parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

4. **Proposal:** Prevention  
**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Funding for medica campaigns to prevent opioid use  
**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Prevent misuse of opioids, prevent overdose deaths and other harms  
**Amount:** \$176,600  
**Description:** Funding for fentanyl test strip distribution and educational campaign about the dangers of fentanyl and importance of fentanyl testing.
  
5. **Proposal:** Prevention, Other Strategies- First Responders  
**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Expand, training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families, Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools  
**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** School-based or 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, Educate law enforcement regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs  
**Amount:** \$95,570  
**Description:** Funding for implementation of school-based program aimed at increasing education and reducing opioid use and misuse among youth.
  
6. **Proposal:** Treatment, Prevention  
**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Increase naloxone distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the service, Increase distribution of Medication-Assisted Treatment to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured individuals, Treatment and Recovery support services such as outpatient therapy or counseling, Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD of mental health conditions, Provide comprehensive syringe services programs with more wrap-around services including linkage to OUD treatment, access to sterile syringes and linkage to care and treatment of infectious diseases  
**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Expand the availability of Medication-Assisted Treatment, Increase availability and distribution of naloxone, Provide comprehensive wrap-around services and the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, Provide or support housing needs, provide of support transportation to treatment or recovery programs, Syringe service programs and other evidence-informed programs to reduce harms associated with intravenous drug use, prevent overdose deaths and other harms, expand access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C resulting from intravenous opioid use.  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Description:** Funding for multifaceted, comprehensive program that will provide case management services, housing and transportation support, fentanyl test and naloxone distribution, Medication-Assisted Treatment along with syringe services and treatment for individuals affected by HIV and Hepatitis C.

7. **Proposal:** Treatment, Prevention  
**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports  
**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Prevent overdose deaths, Connections to care, Address the needs of criminal-justice-involved persons, Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise, 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  
**Amount:** \$135,100  
**Description:** Funding for one hands-free CPR device for municipality Fire Department for implementation with opioid and other substance overdoses, funding for vehicle for Police Department Community Outreach Unit that pairs law enforcement with mental health clinician for dispatch to mental health and substance use/misuse related calls.
8. **Proposal:** Treatment, Prevention  
**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery  
**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Provide peer-support and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups, social events or other services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, Provide funding for peer support specialists.  
**Amount:** \$224,000  
**Description:** Funding for recovery organization to hire two additional peer recovery specialists, costs for staff training, program supplies, meals for participants and a mobile shower.
9. **Proposal:** Treatment, Prevention  
**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support including Medication-Assisted treatment for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system, Increase funding for jails to provide treatment to inmates with OUD  
**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Expand availability Medication-Assisted Treatment approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Provide Medication-Assisted Treatment to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.  
**Amount:** \$500,000  
**Description:** Funding to enhance current Medication-Assisted Treatment program to allow for subcutaneous injection of Sublocade

**10. Proposal:** Treatment, Prevention

**Schedule A: Core Strategies-** Increase naloxone distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the service, Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, Treatment for incarcerated population

**Schedule B: Approved Uses-** Support mobile intervention, treatment and recovery services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, Provide peer-support, community support services, for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support for persons with OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment, Develop and support best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace, Provide evidence-informed recovery support, harm reduction or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison, increase availability and distribution of naloxone, public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses,

**Amount:** \$295,220

**Description:** Multi-faceted proposal to distribute fentanyl tests and naloxone, provide peer recovery support services, jail-based recovery services and implement a recovery workplace initiative.

**Implementation and Timeline**

The above-referenced proposals will be submitted to the Volusia County Council at the September 2024 Council meeting and staff will receive award recommendations. Awarded agencies will be advised of contractual requirements regarding data collection, reporting and monitoring. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis and programs and services for awarded agencies will begin following completion of agreements. Each proposal includes a separate timeline of implementation and evaluation will occur continuously at random intervals, along with requiring agencies to submit prescribed reports on a quarterly basis.

The Advisory Board determined it will hold its next meeting in October 2024 and will open an additional solicitation period in October. Further details of the subsequent funding cycle will be determined at the October Advisory Board meeting.

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

As part of the contract, agencies will agree to provide to the County program/service and financial information and cooperate with on-site financial and program monitoring with County staff. County staff will perform site visits and other on-site monitoring, via various methods, including, but not limited to, accessing sites, reviewing agency staff, fiscal, business, and client records and logs. Monitoring reports will be provided to the Opioid Advisory Board detailing progress, outcomes and the Advisory Board will determine any necessary actions.