

Opioid Settlement Funds Implementation Plan

State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2025-June 2026)

City of Gainesville

Overview

This implementation plan outlines how the City of Gainesville 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, capital outlay projects, and vehicle purchases.

Funding Allocation

Schedule A: Core Strategies

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

B. Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) Distribution and other opioid-related treatment

- a. Amount: \$1,300
- b. Description: Funding will be used to continue the salaries for the Medication Assisted Treatment Program for 1 week through July 6th, 2025, until FL CORE funding becomes available for the first pay cycle of the SFY. Staff are already on board, protocols are established, and a vehicle has been purchased.
- c. Hiring: N/A
- d. Capital Outlay: N/A
- e. Vehicle Purchases: N/A

G. Prevention Programs

- **Amount:** \$10,000
- **Description:** Implement the co-designed public health communication campaign materials. Campaign will aim to reduce stigma, increase public awareness, and educate on the Good Samaritan Law. Formats include bus ads and posters, flyers, pamphlets, and social media content among others.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** Printed campaign materials such as posters, wraps, flyers, etc.
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

Schedule B: Approved Uses

The following areas will be funded under Schedule B:

B. Support People in Treatment and Recovery

- o **Amount:** \$10,000
- o **Description:** Fund transportation for individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to mental health, substance use, and healthcare appointments. These individuals would be enrolled patients in the Community Resource Paramedicine, Medication-Assisted Treatment Program, and GPD Co-Responder Programs.
- o **Hiring:** N/A
- o **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- o **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

D. Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons

- o **Amount:** \$17,897
- o **Description:** Funding will be used to contract with a community-based organization to provide educational workshops for incarcerated individuals who are also impacted by the opioid epidemic. Curriculum offers empowerment skills and teaches participants how to gain self-compassion to address substance use. Twice monthly, community outreach including education, resources, and Narcan will be available to friends and family members of those who are incarcerated. Additionally, substance use peer support groups will be facilitated each month.
- o **Hiring:** N/A
- o **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- o **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

H. Prevent Overdose Deaths And Other Harms (Harm Reduction)

- o **Amount:** \$5,000
- o **Description:** Host free monthly community CPR and Narcan trainings for community members and community organizations.
- o **Hiring:** N/A
- o **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- o **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

J. Leadership, Planning, and Coordination

- o **Amount:** \$22,080
- o **Description:** Funding will support a part-time temporary Program Coordinator reporting to the Community Health Director at Gainesville Fire Rescue. The responsibilities of this individual will be to coordinate the program activities listed within the implementation plan. track expenditures and outcomes, and submit the required reports.
- o **Hiring:** 20 hours/wk Program Coordinator
- o **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- o **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

Total Funding and Distribution

- **Total Settlement Funds Available as of July 1, 2025:** \$94,463
- **Schedule A Allocation:** \$11,300
- **Schedule B Allocation:** \$54,977
- **Total for SFY26:** \$66,277

Implementation Timeline

- **Q1 2025:** One week of MAT services; Purchasing of materials for substance use education campaign; Contract execution for justice-involved substance use services; Community CPR/Narcan training is offered; Execution of contract for transportation services; Program Coordinator is hired.
- **Q2 2024:** Ongoing work under contract for justice-involved support services, implementation of substance use education campaign; utilization of transportation services; Community CPR/Narcan training is offered; Program Coordinator leads implementation and tracking.
- **Q3 2024:** Contractual work continues for justice-involved services; tracking of substance use campaign impact, utilization of transportation services; Community CPR/Narcan training is offered; Program Coordinator leads implementation and tracking.
- **Q4 2024:** Contractual work continues for justice-involved services; ongoing utilization of transportation services; tracking of substance use campaign impact, Community CPR/Narcan training is offered; Program Coordinator leads implementation and tracking.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure the effectiveness of funded programs. Reports will be submitted to the appropriate channels 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. Based in public health, the above plan reaches the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of prevention. In reaching all three, the plan is likely to make a more significant impact on the focus area at hand. Through strategic investment in prevention, treatment, recovery, public awareness, and training, the City of Gainesville aims to significantly reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in our community.