

Cape Coral Opioid Settlement Funds Implementation Plan

FY25 – FY 26

Overview

The implementation plan outlines how the City of Cape Coral 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 for Fiscal Year 24 – 25. This plan is fluid and may be updated throughout the Fiscal Year to reflect the needs of the City and the community.

Funding Allocation

Schedule A: Core Strategies

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

B. Medicated-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Distribution and other opioid-related treatment

- **Amount:** \$20,000
- **Description:** Provide funding for recovery housing to persons with a substance abuse disorder (SUD). Funds to support access to recovery housing for individuals seeking recovery from substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders.
- **Public Relations (548102):** Funds to support access to recovery housing for individuals seeking recovery from substance abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Schedule B: Approved Uses

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

D. Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons

- **Amount:** \$5,500
- **Description:** Provide training on best practices for addressing the needs of criminal-justice-involved person with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to law enforcement, correctional, or judicial personnel or to providers of treatment, recovery, harm reduction, case management, or other services offered in connection with any of the strategies described in this section. Train/educate law enforcement on how to better assist persons with a substance abuse disorder.
- **In-House Training (555102):** Training for law enforcement on how to effectively engage those struggling with substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders. Training would include the value of police departments utilizing peer support services. Unlimited number of attendees allowed.

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G. Prevent Misuse of Opioids

- **Amount:** \$6,000
- **Description:** Create of support community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. The Police Department will host a community event in partnership with local non-profits,

anti-drug coalitions, and faith-based communities to education the community of the services available for OUD, SUD and mental health conditions.

- **Other Rental/Lease (544199):** Venue, A/V equipment, tables and chairs, permits
- **Food (540101):** Bottled water, snacks for event
- **Amount:** \$5,000
- **Description:** Creation of support community-based education or intervention services for youth and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions. Funds will be used for youth community-based education, prevention, and intervention programs.
- **Public Relations (548102):** Funds will be used to purchased necessary equipment and supplies for for youth community-based education, prevention, and intervention programs.

Total Distribution

- **Schedule A Allocations:** \$20,000
- **Schedule B Allocations:** \$16,000

Implementation Timeline

- **Q1 2024:** Identify uses of funds; obtain agreements and quotes necessary to implement identified programming/funding expenditures.
- **Q2 2024:** Schedule training; beginning planning community event; provide funding for recovery housing, provide funding for youth programs
- **Q3 2025:** Host community event
- **Q4 2025:** Law enforcement training

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure 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, Cape Coral aims to significantly reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in our community.