



Opioid Abatement
Implementation Plan

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Lee County, Florida



Overview

The Opioid Abatement Implementation Plan outlines how Lee County, Florida intends to allocate and utilize the opioid settlement funds in alignment with the requirements of Schedules A and B of the opioid settlement for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. 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

Kimmmie's Recovery Zone

Estimated Funding:
\$310,812

Program Summary:

Kimmmie's Recovery Zone (KRZ) offers a comprehensive array of peer-driven 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

1. Naloxone or Other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses

- **Amount:** \$67,589
- **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

1. Leadership, Planning and Coordinating

- **Amount:** \$67,590
- **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:** \$67,590
- **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.
 - This item is still undergoing the county's procurement process and has been incorporated into the 2025 Implementation Plan.

4. Training

- **Amount:** \$5,343
- **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.

5. Administrative

- **Amount:** \$12,700



Centerstone of Florida

Estimated Funding:
\$2,133,730

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

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:** \$11,500
- **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 multi-year 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

6. Support People in Treatment and Recovery

- **Amount:** \$1,194,652
- **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.

7. Connect People Who Need Help to the Help They Need

- **Amount:** \$490,185
- **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.

8. Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms

- **Amount:** \$162,482
- **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.
 - McGregor Clinic will provide mobile outreach for HIV/STD testing and counseling services.



9. Training

- **Amount:** \$12,000
- **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.

10. Administrative (Indirect)

- **Amount:** \$262,911
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Lee County Public Safety

Estimated Funding:
\$173,000

Program Summary:

Lee County Public Safety is launching an innovative emergency response initiative using drone technology to rapidly deliver life-saving medical supplies to an identified opioid overdose hotspot. Stationed at Fire Station 31 in North Fort Myers, the drone is equipped with naloxone, an automated external defibrillator (AED) and a tourniquet. It can reach emergency locations within a 35-square-mile radius in under three minutes. The system operates in coordination with the County's 911 dispatch infrastructure via RapidSOS and requires no additional personnel.



Schedule B: Approved Uses

1. Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms (Harms Reduction)

- **Amount:** \$173,000
- **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.
 - Public health entities provide free naloxone to anyone in the community.





Lee County Human and Veteran Services

Estimated Funding:
\$120,519

Program Summary:

Lee County Human and Veteran Services provides strategic oversight to ensure funded programs effectively address opioid-related challenges in the community. Responsibilities include managing contracts and monitoring subrecipient performance to confirm that program activities align with established metrics and follow best practices in prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery. Additional duties involve compiling, analyzing and submitting program and financial data to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to demonstrate compliance with legal requirements. Efforts also include facilitating cross-sector collaboration by convening community partners, leading strategic planning sessions and supporting stakeholder engagement to align funding with identified system gaps and local priorities.

Schedule B: Approved Uses

1. Leadership, Planning and Coordinating

- **Amount:** \$116,519
- **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:** \$4,000
- **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 Estimated Funding Distribution

7/1/25 to 6/30/26

Total Settlement Funds:	\$2,738,061
Schedule A Allocation:	\$79,089
Schedule B Allocation:	\$2,383,361
Administrative (5%) and Indirect:	\$275,611

Kimmie's Recovery Zone (KRZ) is currently in the third year of contracted services. Year One spanned from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024; Year Two from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025; and Year Three is from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. The County retains the option to renew this contract for up to two additional years, contingent upon KRZ's continued performance and achievement of contractual goals.

Centerstone's WISH Program is currently in the second year of contracted services. Year One spanned from August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024 and Year Two from August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025. A third contract year is anticipated from August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026. The County retains the option to renew this contract for up to two additional years, contingent upon Centerstone's continued performance and achievement of contractual goals.

Lee County Public Safety is currently in its first year of service under an interagency agreement. The County retains the option to renew this agreement for one additional year based on performance and demonstrated effectiveness.

Lee County Human and Veteran Services maintains oversight and management of opioid abatement programs each year, as they are the designated administrator of the settlement funds.



Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation are 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, 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.

Public Safety must submit quarterly reporting to Human and Veteran Services detailing drone deployment activity, including response times, usage of emergency supplies such as NARCAN and AEDs and outcomes of incidents involving opioid-related emergencies.