



# MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 2, 2025  
To: Franklin W. Martz II, City Manager  
From: Terence Nicolas, Chief of Police  
Re: **Update on Opioid Settlement Funds**

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Please find the following update on the use of Opioid Settlement Funds.

## **Financial Summary**

We have received the third of what we anticipate to be eighteen annual payments from the settlements exacted by the State of Florida related to the opioid crisis. We received an additional \$23,961.44 in 2025 for a total of \$79,318.16 to date. According to finance, the payments have been recorded to City account number 13036900-369301-FLOPI, and we have expended \$4,421.03 thus far in connection with the City's participation in the SCORE program. The Altamonte Springs Police Department (ASPD) recommends that funds from the opioid litigation settlement be applied towards the following qualifying expenditures:

## **Recommended Use of Funds:**

- **Seminole Collaborative Opioid Response Efforts (SCORE) Team.** The SCORE Team is a county-wide rapid response group comprised of Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies and Altamonte Springs police officers who respond to drug overdoses throughout the county. This response is separate from the criminal investigation component of the law enforcement response to an overdose, where officers work hard to hold drug dealers accountable and prevent future victims. The SCORE Team is an additional resource we implement to save lives. Team members offer counseling, medical services, and other resources not only to those struggling with substance use disorders, but their families and loved ones as well.

Additionally, members of the SCORE Team will lead on-site training sessions focused on the proper administration of Narcan. These sessions are designed to ensure that all participating officers continue the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to respond effectively to opioid overdoses. As part of this training, the SCORE Team will utilize hands-on instructional aids designed to reinforce critical skills and enhance officer readiness.

The Altamonte Springs Police Department will purchase Narcan holders, which are intended to maintain the integrity of the medication by keeping the packaging secure, compact, and easily accessible during emergency responses.

This rapid response is critical because, according to the Center for Disease Control and the police department's real-world experience, people who have had one overdose are at an increased risk of having a second, particularly in the days right after the event. Currently, the City of Altamonte Springs is the only city in Seminole County to partner with the SCSO on this important endeavor.

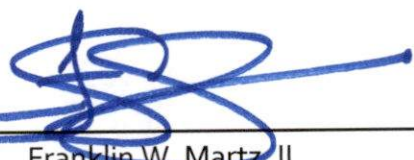
- **Narcotics Overdose Prevention Education (NOPE) program.** NOPE is a high-impact multimedia presentation for high school students throughout Seminole County. The NOPE message is delivered from several perspectives, including a from the standpoint of a moderator; from a law enforcement view; and from the parents who have suffered the loss of a child from overdose. The presentation reinforces a drug education curriculum and offers the students local community stories to reinforce the need for positive change. Programs like NOPE have been proven effective in reducing the occurrence of drug addiction and deaths attributed to overdose.
- **Narcan** is the brand name medication (Naloxone HCl) approved by the Food and Drug Administration, which is designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. Narcan is an opioid antagonist, which means that Narcan molecules attach to opioid receptors. It reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids, like heroin and fentanyl. Narcan can quickly restore normal breathing to a person experiencing an opioid overdose.

**Reporting:**

The Finance Department has been granted access to the Florida Opioid Implementation and Financial Reporting System (FOIFRS) where the annual reports are being submitted and the annual financial statements uploaded. The City is required to report via FOIFRS, no later than June 30th of each year, on how we intend to expend the funds. The City is required to report its expenditures via FOIFRS, no later than August 31<sup>st</sup> for the previous fiscal year's expenditures.

**Recommendation:**

In consultation with the Finance and the Legal Affairs Department, ASPD respectfully recommends approving this proposed course of action and authorize the use of the opioid litigation settlement funds for the purposes set forth herein.

Approved:   
Franklin W. Martz, II  
City Manager

Date: 6/2/2025

cc.  
Tara Culver, Chief Financial Officer  
Mary Sneed, City Attorney



## Opioid Settlement Funds Implementation Plan

### Overview

This implementation plan outlines how the City of Altamonte Springs intends to allocate and utilize the opioid settlement funds in alignment with the requirements of Schedules B of the opioid settlement. This plan details the specific areas of focus and the amount of funds dedicated to each area, and any associated hiring, fixed capital outlay projects, and vehicle purchases.

### Funding Allocation

#### Schedule B: Approved Uses

The following area will be funded under Schedule B:

##### 1. Law Enforcement and First Responders

- **Amount:** \$79,318.16
- **Description:** The SCORE Team is a county-wide rapid response group comprised of deputies and Altamonte Springs police officers who respond throughout the county any and every time there is a drug overdose. This response is separate from the criminal investigation component of the law enforcement response to an overdose, where officers work hard to hold drug dealers accountable and prevent future victims. The SCORE Team is an additional resource we implement to save lives. Team members offer counseling, medical, and a host of other resources for the person struggling with addiction, as well as, their family and loved ones.

Additionally, members of the Altamonte Springs Police Department's SCORE Team will lead on-site training sessions focused on the proper administration of Narcan. These sessions are designed to ensure that all participating officers develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to respond effectively to opioid overdose situations in the field. As part of this training, the SCORE Team will utilize hands-on instructional aids designed to reinforce critical skills and enhance field readiness.

Altamonte Springs Police Department will purchase Narcan holsters, which are intended to maintain the integrity of the medication by keeping the packaging secure, compact, and easily accessible during emergency response situations and officers will be introduced and trained on the use of Narcan holsters.

This rapid response is critical because, according to the CDC and the police department's real-world experience, people who have had one overdose are at an increased risk of having a second, particularly in the days right after the event. Currently, the City of Altamonte Springs is the only city in Seminole County to partner with the SCSO on this important endeavor.

- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A

- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

### **Total Funding and Distribution**

- **Total Settlement Funds:** \$79,318.16
- **Schedule B Allocation:** \$79,318.16

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure the 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 B. Through strategic investment in treatment, recovery, and law enforcement support, City of Altamonte Springs aims to significantly reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in our community.

**Approved:**

  
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Franklin W. Martz, II  
City Manager

**Date:**

6/2/2025