

St. Lucie County Local Settlement Funds Implementation Plan FY 2025-2026

Overview

This implementation plan outlines how St. Lucie County will use local opioid settlement funds in accordance with Schedules A and B of the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement.

In May 2024, the St. Lucie County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board recommended a distribution and management plan to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). On June 4, 2024, the BOCC and the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County (DOH–St. Lucie) entered an Interlocal Agreement to allocate and manage the regional settlement funds.

DOH–St. Lucie will implement a two-pronged approach to ensure the effective use of the funds in alignment with Schedules A and B. The Advisory Board will guide the use of St. Lucie County’s Qualified Regional Funds, and the County will rely on the Board’s oversight to inform the use of its Local Settlement Funds. This plan will continue to evolve as specific needs are identified.

Funding Allocation

Schedule A: Core Strategies

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

1. Prevention Programs

- **Amount:** TBD
- **Description:** Implement prevention programs and community outreach initiatives aimed at reducing opioid misuse among our citizens.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** TBD
- **Vehicle Purchases:** TBD - One outreach vehicle

2. Treatment and Recovery Support

- **Amount:** TBD
- **Description:** Expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) programs and recovery support services.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** TBD
- **Vehicle Purchases:** TBD

Schedule B: Approved Uses

The following areas will be funded under Schedule B:

1. Public Awareness Campaign

- **Amount:** TBD
- **Description:** Launch a public awareness campaign to educate the community about the dangers of opioid misuse and available resources.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** TBD
- **Vehicle Purchases:** TBD - One outreach vehicle

2. Law Enforcement and First Responders

- **Amount:** N/A
- **Description:** N/A.
- **Hiring:** N/A
- **Capital Outlay:** N/A
- **Vehicle Purchases:** N/A

Total Funding and Distribution

- **Total Local Settlement Funds:** \$4,400,000 (over 17 years)
- **Schedule A Allocation:** TBD
- **Schedule B Allocation:** TBD

Implementation Timeline

- **Q1 2025:** TBD
- **Q2 2025:** TBD
- **Q3 2025:** TBD
- **Q4 2025:** TBD

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation will ensure the effectiveness of funded programs. Progress reports, including outcomes and recommended adjustments, will be submitted to the appropriate oversight committee.

Conclusion

This implementation plan outlines a comprehensive strategy for using opioid settlement funds in alignment with Schedules A and B. By investing in prevention, treatment, recovery, public awareness, and law enforcement support, St. Lucie County aims to reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in the community.