



# **City of Delray Beach Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Initial Recommendations**



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# Purpose of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC)

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- Provide recommendations to the City Commission on the most effective and efficient way to expend funds from the Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement.
- Funds are to be spent to address harms created by the opioid crisis and/or to avoid them in the future (i.e. treatment, prevention, harm-reduction).
- Annual plans for anticipated funds are required and should be approved by July 1 each year. (OSAC recommendation by end of May, Commission approval by July 1)

# Efforts to Date

- Initial appointments April 2025
- Committee has met 6 times to date
- Welcomed all to participate in their meetings
- Reached out to and included the Delray Beach Drug Task Force
- Drug Task Force provided their recommendations for types of expenditures

# Initial Direction

- The OSAC seeks City Commission direction as to the initial list of priorities.
- Once additional guidance from the Commission is obtained, OSAC will refine the priority list and assign recommended funding amounts to the priorities.

# Initial Priority List

- 1) Paramedicine Program
- 2) Removing Employment Barriers
- 3) Affordable and Supportive Housing
- 4) Prevention

# Paramedicine

## Paramedicine Program:

- a) To follow up on persons who have overdosed or whom public safety has had interaction
- b) Coordinate care
- c) Promote recovery

# Paramedicine

**Program can be pursued in two way:**

- a) The City can run it similarly as it had previously done in a pilot program through the Fire Rescue Department.**
- b) City can seek to outsource the program to another entity.**

# Paramedicine – Fire Rescue

## 1) Positives:

- a) Continuity of involvement/trust
- b) Immediacy of response
- c) Better control of costs and program conditions

## 2) Negatives:

- a) Requires hiring of qualified personnel
- b) Inconsistency of Opioid funds available each year
- c) Not all patients will be eligible under the Opioid Settlement therefore cannot be paid completely from this source

# Paramedicine – With Outside Partner

## Positives:

- 1) No additional City employees need to be hired
- 2) Pre-negotiated price
- 3) Outside organization can be required to bring additional resources that can cover the non-opioid eligible costs

## Negatives:

- 1) Inconsistency of Opioid funds available each year
- 2) Additional organization involved
- 3) May be difficult to find a partner that has the resources to cover non-opioid expenses

**If the Commission does not wish to pursue the Paramedicine Program....**

**The following programs would be recommended for funding (listed in order of current recommended priority):**

- 1) Elimination of Employment Barriers**
- 2) Affordable and Supportive Housing**
- 3) Prevention**

# Elimination of Employment Barriers

**Program designed to help those with opioid-related issues find and maintain employment:**

- 1) Employment can be the key to long term recovery.**
- 2) Assistance for transportation, childcare, finding employment and employers understanding of issue.**

# Affordable and Supportive Housing

Program designed to help those with opioid-related issues find and maintain housing:

- 1) Create recovery-ready housing that is affordable, accountable and supportive.
- 2) Work with community partners to provide.

# Prevention

Provide education programs to assist in preventing any opioid-related issues:

- 1) Provide education programs through schools, community groups, and other organizations.
- 2) Provide education programs to and through the medical community.

# Moving Forward

**Upon review of this presentation and direction from the Commission the OSAC will:**

- 1) Review priorities and determine appropriate amount of funding to recommend to the City Commission.**
- 2) Create appropriate grant RFP that will ensure outside partners will provide programs desired by the City with a method to hold them accountable for expenditures.**
- 3) Recommend to the Commission an appropriate grantee selection process that will streamline review and recommendations of organizations to fund while following the current Grant Policy of the City.**

# Questions & Discussion

