

# **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.**



A photograph of the Delray Beach City Hall building, a two-story structure with a light-colored facade and a red-tiled roof. Three flags are flying on tall poles in front of the building: the United States flag in the center, the Delray Beach flag on the left, and the Florida state flag on the right. The building has large arched windows and balconies. Palm trees and other tropical plants are visible in the foreground and around the building. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Questions & Discussion