



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

City/County Opioid Abatement Funding 2024-2025 Priority List recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners approval for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the 2024-2025 City/County Opioid Abatement Fund Priority List (Priority List) for submission to the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The Priority List is aligned with the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement with the Florida Attorney General, commonly referred to as the "Florida Plan."

- Establishing a Priority List annually is a requirement of the Florida Plan to receive City/County Opioid Abatement Funding.
- The County has identified the following 2024-2025 Priority List:
 - 1.) Expansion of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services.
 - 2.) Medication Assisted Treatment Distribution and Other Opioid Related Treatment.
- City/County Opioid Abatement Funding supports the expansion of the Pinellas Matters Hospital Bridge Program. A program manager has been hired to oversee the program, and a solicitation was released that sought proposals to contract with one or more providers of recovery support services. The County is in final negotiations with the top two submitters.
- There is no fiscal impact.
- The Board of County Commissioners previously made decisions regarding City/County Opioid Abatement Funding in the following items: 21-1230A Resolution to negotiate Florida Plan, 23-0857A 2023 Priority List and Municipality Assignments (22-1202D Safety Harbor, 22-1334D Tarpon Springs, 23-0178D Oldsmar, 23-0591D Largo and 23-0966D Seminole).

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

Establishing a Priority List annually is a requirement of the Florida Plan to receive City/County opioid abatement funding. The County has identified the following Priority List:

1. Expansion of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services

2. Medication Assisted treatment “MAT” Distribution and other Opioid Related Treatment

Background Information:

The State of Florida (State) entered into the negotiated opioid litigation settlement agreements. Pinellas County, along with other Florida cities and counties, entered an agreement with the State (the “Florida Plan”) allowing the state to negotiate on the County’s behalf and governs the allocation and use of opioid litigation settlement proceeds.

Pursuant to the Florida Plan, the state has established the City/County Fund to distribute funding directly to municipalities and counties. Five (5) municipalities within Pinellas County: Largo, Oldsmar, Safety Harbor, Seminole, and Tarpon Springs have assigned their City/County Fund distributions to Pinellas County. The assignment of the city funding to Pinellas County reduces duplication of services, reporting, and administration.

Under the Florida Plan, the County is eligible for both County and Regional opioid settlement dollars. Regional settlement dollars will be distributed through competitive solicitation conducted by Pinellas County Human Services with recommendations made by the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board. The City/County Priority List will inform the use of city/county settlement dollars.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Staff Member Responsible:

Karen Yatchum, Director, Human Services

Partners:

Department of Children and Families
City of Tarpon Springs
City of Oldsmar
City of Largo
City of Safety Harbor
City of Seminole

Attachments:

City/County Priority List