Saginaw County Opioid Settlement Fund Request for Funding Application

Non-profit organizations or groups (including 501c3 organizations, schools, churches and other nonprofits) addressing opioid prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery are eligible for funding to support the development, implementation, enhancement, or expansion of programs. This includes programs addressing substance use disorders, polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. **Request for Opioid Settlement Funds will be accepted on a rolling basis.** Applications must be completed online using the <u>Saginaw County Opioid Settlement Fund Request</u> <u>Application.</u>

The goal of this opportunity is to serve Saginaw County through development, implementation, enhancement, or expansion of evidence-based strategies or promising practices to prevent and address the adverse impacts of the drug overdose epidemic.

Award of Funds:

- Organizations will be allowed to submit for the amount of funding anticipated to perform the work of the program/project.
- Organizations shall be prepared to present their funding request to the Overdose Prevention and Response Funding subcommittee.
- Given the number of requests anticipated to be received, organizations <u>may not</u> be granted the full amount of funding requested.
- If the indirect costs in your exceed more than 25% of your budget, you are required to provide detailed justification.
- Organizations awarded funding are required to:
 - a. Ensure utilization of funds supplements, rather than supplants, existing funding.
 - b. Ensure all funds are used in alignment with <u>Exhibit E</u> and the definition of opioid remediation.
 - c. Provide an annual report and final report which includes data on program outputs, outcomes, impact, and effectiveness, to the Board of Commissioners.
 - Organizations should be prepared to provide an oral presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

Requirements:

- Proposal Priorities
 - a) Utilize funds to serve those in Saginaw County.
 - b) Focus on individuals and communities most profoundly impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions (SUD/MH)
 - c) Organizations may be requested to provide a copy of the following:

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- o Articles of Incorporation
- o Bylaws
- o Budget Balance Sheet or Most recent Audit of Financials
- o Proof of Insurance
- o Licenses and Certifications

Allowable Uses of Funds & Funding Restrictions:

Specific to the J&J, Distributor, CVS, Teva, Allergan and Walmart settlements, funds must be spent on opioid remediation. Opioid Remediation is defined as,¹ Care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to (1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, (2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or (3) mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic.

Activities must meet the definition of opioid remediation, be evidence-based strategies²³ or promising practices and align with allowable uses outlined by Exhibit E.⁴ These strategies include:

Core Strategies (See Exhibit E - Schedule A: Core Strategies for More Information and Examples):

- 1. Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses.
- 2. Medication-assisted treatment ("mat") distribution and other opioid-related treatment.
- 3. Pregnant & postpartum women
- 4. Expanding treatment for neonatal abstinence syndrome ("NAS")
- 5. Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
- 6. Treatment for incarcerated population
- 7. Prevention programs
- 8. Expanding syringe service programs
- 9. Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state

Approved Uses for Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, and Harm Reduction (<u>See Exhibit E –</u> <u>Schedule B: Approved Uses For More Information and Examples</u>):

¹ <u>https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/</u>

² https://www.lac.org/assets/files/TheOpioidEbatement-v3.pdf

³ https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pubs/2018-evidence-based-strategies.pdf

⁴ https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-

Agreement-8-11-21.pdf

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- 1. Prevention/Recovery
 - Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids.
 - Prevent misuse of opioids.
 - Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction).
- 2. Treatment/Recovery
 - Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
 - Support people in treatment and recovery
 - Connect people who need help to the help they need (connections to care)
 - Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons.
 - Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with NAS.
- 3. Other Strategies
 - Supporting first responders
 - Training on how to respond to overdoes.
 - Support for secondary trauma for responding to overdoses.
 - Leadership, planning and coordination.
 - Training
 - Research

Selection and Award Process

- 1. All proposals submitted must include the completed <u>online request for proposals</u> <u>document</u>, completed detailed work plan, completed budget and budget justification, and any other requested documents.
- **2.** Organizations shall be prepared to present their funding request to the Overdose Prevention and Response Funding subcommittee.
- **3.** Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the Overdose Prevention and Response Funding subcommittee.

Any organization interested in requesting funds from the Opioid Settlement Fund must complete the online funding request using this link: <u>Saginaw County Opioid Settlement Fund Request Application</u>.

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Proposals may be submitted on an ongoing basis with proposals being reviewed quarterly by the Overdose Prevention and Response Funding Subcommittee. Review of proposals will occur in March, June, September, and December. Notice of award is expected to occur by the month following the quarterly review. (If your proposal was reviewed in March, you will be notified of award in April). Following the notice of award, organizations will be contacted to initiate the contract process with the County of Saginaw.

Funding Request Review and Scoring:

All requests for funding will be scored based on the following:

- 1. Did the organization provide a complete application including detailed intervention description, work plans budget, and timeframes?
- 2. The funding request clearly describes what the project is and its goals.
 - a. The problem or issue the program/project will address is clearly stated.
 - b. How the organization plans to implement the program/project is clearly stated.
 - c. Intended outcomes/impacts are clearly stated.
- 3. The funding request clearly describes the community need(s) addressed by the project.
 - a. Does the organization provide data showing the need for this program/ project?
 - b. Is the target population identified? Demographics, including socioeconomic status, gender, age, ethnicity, languages, disabilities etc., of the community being served are identified.
 - c. How the community/participants will benefit from the program/project is clearly stated.
- 4. The funding request clearly describes how the project will address, prevent, or reduce overdoses in Saginaw County.
 - a. Does the intervention save lives?
 - b. Is the intervention evidenced-based or a promising practice?
 - c. Does the intervention invest in youth?
 - d. Does the intervention have a focus on racial equity?
- 5. The funding request clearly describes a plan for sustainability.
- 6. The funding request clearly describes the plan to measure project success.

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The following information must be completed in full using the <u>online funding request</u> form.

Proposal Information	
Organization Name:	
Address:	
Contact Phone:	Contact E-mail:
Program/Project Information	
Program/Project Title:	
Amount Requested:	
Total Project Cost:	
Project Start Date Project End Date:	

- Organizational Description (maximum of 250 words)
 - 1. Briefly describe your organization's mission/vision.

Program/Project Overview:

- 1. Please select the core strategy that your proposal address. Check all that apply.
 - Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses.
 - Medication-assisted treatment ("mat") distribution and other opioid-related treatment.
 - Pregnant & postpartum women
 - Expanding treatment for neonatal abstinence syndrome ("NAS")
 - Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
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- 2. Describe the project and its goals. What are you planning to do? What do you need to do to accomplish this? What are the outcomes you hope to achieve?

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- 3. Describe the community need(s) addressed by the project.
- 4. Describe how the project will address, prevent, or reduce overdoses in Saginaw County?
- 5. **Ongoing efforts**: Is this, or will this become an ongoing project? If so, please describe how you will support it in the future.
- 6. Evaluation: Describe how you plan to measure your project's success.
- 7. Work Plan/Timeline: Specify the activities to be completed and the timeline for completion.
- 8. **Budget:** How do you plan to use these funds? Complete and attach the budget Template provided. If indirect costs exceed more than 25% of your total budget please include additional justification for this section.