

Opioid Settlement -Background and Proposal

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Settlement Background

- Overview of Opioid Settlement MDL 2021:
 - Defendants: Johnson & Johnson and big 3 pharmaceutical distributors, AmerisourceBergen Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., and McKesson Corp.
 - Total settlement amount is \$26 billion over 18 years
 - Louisville Metro Government will receive approx. \$30 million
- Future opioid settlements: Kentucky Opioid Abatement Fund determines how Kentucky distributes future opioid settlements.
 - 50% of funds will be distributed through the Kentucky's Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission.
 - The other half goes to local governments, with Jefferson County's share being roughly 15% of Kentucky's disbursement.
- Approved uses: treatment, prevention, and strategies to assist opioid related problems.

Proposal Development Process

Approved uses for the settlement



- 3 overarching categories: treatment, prevention, other strategies for addressing substance use
- 112 evidence-based strategy examples

National principles for the use of funds from the opioid litigation



- Spend money to save lives
- Use evidence to guide spending
- Invest in youth prevention
- Focus on residents most impacted
- Develop a fair process and transparent process for deciding where to spend the funding

Input from groups that touch different parts of the epidemic

- Town hall
- Roundtable discussion

Proposal Summary

 Goals: Increase opportunities for everyone to live their healthiest life and reach their full human potential by investing in evidence-based solutions for substance use prevention and addressing the needs of people who experience the greatest barriers to accessing harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

• Total funds for years 1 and 2: \$3.5 million

Proposal Details

Promote long-term recovery by increasing the number of people in treatment and the number of people who continue treatment.

\$2,622,000.00

- Bolster mobile intervention and treatment to increase accessibility of recovery services.
- Provide transportation assistance to reduce barriers to accessing treatment providers.
- Fortify housing first model to increase pathways to permanent supportive housing for people who use substances and are unhoused.
- Establish **community-based reentry** roles to provide **comprehensive wrap-around services** that increase continuation of treatment post incarceration.
- Increase evidence-based treatments available to people housed at LMDC by expanding the medication options and care provided.

Save lives by decreasing overdose deaths and reducing the risk of future substance use.

\$744,000.00

- Expand access to free naloxone and overdose prevention education by increasing the number of locations where it is available.
- Grow the harm reduction services program by increasing the number of community partners and locations participating.
- Develop and implement **primary prevention** programs to prevent future substance use in youth.

Support transformative change by utilizing a transparent and collaborative approach to address the toll of substance use and the underlying root causes.

\$134,000.00

- Ensure effective management of opioid settlement by generating data on project outcomes and coordination among service providers.
- Build **community-focused process** for identifying priorities for future disbursements.