



# **Opioid Settlement Funds**

## **Presentation and Draft Plan**

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# Settlement Overview

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- **Opioid Settlement**

- The Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement (IOAA) was approved by the Attorney General and by all Illinois Counties with a population over 250,000. (December 2021)
- National settlements were reached with the Janssen group (J&J) of companies and distributors. (January 2022)
- Distributions were not anticipated to arrive before late Fall 2022.
- Settlement Agreements provide that the “intent of the parties”, settlement funds were to be used for “Opioid Remediation”.
  - If funds are not used for remediation, the amounts and uses would need to be reported to the Settlement Fund Administrator.

# Definition - Opioid Remediation

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- **“Opioid Remediation”** means 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 the opioid abuse crisis, including on those injured as a result of the opioid abuse crisis.

*\*Examples for use can be found in the Illinois Settlement Agreement, Exhibit B, pages 31-45.*

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- **Initial Funding**

- Estimated to receive approximately \$215,000 per year for 18 years
- As of August 25, 2023, received the first 5 years of payments \$1,552,141.80
- Total estimated at \$3.9 M for 18 years
- First payment received October 2022

- **Additional Funding**

- Pending settlement agreements and litigation will add to this total as they are received, including settlement of the Purdue Pharma litigation presently pending in the federal court system.
- Opportunity to also apply to the State for funding (State will have \$88 M per year to utilize/grant out).

- **Reporting committee** - Health and Community Services Committee.

# Opioid Program Coordinator



## **Opioid Program Coordinator** – \$70,000 plus benefits

- Responsible for coordinating the County's Opioid Activities in compliance with the Settlement Agreement.
- These are the six priorities that the coordinator will focus on:
  1. Coordinate the County's substance use-related activities, including funding, resource development, and service coordination;
  2. Develop a process to provide grants for agencies and service providers working on the ground in the community with individuals who use drugs and their families (recommend following a similar format as the HCDC);
  3. Based on a gap analysis, identify existing capacity/limitations, and pathways to increase prevention, care and support capacity per the Lake County Opioid Initiative (LCOI) strategic goal;
  4. Identify pathways to increase prevention, care, and support capacity countywide; and
  5. Enhance deflection and diversion initiatives;
  6. Enhance education regarding substance abuse and treatment options.

# Opioid Education Program

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- **Opioid Education Program – ROE** - \$46,000
  - **NARCAN Training** to all school districts
  - **Professional Development** for educators and staff
  - **Drug Education in a Box** – lesson plans, resources and plans for schools to implement by January 2024
  - **Presentations** at local school districts
  - **Fairs for local school districts**



# Questions