



February 23, 2026

The Honorable Kevin Carrico
President, Jacksonville City Council
117 West Duval Street, Suite 425
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: FY 2026-2027 Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants Program Funded Categories

Council President,

On behalf of the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee, I want to thank you for the continued opportunity to support the City of Jacksonville in stewarding its opioid settlement funds through the Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants (OSPG) Program. Since early 2024, these funds have enabled the City of Jacksonville to address the devastating impact of the opioid crisis on our local community, the state of Florida, and the nation.

The Committee is encouraged by the essential work carried out across Jacksonville to address opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health conditions. These awarded agencies are advancing prevention efforts, expanding access to evidence-based treatment, and strengthening recovery support through innovative approaches. We look forward to tracking the measurable outcomes of these programs and their continued services to the community.

On February 23, 2026, the Committee convened to review and determine percentage allocations for the funded categories for the FY 2026-2027 grant cycle. After discussion, the Committee recommends maintaining the following percentage allocations for the upcoming grant cycle: Prevention (34%), Treatment (33%), and Recovery (33%). These percentages will be applied to the OSPG Program budget once determined in April 2026. The Committee remains committed to evaluating program performance and community impact to ensure future funding recommendations are data-driven, responsive, and aligned with the City's needs.

During this same meeting, the Committee discussed the process by which agencies shall be awarded for the upcoming FY 2026-2027 grant cycle. The Committee recommends utilizing the grant application process outlined in Part 3 of Chapter 84, rather than via a Request for Proposal pursuant to Chapter 126.

Should you wish to discuss these recommendations, please contact Madelaine A. Zarou, Opioid Abatement Manager, at mazarou@coj.net.

Respectfully submitted,


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