

Opioid Settlement Committee

Minutes

December 3, 2024

4:00 P.M.

Motion to approve agenda made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Palmer

Nomination to elect Commissioner Vandergriff as Chair by Commissioner Isbel, seconded by Commissioner Foster

Nomination to elect Commissioner Foster as Vice Chair by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Isbel

Jennifer Tourville gave presentation

Motion to move \$2500 of Opioid Funds for advertising by Commissioner Beauchamp, seconded by Foster

Motion to adopt timeline for disbursement of first funds; approve the application, for non-profits, for profit agencies and governmental departments to complete application process for all Opioid Settlement money by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Beauchamp

Discussion that application and information pertaining to Opioid Settlement funds will be included on the county website.

Motion to have Law Director to amend current Resolution with updated application and changes made by committee Commissioner Beauchamp, seconded by Foster

Discussion that a separate email will be set up for Opioid Settlement inquiries

Motion to place a \$60,000 limit on applications for projects by Commissioner Beauchamp and seconded by Commissioner Isbel

Next meeting January 7 @4:00 in room 312

Adjourn

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Press Release:

Due to the extensive damage and loss of life caused by the opioid crisis that was brought on by the unethical and over-prescribing of opioid medications, the state of Tennessee will be receiving over 1 billion over 18 years in settlement funds from several large corporations. Anderson County has been allocated a portion of these funds, which will be received in annual payments. The county has established the Anderson County Opioid Settlement Committee to oversee the spending of these funds to ensure they are used to remediate the opioid crisis and save lives. The committee invites community organizations to apply for these funds annually.

The selection process for funding will utilize a competitive process, and the number of awards will be dependent on the amount of funds available for annual allocation. The amount of funds available, the dates of application submissions and awards will differ annually. The amount of funds available for the 2024 funding cycle will be \$425,159.28 and proposals will be accepted between January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025.

Applications will be accepted from any organization that serves residents of Anderson County but will only be distributed to those that provide services that fall within the approved remediation uses set forth by the TN Opioid Abatement Council. If an applying organization is located outside of Anderson County, funds will only be awarded to that organization if they are used to serve Anderson County residents. The Anderson County Opioid Board will dispense funds in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations that counties must adhere to when allocating funds to community organizations.

Anderson County Opioid Settlement Committee will review and score all applications received. The board will consider scores, along with other factors, to make funding decisions. These factors may include county priorities, community needs, funds available, cost-effectiveness, and federal and state regulations. The maximum amount an organization can apply for is \$60,000 per project. More than one application may be submitted by organizations.

Applications and information pertaining to the Opioid Settlement funds is available on the Anderson County website <https://andersoncountyttn.gov>. The County Mayor and County Commission will have final approval of any funding recommendations provided by the Opioid Settlement Committee.

Notice of award is expected to occur by March 31, 2025. Following the notice of award, the organizations will be contacted to discuss the contract process and specific metrics that must be reported back to the county. The funding period will be 12 months in duration beginning April 1, 2025 unless an alternative project start date is agreed upon by the awardee and Anderson County Finance Director.

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