

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Review Process for FY2028

PROCESS:

Review Process: Each calendar year prior to its review of any Opioid Abatement Special Fund (OSAF) funding proposals, the Committee shall review its process for collecting and reviewing such proposals. The process may be revised each calendar year but, except when needed to provide clarification, the process may not be revised after the Committee begins its review of OSAF funding proposals.

Part 1: Status update on programs and initiatives intended for annual funding

1. Invite the four initiatives that were previously identified in statute as intended for annual funding to come to the Committee and present on their program outcomes and other information as requested by the Committee.
2. Committee uses information to assess effectiveness, long-term sustainability, and the appropriateness of the Opioid Abatement Special Fund as a funding source.
3. Committee reviews and discusses whether to recommend continued annual funding, whether there is sufficient carryforward, and/or whether to recommend against continued funding.
4. Consult with the Attorney General's Office about whether the proposed recommendations are allowable uses of the Funds

Part 2: Status update on initiatives that have previously received funding but statutes do not indicate intended annual funding (through FY 2028)

1. Invite the State and programs/initiatives to come to the Committee and present on the status of the funded projects, outcomes and/or barriers to initiating the programs, sustainability plans, and planned timelines for startup/full implementation.
2. Committee uses information to assess effectiveness, long-term sustainability, and the appropriateness of the Opioid Abatement Special Fund as a funding source.

Part 3: Assessment of total potential remaining funds

1. The Committee will review the total remaining available funding and long-term sustainability in relation to potential future revenues.
2. Committee votes on which programs to recommend. For FY 2028, these recommendations will only be for initiatives that have been previously identified in statute as intended for annual funding. Recommendations will include
 - a. Continued funding, and amount

- b. Carryforward and future consideration of continued funding
- c. End of funding
- d. Return of funding

Part 4: Draft Letter and Submit Recommendations

1. Department shall draft a letter reflecting the Committee's recommendations for continued funding, information about outcomes and sustainability, and the estimated projection of future funding pressures and availability.
2. Committee will review and vote on whether to decline, revise, or approve the letter.
3. Department will submit final approved letter to the Department, the Governor, and the required legislative committees.