

OPIOID COMMITTEE

Opioid Settlement Fund Plan

August 2025

OVERVIEW

The Opioid Committee was formed to make recommendations to the Wabash County Council regarding requested uses of the Opioid Settlement Funds received. The funds are governed by Ind. Code §4-6-15. The Committee is made up of community members appointed by the Wabash County Council. The Committee will accept applications submitted for Opioid Settlement Funds, review them and make a recommendation for approval or decline to the Wabash County Council. The final decision on all applications is the responsibility of the Wabash County Council.

The committee's focus should include understanding the problem, identifying the needs of the community, exploring activities and evidence-informed initiatives that like communities have implemented, and gathering local input. The Committee will also utilize a county wide Community Health Needs Assessment conducted in 2025.

The Committee has adopted the following principles to guide spending.

- Spend the money to save lives.
- Use evidence to guide spending.
- Invest in youth prevention.
- Develop a fair and transparent process for deciding where to spend the funding.
- Commitment to transparency in funding decisions.
- Consider existing infrastructure in the county.

PROCESS

Any organization wanting to utilize funds must complete the application completely and submit it to the committee through the Wabash County Auditor's office. Applications can be found on the Wabash County webpage (in.gov/counties/Wabash), Opioid Settlement Funds. Completed applications must be submitted to the Wabash County Auditors office electronically or in person. (Auditor@wabashcounty.in.gov).

The committee will review all applications quarterly. They may meet more frequently, depending on the number and timing of requests submitted. The committee will make recommendations to the Wabash County Council regarding funding of each proposal. The Wabash County Council will review the recommendation (and applications as appropriate) at one of their regularly scheduled meetings. The applicant may be required to attend a County Council meeting to present their application and proposal in person. The Wabash County Council will make the final decision on all applications.

The Auditors Office will notify the applicant of all decisions made by the County Council.

Funding will be paid on a schedule determined by the Opioid Committee, with input from the County Council (quarterly, annual, one time, etc.). All applicants that receive funding must submit a report of spending quarterly to the Wabash County Auditor's office. Reports must be received no later than the following dates: January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1.

The Committee, through the Wabash County Auditor's Office, will report annually to the state as required per Indiana Code.

Attachments:

- Application for Opioid Settlement Funds
- Exhibit E - List of Opioid Remediation Activities

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