

Proposed Use of Opioid Settlement Funds

Presentation to County Council

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Attachment A



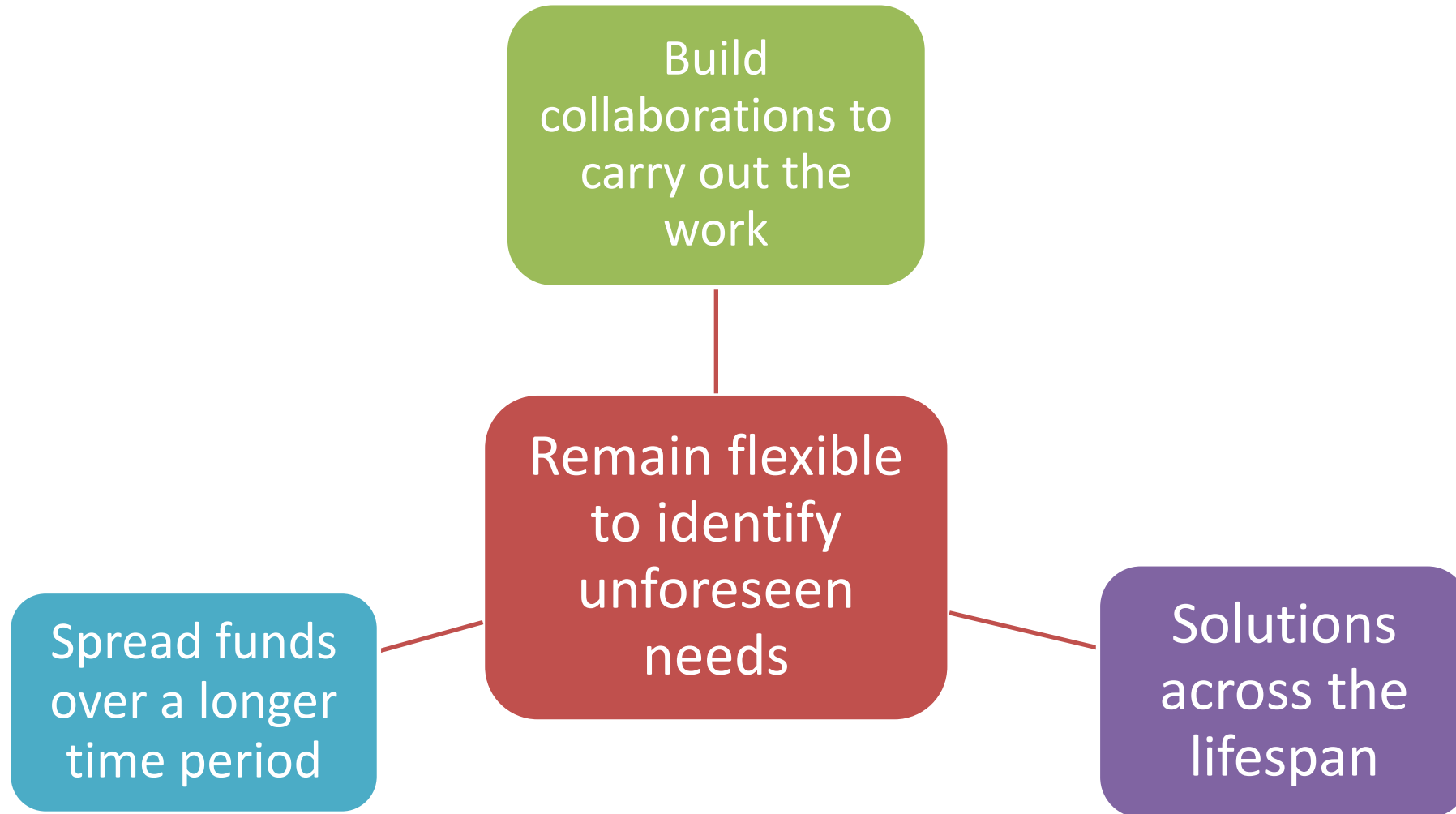
Overview

- Lawsuit settlement funds distributed to states; each state determines its own implementation plan
- Total to Los Alamos County to date: \$761,000
- May not reimburse expenses incurred prior to the settlements
- Must follow state laws

Overview

- Must align with “Opioid Related Expenditures”
 - Prevention and Harm Reduction
 - Treatment
 - Recovery supports
 - Professional development for County staff
- Priority should be given to evidence-based strategies

Best Practices Learned from Tobacco Settlements



Informed Discussions over the Past Year:

- Social Services, Courts, Detention and Police Dept
- Los Alamos Public Schools, local non-profit organizations, Los Alamos Medical Center
- Community Conversations, and other events
- Los Alamos County Health Council

Implementing Best practices

1. Broaden access to Narcan
2. Enrich prevention services
3. Expand harm reduction programs
4. Improve treatment in jails and post-release
5. Fund wraparound and recovery services
6. Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder
7. Provide treatment and supports during pregnancy and post-partum period
8. Expand services for neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome
9. Ensure data collection

From: Primer on Spending Funds from the Opioid Litigation, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2023

Expand Prevention Services and Harm Reduction Programs

- Expand prevention services through amended MOA with the Los Alamos Public Schools
- Contract to provide evidence-based trainings to interested community members, first responders, medical and behavioral health personnel
- Create targeted outreach and education events for specific groups, including youth and older adults

Improve Treatment Options at Detention Center

- Implement online treatment options for people who are incarcerated at the Los Alamos Detention Center
 - Supports treatment goals for those who want to begin / continue recovery process before release
 - Supports reduction in recidivism rates

Address Recovery Supports

- Implement services that support recovery post-treatment and/or post-detention
 - Contract for a Certified Peer Specialist position
 - Expands wraparound services that help support people in recovery

Professional Development

- Training and Professional Development needs of County staff
 - To enhance knowledge of best practices to best serve individuals in need

Reserves

- Fund to assist with unforeseen needs

Additional Notes

- Addressing gaps identified in Community Health Care Quality and Accessibility survey in the Comprehensive Health Plan
 - Working with regional partners
- Collecting data to define success
 - Number of people trained; pre- and post- surveys increasing knowledge
 - Utilization data

Estimated costs

Description	Category	Cost per Year	5 Year Cost
Expand Prevention Specialist services at LAPS	Prevention	\$75,000	\$375,000
Provide evidence-based trainings	Prevention	\$27,000	\$135,000
Expand outreach / educational events	Prevention	\$5,000	\$25,000
Provide online treatment options to those in Detention Center	Treatment	\$5,000	\$25,000
Expand recovery services	Treatment / Post-Treatment Support	\$30,000	\$150,000
Professional Development for staff		\$5,000	\$25,000
Reserve fund		\$5,000	\$25,000
		\$152,000	\$760,000