
[Draft] Fw: Work Study Session on Opioid Settlement Funds

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Subject: Work Study Session on Opioid Settlement Funds

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Gentlemen: In light of the upcoming work study session on the use of opioid settlement funds, I am attaching the guidelines for use of the funds. I am also attaching information regarding proposals for funds for Christian County Treatment Court and a Christian County sober living facility.

I appreciate your interest in supporting efforts to reduce the impact of opioids and other substances on our community. Thank you.

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PROPOSALS FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Christian County Treatment Court

Treatment Court is an effective, evidence-based treatment program for high risk, high need substance addicted criminal offenders. The participants in treatment court have a long history of addiction to opioids and other substances. Because treatment court is a very intense treatment program, many participants graduate successfully even though they have failed to be successful in other treatment programs. Below is a list of treatment courts operated by Christian County with the number of current participants:

Drug Court	20
DWI Court	27
Co-occurring Court	16
Veterans' Court	12
Total	75

We hope to add a Family Drug Court.

There are several reasons why people who would otherwise qualify for treatment court are not able to participate, including the lack of transportation and lack of housing. Many of our participants are also in desperate need of medical, mental health and dental treatment. Untreated physical, mental and dental conditions are a huge obstacle to recovery. Additionally, participants cannot afford to license their vehicles, obtain their GED, return to school, etc. A participant assistance fund would allow treatment court to provide Uber gift cards, deposits for sober living facilities or other housing, physical and mental treatment, necessities such as clothing and hygiene items, repair and license vehicles, obtain their GED or attend vocational or college classes.

This year all treatment courts statewide received a significant cut in budgeted funding for next year. The Christian County budget for FY26 is \$211,264.28, but the budget for FY27 is \$183,852.01, for a reduction of \$27,412.27. We have found the state budget does not allow expansion of our treatment courts.

Proposals for Treatment Court:

1. Annual supplement of treatment county budget: \$40,000/year
2. Participant assistance fund: \$10,000/year
3. Family Drug Court: \$10,000 one-time commitment to begin program

Christian County Sober Living Facility—Common Solutions

Common Solutions is the only sober living program offered in Christian County. Many of our substance addicted defendants reside at Common Solutions. It is operated by Jimmy Smothers. Common Solutions is very important to Christian County's response to opioid and substance addiction.

Proposals for Common Solutions:

1. Two preowned vehicles for transportation of residents: \$80,000
2. Repair and maintenance of facilities: to be determined

Emails from other counties on use of settlement funds

From: Joseph Purschke/20/Courts/Judicial
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Subject: Opioid Settlement Funding

Good morning,

Here in Franklin County, with cooperation of our commissioners, we divide the proceeds up among the local stakeholders in the non-profit recovery community.

PreventEd which funds a Certified Peer Support program for our area,

Foundations for Franklin County, a drug prevention/education program for youth.

"CRUSH" is an annual teen drug summit education program,

Franklin County Alternative Court programs, (Drug Court, DWI Court, Co-Occurring Court, Family Treatment Court)

We've added two caseworkers to augment the supervision component of our treatment courts, effectively expanding our services to 70 additional participants.

Franklin County Sheriffs Department has used funds to support officer liaisons provided to our treatment courts and to provide drug related medical services in the jail.

In Gasconade County, funding is used to help support a nonprofit that provides sober living houses.

I'd be happy to talk more about this if you have any questions,

Thanks,

Judge Joe

From: Lori Jones/44/Courts/Judicial
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Subject: Opioid Funds Utilized in Wright County

We have given money to the Pregnancy Resource Center, aided in purchasing a van for a sober living program (paid to the dealership), paid for SIM Workshop lunch, given money to Sheriff's Department to help purchase Nartec, pay for a portion of Omnigo to aid in tracking cases, reimburse for CIT Training and a portion of wages to keep them on staff that can identify OUD and SUD/MH to obtain help and services.

We were also going to allocate some of the funds to aid in the down payment of a house for a sober living home, but that was never done due to the home catching on fire prior to the sale becoming final.

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Subject: Re: Question re programs for defendants with substance abuse disorder

We've had success using funds to support our pretrial program - transportation for drug related offenders, treatment program fees, pretrial training/conferences for staff, urinalysis cups, etc.

Hope that helps!
-Zh

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