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TO: Honorary Board of Supervisors
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Cc: David A. Livingston, County Counsel

FROM: Jim Diel, Chief Assistant Director, HHSA 

SUBJECT: Opioid Settlement Panel Award Recommendations

I am writing to provide the Board information on the result of the rating panel's recommendations for the opioid settlement funding for funds received by El Dorado County through the Department of Health Care Services disbursement process in the Spring of 2023. As noted in the earlier memo describing the award process titled "Opioid Settlement Grant Review Process" sent on August 31, 2023, applications were solicited June 15, 2023 and all were identified as meeting essential criteria. Applicants were notified of their continued participation in the competitive procurement process on August 15, 2023 and the rating panel completed their review of applicant submissions on September 15, 2023.

Given the need for rapid development of a process to disburse these funds to the community, and the unique nature of the guidelines provided for this process by the National Settlement Administrator and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), we recommend to move forward with proportionate funding to all applicants based on their amount requested and the funds available for a single year period. In future cycles of this funding, the recommendation is that El Dorado County develop a strategic framework for these funds with overarching goals to guide priorities at a local level within the restrictions provided for expenditure such as "high impact abatement activities" (HIAA) along with defined outcome measures to ensure effectiveness of the proposed programming.

For the current year, the opioid settlement funding received was \$1,688,059. After adjusting for the 10% administrative costs of HHSA (\$168,806) and with the additional required adjustment of the 15% required plaintiff's subdivision fund (\$253,209), there remains \$1,266,044 available for disbursement to community providers. The dollar amount difference between this and the previous memo on the opioid settlement funding can be accounted for due to Fair Market Value adjustment, accrued interest, and required plaintiff's subdivision fund withholding.

The committee considered 8 applications, with a total request of over \$2 million in year-one funding. The committee rated each application using standardized criteria developed in response to the provided HIAA standards. The committee will recommend to the Board of Supervisors that partial funding be awarded to all applications, based on the amount available. This results in each provider receiving approximately 60% of the requested funding

in their original application. No Year-2 funding is being recommended to provide sufficient time to allow for development of a strategic framework and procurement process based on that direction. Please see the below table for details.

	Program Title	Amount Requested	Funds Recommended
Provider Requested		YR 1	
Marshall	Bridges to Opioid Treatment Program	\$533,220.00	\$322,887.77
Barton	Substance Use Navigator (SUN) program	\$410,000.00	\$248,296.00
El Dorado Community Foundation ACCEL-COPE	ACCEL Technical Assistance Program for Opioid Remediation	\$90,200.00	\$54,625.12
El Dorado County Sheriff's Office	S.C.H.I.E.L.D./L.E.A.D collaborative school resource program	\$218,000.00	\$132,020.80
Mountain High Recovery Center	South Lake Tahoe substance use education and early intervention program	\$128,500.00	\$77,819.60
El Dorado County Probation Department	Outreach Engagement Program (OEP)	\$318,693.00	\$193,000.48
Recovery Action Services	Perinatal Recovery Residence Services	\$62,000.00	\$37,547.20
Summitview Child & Family Services Inc.	Summitview Opioid Prevention Project	\$330,000.00	\$199,848.00
		\$2,090,613.00	\$1,266,044.97

The above chart references the amount requested by each provider, for Year 1 of opioid settlement funding, and the proportionate amount recommended based on available funding in response. Multi-year requests for this project were not recommended for ongoing funding, out of a desire to develop the strategic framework before considering future funding cycles. All applicants were determined to meet the eligibility requirements for funding by the review committee, and the services provided cover a range of community awareness, existing service expansion, outreach and engagement activities, school-based services, and treatment options that will target community needs in both the West Slope and South Lake Tahoe regions of El Dorado County.

Following negotiation and contract development with the successful applicants, staff will bring their recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration in early 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the community through this grant process, and please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.