

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Opioid Federal Money

Question: (from Snyder County)

Could Chiefs provide examples on how they are utilizing the Federal Opioid money that most counties have received? I believe this money will continue for the next 18 years and I wanted to know if any counties are doing anything specific with this money within their departments.

Beaver County

In Beaver County, the money is controlled by our single county authority (beaver county behavioral health). It has not been offered to other departments at this time.

Bucks County

In Bucks County, the money is also controlled and distributed by our County Drug and Alcohol Department (Single County Authority). Our department was granted full funding (salary and fringe) for one of our Drug Court officers.

Chester County

In Chester County the money is controlled and distributed by our County Drug and Alcohol Department (Single County Authority). We in APO have requested and received money to offset testing for opioids and Fentanyl. We use Averhealth and have added an Opiate and Fentanyl test to every sample being tested.

Delaware County

We are similar to Franklin County. There was a committee committed. This committee met with stakeholders, providers, organizations, communities, etc. and conducted surveys. Proposals were submitted by an agency and voted on to determine funding.

Franklin County

Our SCA organized a committee from various stakeholders: County, treatment providers, non-profit recovery organizations, and homes, and put a survey out on funding needs for recovery and prevention efforts. The committee meets to determine what is going to be funded based on the survey. So far the following ideas have been submitted:

- Funding a bridge device from a local D&A provider for withdrawal symptoms
- Recovery home requesting funds for expansion for more bed space.
- Our Jail requesting funds to expand its MAT program.
- Recovery organization asking for a van to assist with transportation
- Proposal from the SCA for a ROSC Specialist position.

Juniata County

We have an Opioid Settlement Advisory Council that meets every quarter. Our SCA is responsible for the coordination and administration of the funds and covers Juniata, Mifflin, and Huntingdon Counties. Currently monies are budgeted for a warm line/crisis line 24/7, MAT

access in the county prison, anti-stigma campaign, staff training, translation devices for various departments, and a forensic case manager that goes into the prison and probation offices.

Lebanon County

In Lebanon County the Director of Lebanon County Drug and Alcohol determines how to spend the money, with final approval by the Commissioners depending on the project.

The prison utilized funds to enhance MATs. Our department has an SUD position that is funded with some of the money. Individuals who are identified with SUD or OUD, can be co-occurring, are placed on this caseload. These individuals are not participants in any of our Treatment Courts. It is a small caseload so the officer can devote time to addressing needs. Pays for salary and most benefits. Unsure what else they utilize funds to support.

Lehigh County

Lehigh County's Federal Opioid money is controlled by our District Attorney's office. We have no control over the money, but we can request funds for such things as drug testing and drug evaluations.

Westmoreland County

In Westmoreland County the money is controlled and distributed by the Human Services Department with the Board of Commissioners approval and after the state's Board of Trustees approval, of course. I have discussed using these dollars to fund our Drug Treatment Court and also to pay for drug testing supplies. Although this has not occurred as of yet, it was further explained to me that these funds are going to be used more for "treatment", not "enforcement", which may limit the use of these dollars for our department.

York County

York County also established an opioid settlement board. Funds were released through a grant application process. Probation applied on behalf of our reentry coalition to provide furniture and marketing for our soon to open Reentry Opportunity Center. We also partnered with a local homeless outreach agency to hire a CRS through them to do homeless outreach and diversion for individuals who are struggling with SUD/OD and are homeless.