# Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

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Purpose: This volunteer committee's primary objective is to review proposed projects based on the Maine State Attorney General's office Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation and to make recommendations on project approval to the Franklin County Commissioners. The expectation is the Committee will meet quarterly as needed to review applications.

Information: Franklin County has or is to receive roughly 1.3 million dollars in settlement funds of the next 18 years. These funds come from litigation settlements with drug manufacturers and drug distributors (i.e., CVS, Walgreens, Walmart). These funds are to be used in treating, preventing, and educating in an "evidence based" approach outlined by the Maine Attorney Generals website. All members will familiarize themselves with the Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation and make decisions based on this guidance as well as the impact the project will have on Franklin County.

Members: The volunteer Committee will consist of up to 5 member of the public that have experience in providing recovery services or in opioid recovery in Franklin County. One member will be a Franklin County Commissioner or his/ her designee, and the Franklin County Sheriff or his/her designee. All members who file a volunteer opioid committee application will be interviewed by the Franklin County Commissioners in executive session, and selected members will be appointed by the Franklin County Commissioners at an open and public Commissioner's Meeting.

Roles and Duties: The Opioid Committee will be chaired by a non-voting facilitator. The committee will review application in accordance with the AG's office Principle's for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation guidance. The projects will be reviewed and scored by the committee, and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Franklin County Commissioners for approval of funding at a regular meeting. If a committee member is associated with an organization that is submitting a project and they had any part in the submission of an application, the committee member shall recuse themselves from that round of applications review and scoring meeting. No committee members may write an application for funding from the Opioid Committee.

Meeting Schedules: Applications will be received at any time, however they will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Members who apply should plan to meet quarterly to discuss any applications. If no new applications are received, no meeting will occur. If funding is not available for any round, no consideration of applications will occur and the applicants will be notified that funding is not available.