



STAFF MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 11, 2026
TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Holly Harris, Health Services Director
RE: FY 2027 Opioid Settlement Funds Request

1. Amount Requested:

- Naloxone - \$37,030

2. Applicable Eligibility Category:

- **PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS**
(Part Two, Section G)
Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies
- **CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED**
(Part One, Section C.8)
Support crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital emergency departments for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or persons that have experienced an opioid overdose.
- **NALOXONE OR OTHER FDA-APPROVED DRUG TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES**
(Part 2, Section H)
Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service.

3. Project and how funds would be spent:

Health Services estimates the Prevention Program will have approximately \$70,000 underspent through FY 2028 due to delayed hiring during year 1 of its approved 5-year funding project. Health Services requests this funding be reallocated to the following:

- Appx \$35,000 - 1.0 FTE Qualified Mental Health Associate (embedded with Community Justice) - \$33,210 + \$1,660 (5% indirect). Resources are needed to support continuing

the work from the prior award to cover the impact of pay equity and market analysis through FY28 (the timeline of approved project).

- Appx. \$35,000 - the Health Services Harm Reduction Program will be sunseting June 30, 2026. The loss of this program will impact our ability to access the Clearinghouse for Naloxone at a discounted price. We are requesting resources to purchase naloxone for DCHS to distribute internally to those we serve. The overall Naloxone request is \$68,600, so reallocating \$35,000 from Prevention will assist in covering the need.

The additional request of \$37,030 is the remaining uncovered Naloxone need (\$33,600 plus 5% indirect on all \$68,600 opioid funds).

4. Desired Outcomes/Expected Impacts:

1 FTE – Qualified Mental Health Associate (embedded with Community Justice)

- 90% of all referrals from Community Justice will be offered coordinated care within 7 days of the initial referral.

Bulk Purchase of Naloxone

- Distribute 160 boxes, 320 doses of Naloxone to Health Services consumers and through community outreach and crisis engagement

5. Meeting Representative: Holly Harris and Cheryl Smallman