



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Kari Bastow, Interim Director of Finance & Administration
2. **Department:** Finance & Administration
3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, August 4, 2026
4. **Requested Action:**
Request Board approval to appropriate and award \$141,917.00 in Opioid Settlement funding to the Levy County Prevention Coalition through funds administered by the Lutheran Services Foundation (LSF).
5. **Cost & Funding Source:**
Funding in the amount of \$141,917.00 will be provided through Opioid Settlement funds awarded to the State of Florida and administered locally through Lutheran Services Foundation (LSF). No County General Fund dollars are required.

6. Justification of Request:

The requested funding supports prevention and education initiatives intended to directly address the harms caused by the opioid epidemic through prevention, treatment, harm reduction, recovery support, and youth outreach services. These funds originate from multi-billion-dollar opioid settlements with pharmaceutical distributors, manufacturers, and pharmacy chains.

The Levy County Prevention Coalition serves approximately 800 youth during the school year and approximately 1,300 youth throughout the summer months through evidence-based prevention, mentoring, education, and community engagement programs designed to reduce substance abuse and promote healthy decision-making among youth and families within Levy County.

Programs and initiatives supported by the Coalition include, but are not limited to:

- Know the Law educational programming in partnership with the Levy County Sheriff's Office, providing youth with education on local, state, and national laws and the consequences associated with substance use and related behaviors;
- Friday Night Done Right, a social norming and prevention campaign that provides free, drug-free activities and events for youth throughout the community;
- No One's House, an underage drinking prevention initiative focused on parent and community awareness regarding youth access to alcohol within homes;
- Lunch and Learn Trainings and community education initiatives covering topics such as addiction, substance abuse, adverse childhood experiences, youth mental health, and prevention strategies;
- Prescription Drug Drop-Off Programs coordinated in partnership with the DEA, local law enforcement agencies, and the Levy County Sheriff's Office to encourage safe disposal of unused medications;
- Natural High Programming, which encourages youth to pursue positive alternatives to substance use through school-based clubs, events, and creative activities;

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- Building Today's Youth Mentoring Program, through which Coalition staff and volunteers provide mentoring services and individualized support plans for participating youth.

Approval of this funding allocation will allow the Levy County Prevention Coalition to continue and expand prevention-focused services and educational programming aimed at reducing substance abuse and improving outcomes for youth and families throughout Levy County.