

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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December 15, 2023

Indian River County Sheriff
Captain Angela Rosado-Jones
4055 41st Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32960

19th Judicial Circuit Drug Court
Chief Judge Charles A. Schwab
218 South Second Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Substance Awareness Center
Carrie Maynard-Lester
1507 20th St, 1507 20th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Treasure Coast Homeless Council
Rayme Knuckles
2525 St. Lucie Avenue
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IRC Mental Health Collaborative
Wes Samons
2345 14th Avenue, Suite 5
Vero Beach, Florida 32960

Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network
Amanda Busbin
1070 East Indiantown Road, Suite 408
Jupiter, FL 33477

RE: Indian River County Opioid Class Action Settlement Allocations

Dear Applicants:

Each of you made a presentation to the Indian River County Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (Council) on November 17, 2023. At that time, the Council recommended the following allocations of opioid class action settlement funds:

Organization	Award Amount	Purpose
Indian River County Sheriff	\$350,000	for improvements to the treatment wing
Substance Awareness Center	\$200,000	consisting of \$150,000 for jail treatment program and \$50,000 for a needs assessment study
IRC Mental Health Collaborative	\$40,000	for education, training and public awareness
19 th Judicial Circuit Drug Court	\$305,000	for in and out patient treatment
Treasure Coast Homeless Council	\$282,000	for housing out-patient and jail release housing
Total	\$1,177,000	

The Council's recommendation is contingent on final approval by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (Board). On December 12, 2023, the Board took up the matter of the Council's recommended allocations. After a lengthy discussion on the matter, the Board decided to invite the five applicants recommended for receipt of opioid funds to its regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 9, 2024. The meeting will be held at:

Indian River County Administration Building
County Commission Chambers
Building "A"
1801 27th Street
Vero Beach, FL 32960

The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. The Board has requested the following from each of you:

- A brief presentation (5 minutes or less) on how your organization plans to spend any allocation of funds
- To be prepared for a question and answer session following your presentation
- To provide any back up material on your proposal in advance so it may be included in the Board's agenda package. Please submit this material to me no later than January 2, 2024.

If you plan on making a Powerpoint presentation, please contact me a few days in advance of the meeting so the presentation can be loaded into the computer in the BCC Chambers prior to the meeting. I will provide you with a copy of the Agenda for the January 9, 2024 meeting the Friday before the meeting. As always, if any of you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (772) 226-1426 or by email at bdebral@indianriver.gov

Sincerely,



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