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TO: County Council Members
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SUBJECT: Opioid Recovery Funding Opportunity

At Tuesday's Committee of the Whole meeting, we will be presenting a plan to submit to the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) Board requesting \$3,293,829 from the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Subfund. The request includes \$1,035,270 for the Detention Center, \$50,000 for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and \$2,207,829 for the Phoenix Center and its partners FAVOR and Challenges. The County receives 7% of the total payments into this fund from settlements with companies like AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson, Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Allergan, CVS, Teva, Janssen, Walgreens, and Walmart. As of March 20, 2024, Greenville County's portion of the Guaranteed Political Subdivision Subfund was \$7,922,206.

Greenville County staff have worked for months with internal and external subject matter experts on developing the most comprehensive and inclusionary plan that meet the guidelines for SCORF funding. These funds cannot be used to supplant any existing programs and must be used for the Core Strategies outlined by the Board. These strategies include:

- Naloxone (or other FDA-Approved Drug to reverse opioid overdoses,
- Mediation Assisted Treatment Distribution,
- Expanding Treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome,
- Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services,
- Treatment of Incarcerated Population,
- Prevention Programs,
- Syringe Service Programs, and Evidence based collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the State.

The plan that will be presented includes the core strategies listed above. Phoenix Center's program is a three year request and depending on success there is potential for additional years. The Detention Center and EMS are ongoing requests as long as funding and demonstrated success is shown.

SCORF only approves funding for one year regardless of the length of the project, however additional applications may be presented for each additional year as needed. Funds received must be expended within 12 months of receipt. Greenville County staff will administer and oversee the funding and reporting to SCORF. The anticipated total amount of funding for Greenville County will be approximately \$28,000,000 through 2038.

The Guaranteed Political Subdivision Subfunds have a “use it or lose it” clause that requires funds to be used within three years of deposit or they will be returned to the discretionary pool that has open applications for non-guaranteed political subdivisions. Funding began in 2021 with Greenville County being allocated \$600,104. With this application, the County will be in good standing while meeting the needs of those suffering from Opioid-related issues and illness. We anticipate forging new partnerships and programs in the coming year and look forward to bringing those to you for consideration as well.

We look forward to presenting the overview of the funding and having our partners present their detailed plans to you on Tuesday. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.