

Brad Little
Governor



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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE OPIOID FUND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

August 29, 2025

Dear Governor Little, Senator Grow and Representative Horman,

The Idaho legislature has tasked the Idaho Behavioral Health Council (IBHC) with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Governor and the joint finance-appropriations committee as to how moneys from the state-directed opioid settlement fund should be used. *See I.C. § 57-825.*

In order to make informed recommendations, the council solicited input from state agencies, the courts, private entities, and the public. The IBHC received 66 submissions with 108 individual recommendations.

During the August 22, 2025 meeting, council members discussed priorities for the opioid settlement fund as general spending categories. The IBHC considered 9 spending categories, and members each voted for their top three (3) priorities. After tabulating the votes, the priority categories were ranked as follows:

Top Priority (8 votes)

Prevention and Promotion

High Priorities (6-7 votes)

Treatment

Recovery

Workforce

Next Priorities (5 votes)

Housing

First Responder Support

The attached spreadsheet reflects the specific recommendations and the spending categories to which each was assigned. Each recommendation also identifies the council's understanding of why it is an allowable use from the Opioid Settlement Exhibit A and an assessment of whether the recommendation aligns with the Idaho Behavioral Health Council's current strategic plan. An exact copy of the original submission to the council is linked to each recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the council's recommendations on priorities.

A blue ink signature of Sara Omundson, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line.

Sara Omundson

A blue ink signature of Jared Larsen, written in a cursive style.

Jared Larsen

Attachment

cc: Keith Bybee, Lori Wolff, Juliet Charron