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**Reminder: The deadline is approaching for the Health Department's Request for Participation for the Opioid Settlement Spending Advisory Committee**

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) is reminding residents that the deadline for submitting a Request for Participation (RFP) for the Opioid Settlement Spending Advisory Committee (OSSAC) is next **Friday, February 6**. The Health Department invites community members, organizations, and/or stakeholders to take part in discussions that will inform and guide the spending priorities for opioid-related initiatives in Grand Traverse County.

The OSSAC will provide guidance and recommendations to address the impacts of opioid use through prevention, treatment, harm reduction, recovery supports, and other community-informed strategies. This RFP describes participation expectations, eligibility requirements, and the application process.

How to access the RFP:

- The full Request for Participation is available on our website at [www.gtcountymi.gov/2822/Opioid-Settlement-Spending](http://www.gtcountymi.gov/2822/Opioid-Settlement-Spending) and as a downloadable PDF.

Key details:

- **Deadline** to respond: 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 6, 2026**
- Submit to: Diane Reeder, Grand Traverse County Health Department  
Email: [DReeder@gtcountymi.gov](mailto:DReeder@gtcountymi.gov) | Phone: 231-995-6107

"Inclusive community representation and meaningful input are vital to ensuring opioid-related resources are directed effectively and equitably," said Mike Lahey, Health Officer for the GTCHD. "This opportunity invites community members and partners to help establish priorities, inform our approach, and contribute to the committee's final recommendations."

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