

# Community Conversations Guide

Audience: Policymakers, Local Government, Health Sector, Businesses

## *Main Questions:*

### 1. Current Committee Structure

- What is the current structure of your settlement funds allocation committee?
- How was this structure developed?
- What challenges did you face in forming this decision-making group?
- What aspects of the committee structure and planning process have worked well?

### 2. Abatement Strategy Selection

- What process is used to decide on specific abatement strategies?
- What outcomes does your community aim to achieve with these strategies?
- Did your committee use any resources (literature, policy briefs, surveys, etc.) to inform the selection process? If so, which ones?
- How were the investment amounts determined?
- Were any formal financial or economic analyses conducted before selecting the strategies? If so, what were they?

### 3. Advice for New Committees

- For communities that have not yet started their committee and decision-making process, what advice would you offer?

### 4. Ongoing Resource Needs

- As your community continues to receive funds over the years, what additional resources would be valuable to you?
- Would learning about the successes and failures of strategies in other communities be beneficial?

## *Additional Questions:*

### 5. Transparency and Accountability

- How do you ensure transparency and accountability in the allocation and utilization of settlement funds?

- What mechanisms or processes are in place to ensure that funds are used effectively and ethically?

## 6. Community Input and Feedback

- How do you incorporate community input and feedback into the decision-making process regarding settlement funds allocation and abatement strategies?
- Are there specific mechanisms for community engagement and participation?

## 7. Effectiveness and Impact Assessment

- How do you assess the effectiveness and impact of implemented abatement strategies over time?
- What metrics or indicators are used to measure success or failure?
- Is there a process for evaluating and adjusting strategies based on outcomes?

## 8. Managing Conflicts of Interest

- How do you navigate potential conflicts of interest or competing priorities within the settlement funds allocation committee?
- What strategies are in place to ensure decisions are made in the best interest of the community as a whole?