

Community Conversations Guide

Audience: Policymakers and Government

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 encounter in forming this decision-making group?
- What aspects of the committee structure and planning process have been effective?

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 aid in the abatement strategy selection process? If so, what were they?
- How were the investment amounts determined?
- Were any formal financial or economic analyses conducted prior to strategy selection? If so, what were the analyses?

3. Advice for New Committees

- What advice would you offer to communities that have not yet established their committee and decision-making process?

4. Ongoing Resource Needs

- As your community continues to receive funds over the years, what additional resources would be valuable to you?
- Would it be beneficial to learn about the strategies that succeeded or failed in other communities?