

# Connecticut Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Updates

December 19, 2023

# Municipal Reporting Requirements

- Under Public Act 23-92, the municipalities are to annually report to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee about proceeds received and expended.
- The report was due on or before October 1, 2023. Because this was the first time through the process, we extended the deadlines and worked with partners to enhance participation.

# Summary of the Municipal Reports

- 166 Municipalities Submitted Reports
- Of the reporting municipalities, just over \$1 million has been allocated or spent of nearly \$9.8 million of proceeds received.
- Successes Reported:
  - Collaboration between many towns and departments (police, fire, EMS, local health departments, human services and schools)
  - Expansion of existing programs for continued success
  - Identified short- and long-term projects that would have the most impact on their communities
  - Provided Naloxone to First Responders
  - Training and Education

# OSAC Public Input Portal

- To ensure robust public involvement, OSAC opened a link to receive input from diverse stakeholders regarding recommendations for funding of initiatives to combat the opioid crisis that are evidence-based or a promising practice
- The portal was open for 30 days between October 17 through November 17.
- In that time, we received 132 recommendations. The OSAC Referral Subcommittee is currently reviewing those submissions.

# Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation

- On November 14, OSAC approved its first funding recommendation; a \$500,000 expansion for DPH's Needle and Exchange Program.
- The additional \$500,000 will support needed supplies for programs and other sites where services can be expanded in regions of the state where there are limited to no SSPs currently. This funding can support 4,000 additional SSP clients
- The funding recommendation has been approved by OSAC, OPM, and the Attorney General's Office.

# Next Steps

- Next OSAC meeting January 9, 2024, 10 am- 12 pm via TEAMS
- OSAC Subcommittees continue meeting monthly