

# Connecticut Opioid Settlement Fund

## Update and Approved Recommendations

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council

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# Overview

- Connecticut is expected to receive over \$600 million over 18 years as part of the nationwide opioid litigation settlement agreements with various pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers
- Proceeds will be spent on substance use disorder abatement infrastructure, programs, services, supports, and resources for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction with public involvement, transparency, and accountability
- As of November 19<sup>th</sup>, the State has received a total of \$158,299,575, with funding recommendations having passed for \$21,867,871 leaving a balance in the fund of \$136,431,704.

# Overview of Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC)

- The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) was established to ensure the proceeds received by the state are allocated appropriately
- OSAC is comprised of:
  - State and municipality representatives
  - Treatment providers
  - Persons or family members with lived experience
- Opioid Remediation Recommendations are provided by various community organizations and groups to OSAC, who vets the recommendations via specialty committees, followed by a vote by OSAC members to approve the recommendations

# Opioid Settlement Funding Recommendation Process

- Recommendations for consideration for Opioid Settlement Funding can be submitted to [OSAC@ct.gov](mailto:OSAC@ct.gov)
- Recommendations for Opioid Settlement Funding will be sent to the appropriate Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) subcommittee for review by subject matter experts. If deemed to be appropriate, the recommendation will be vetted and voted on by OSAC
- Funding recommendations are funding suggestions, not applications for funding. Submissions do not guarantee that the submitter will receive funding. If the recommendation is approved by OSAC, it may result in a Request for Proposals to apply for funding

# Municipalities and other Partners

- DMHAS works in partnership with other state agencies on implementation of the approved recommendations
- Other settling parties in Connecticut, such as municipalities and tribal governments, receive their proceeds directly from the settlement administrator and report yearly receipts and expenditures to the state to publish on the OSAC website

<https://portal.ct.gov/cosac>

- The FY24 annual municipal reporting is completed and will be presented to OSAC in January meeting

# Promote and Expand Opioid Overdose Education and Prevention in CT's Colleges and Universities

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- Technical assistance to support opioid overdose education and prevention while simultaneously developing and/or enhancing recovery friendly communities at Connecticut institutions of higher education including:
  - Monthly interactive learning cohorts for faculty/staff and students/family members/community
  - Personalized technical assistance requested by any participating institution to address individualized capacity building needs around the topic of opioids and overdose prevention
- All CT Colleges and Universities are invited to participate
- Total funding amount (2.5 years): \$631,777

# Connecticut Opioid Settlement Fund Approved Recommendations Status

Recommendation	Category	Approval Date	Total Amount	Total Years	Status
<b>Expansion of Syringe Service Program (SSP) Supplies:</b> Expand the state's SSP supplies at the Department of Public Health	Harm Reduction	November 2023	\$500,000	1	Funding fully expended;
<b>Pilot Mobile Opioid Treatment Program (OTP):</b> Fund 2 Mobile OTPs allowing for easier access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), particularly methadone.	Treatment  Recovery Support	March 2024	\$4,000,000	3	In Request for Proposal Process; negotiating contracts
<b>Treatment Pathway Program (TPP) Continuation:</b> Continuation of TPP, a court-base pre-trial diversionary initiative for individuals with substance use disorders charged with nonviolent offenses, providing clinical evaluation and connection to clinical services, recovery coaching, and support services and referrals.	Treatment  Recovery Support	May 2024	\$1,280,000	3	MOU with CSSD established; project continued as scheduled
<b>Expansion of Syringe Service Program (SSP) Supplies:</b> Initial SSP supplies approved November 2023 were fully expended, serving an estimated 6,418 individuals. Additional expansion of the state's SSP supplies at the Department of Public Health was approved.	Harm Reduction	May 2024	\$1,500,000	3	MOU with DPH established; project roll out in process
<b>Dept of Corrections Opioid Treatment Program Expansion:</b> Build out Opioid Treatment dosing rooms at 4 additional facilities to ensure access to all FDA-approved medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) for all individuals incarcerated in and transitioning out of CT DOC.	Treatment	May 2024	\$416,650	1	MOU with DOC established.
<b>Naloxone Saturation:</b> Purchase of Naloxone for overdose reversal to ensure an abundant supply is going into the community, supporting the State's Naloxone Saturation plan of distribution of 60,000 naloxone kits per year	Prevention  Harm Reduction	May 2024	\$2,323,200	1	In process; Naloxone being distributed.

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<b>Prevention and Harm Reduction through Public Access:</b> Pilot Harm Reduction Vending Machines in 20 municipalities across Connecticut	Prevention Harm Reduction	July 2024	\$2,754,784	2	MOU with DPH completed. State partners are meeting to ensure project is implemented within new regulations released 11/4/24.
<b>Prevention and Harm Reduction through Public Access:</b> Primary Prevention through education and reduction of opioid diversion, including Medication Lock boxes and mounted Naloxboxes	Prevention Harm Reduction	July 2024	\$1,418,000	2	State partners are meeting to ensure naloxboxes are implemented within new legislative expectations. For all other components, contracts are being developed with a start date in early 2025
<b>Prevention and Harm Reduction through Public Access:</b> Campaign to mail opioid deactivation pouches to 50,000 homes across CT with potential to remove more than 2 million pills from circulation annually	Prevention Harm Reduction	July 2024	\$1,967,650	5	Contracts are being developed with a start date in early 2025
<b>Contingency Management:</b> Funding to implement Evidence Based Contingency Management protocols to complement existing continuum of substance use disorder treatment at 5 programs serving adults and 2 programs serving youth target stimulant use in the context of co-involvement with opioids and overdose risk and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) adherence.	Treatment	September 2024	\$2,989,010	2	Currently in internal contracting process and MOU development with TA provider

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<p><b>LiveLOUD Public Awareness and Education:</b> An expansion of Live LOUD to maximize the impact and reach of the public health campaign and meet the OSAC goals of urgently and efficiently decreasing the adverse impact of opioids. Includes efforts to: <u>Reduce stigma</u>, raise awareness about recovery pathways, prevention and harm reduction information</p>	<p>Treatment Harm Reduction Prevention</p>	<p>September 2024</p>	<p>\$600,000</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Meeting biweekly with Odonnell Company to build new campaign within identified budget</p>
<p><b>Treatment Bridge Model for Connecticut's Emergency Departments:</b> Initiative with CT hospitals to increase low-barrier Emergency Department-initiated MOUD in CT. Includes funding for: Training and TA, development of processes to screen individuals for OUD and introduce MOUD as a treatment option, support for Site Champion, 2 recovery navigators per site</p>	<p>Treatment Harm Reduction Recovery Supports</p>	<p>September 2024</p>	<p>\$1,250,000</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Implementation meetings scheduled</p>
<p><b>Promote and Expand Opioid Overdose Education and Prevention in CT's Colleges and Universities:</b> Technical assistance to support opioid overdose education and prevention and developing and/or enhancing recovery friendly communities at CT institutions of higher education including monthly interactive learning cohorts and personalized technical assistance for participating institutions to address individualized capacity building needs for opioids and overdose prevention</p>	<p>Prevention Harm Reduction Recovery Supports</p>	<p>November 2024</p>	<p>\$631,777</p>	<p>2.5</p>	<p>New</p>

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