

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
- To date, the State has received a total of \$154,201,019, with funding recommendations having passed for \$21,236,094 leaving a balance in the fund of \$132,964,925.

Overview of Opioid Settlement Committee

- 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

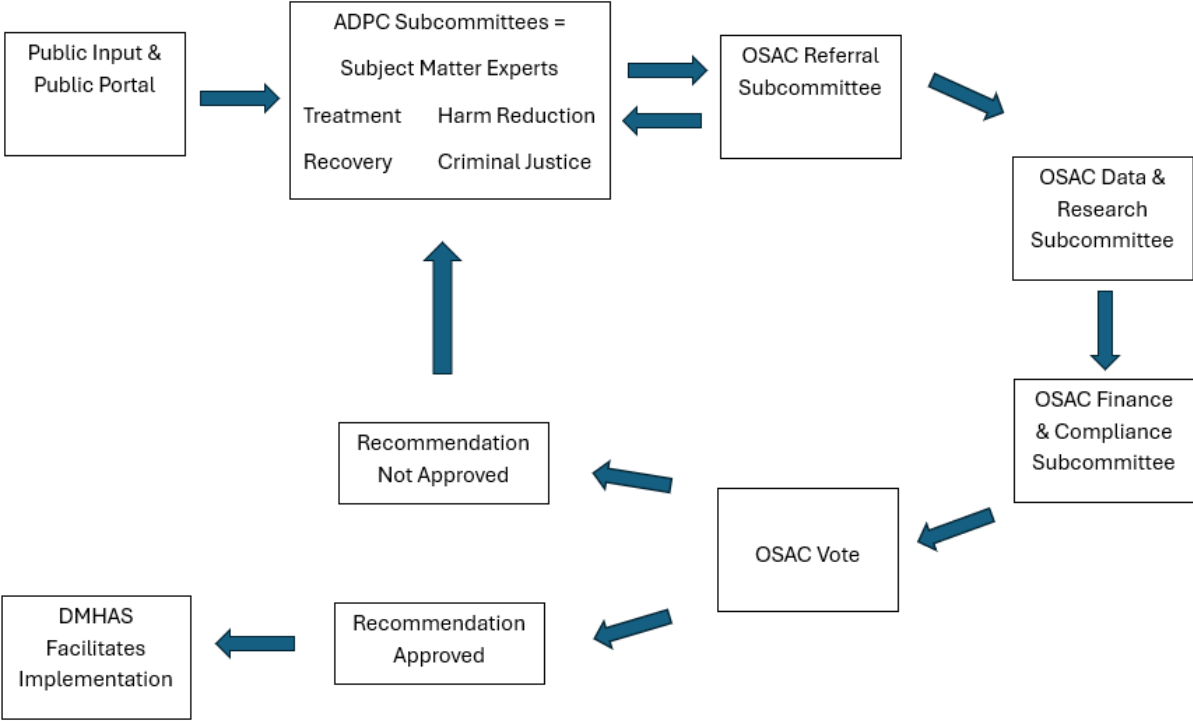
Municipalities and other Partners

- DMHAS works in partnership with the 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 was due on October 1

Approved Recommendations



Expansion of Syringe Service Program (SSP) Supplies

- In November 2023, \$500,000 approved to expand the state's SSP supplies at the Department of Public Health
- Funds were fully utilized as show in the table, serving an estimated 6,418 individuals
- As a result of the utilization, in May 2024 OSAC approved a 3-year extension of the supplemental SSP funding at \$500,000 per year

Table 1. SSP Supplies Distributed Amounts	
Agency	Amount
Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance	\$260,000
Liberation Programs	\$50,000
Naloxone	\$60,000
Yale University CHCV	\$50,000
APEX Community Care	\$35,000
Alliance for Living	\$25,000
Waterbury HD	\$20,000
Total:	\$500,000

Pilot Mobile Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)

Approved March 2024

- \$4 Million over 3 years was approved to fund 2 Mobile OTPs allowing for easier access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), particularly methadone.
- Mobile OTPs will be able to serve individuals in remote locations of the state as well as residential settings such as long term and skilled nursing facilities.
- Units must always include a minimum of two staff (nursing and recovery coaching) and ensure all regulatory requirements are met.

Treatment Pathway Program (TTP) Continuation

Approved May 2024

- Treatment Pathway Program (TTP) is court-based pretrial diversionary initiative that provides clinical evaluation and connection to:
 - Clinical Services: Substance use disorder and mental health treatment and support services, including medications for opioid and alcohol use disorders
 - Recovery Coaching
 - Support Services/Referrals: housing assistance, entitlement enrollment, access to medical care, employment services, social supports, and basic need items
 - The target population is justice involved individuals with substance use disorders (mainly opioid/alcohol) charged with nonviolent offenses, who are less likely to be released from custody at time of arraignment.
- Amount Approved: \$1,280,000 annually for 3 years totaling \$3,840,000

Dept of Corrections Opioid Treatment Program Expansion Approved May 2024

Ensures access to all FDA-approved MOUD for people incarcerated in and transitioning out of CT DOC

Expanded Services	Cost
Build out Opioid Treatment dosing rooms in 2 additional facilities, Brooklyn CI and Cheshire CI, resulting in OTPs operating in all DOC facilities.	\$98,550 each
Provide medications at Manson Youth for up to one year for individuals with MOUD	\$90,000
Build out Opioid Treatment dosing treatment rooms at 2 Correctional Institutes currently providing MOUD via satellite: Garner CI MacDougall CI	\$24,500 \$98,550
Minor expansion at 2 additional Correctional Institutes	\$6,500
Total	\$416,650

Naloxone Saturation

Approved May 2024

- One year of funding for purchase of Naloxone for overdose reversal to ensure an abundant supply is going into the community
- Supports the State's Naloxone Saturation plan of distribution of 60,000 naloxone kits per year
- Annual Cost: \$2,323,200

Prevention and Harm Reduction through Public Access

Approved July 2024

- Pilot Harm Reduction Vending Machines in 20 municipalities across Connecticut
 - Approved for 2 years at \$1,377,392 annually
- Primary Prevention through education and reduction of opioid diversion, including Medication Lock boxes and mounted Naloxboxes
 - Approved for 2 years at \$709,000 annually
- Campaign to mail opioid deactivation pouches to 50,000 homes across CT with potential to remove more than 2 million pills from circulation annually
 - Approved for 5 years at \$393,530 annually

Emergency Department Treatment Bridge

Approved September 2024

Initiative with CT hospitals to increase low-barrier Emergency Department-initiated MOUD in CT and includes funding for the following:

- Training and technical assistance
- Development of processes to screen individuals for OUD and introduce MOUD as a treatment option
- Support for Site Champion
- Salary and fringe costs for 2 recovery navigators per site

Approved for 2 hospitals for 2 years. Total funding amount:
\$1,250,000

LiveLOUD Media Campaign

Approved September 2024

An expansion of Live LOUD to maximize the impact and reach of the public health campaign and meet the Connecticut Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) goals of urgently and efficiently decreasing the adverse impact of opioids.

- Includes efforts to:
 - Reduce stigma
 - Raise awareness about recovery pathways
 - Prevention and harm reduction information

Approved funding for one year: \$600,000

Contingency Management

Approved September 2024

- Contingency Management to complement existing continuum of substance use disorder treatment at 5 programs serving adults and 2 programs serving youth.
- Evidence Based Contingency Management protocols to target stimulant use in the context of co-involvement with opioids and overdose risk and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) adherence.
- Approved for 7 sites with funding for two years.
- Total funding amount: \$2,989,010.