

Connecticut Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Updates

June 18, 2024

OSAC Updates- Membership

- Public Act 24-150 (H.B. 5511) passed both chambers of the Connecticut General Assembly unanimously and was signed by the Governor on June 6.
- The legislation adds six new voting members to the OSAC; the Ranking Members of the Appropriations and Public Health committees and two municipal representatives.
- This brings the total number of members of OSAC to 51, with 44 serving as voting members.

OSAC Updates - Funding Disbursements

- In April, the state received another round of disbursements from the settling parties.
- To date, the state has received a total of \$124,194,109, with a balance in the fund of \$111,614,259 after deducting costs for funding recommendations passed/implemented.

OSAC Updates- Funding Disbursements

- There are other settling parties in Connecticut, such as the municipalities and tribal governments. Those parties receive their proceeds directly from the settlement administrator and not the state.
- The state does collect information on the municipal governments' receipts and expenditure of funds annually, with the reporting period due to open again in the Fall 2024.
- Additionally, OSAC has published the projected settlement amounts to be received by municipalities on our website and we anticipate having information to publish in the months ahead.

OSAC Updates- Funding Recommendation Updates

- In November 2023, OSAC approved \$500,000 to expand the state's SSP supplies at the Department of Public Health.
- Those funds have been fully utilized as follows, serving an estimated 6,418 individuals.

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

- As a result, in May, the OSAC approved a three year extension of the supplemental SSP funding at \$500,000 per year.

OSAC Updates- Funding Recommendation Updates

- In March, OSAC approved \$4 million for a pilot mobile OTP program, which then received approval by OPM and the Attorney General. The RFP is being drafted and will post this summer.

OSAC Updates- Funding Recommendation Updates

- At the May OSAC meeting, four funding recommendations passed unanimously:
 - A three-year continuation of the Treatment Pathway Program in the Judicial Branch.
 - Expansion of opioid treatment facilities at Department of Corrections facilities.
 - One year of funding for the state's Naloxone Saturation Plan
 - A three-year extension of the SSP supply funding (see Slide 5).

OSAC Updates- Funding Recommendation Updates

- OSAC must follow the legal guidelines and process instructions for RFPs to ensure open bidding and a fair review.
- We strongly encourage all qualified organizations to bid once the recommendation is approved and the RFP is issued.
- However, in order to follow the necessary steps and make certain we have an unimpeachable process, it may take several months from the time a recommendation is approved by the Committee to the awarding of contracts and getting OTP vans into the communities.