

Connecticut Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Updates

August 20, 2024

OSAC Updates - Funding Disbursements

- This summer, the state received another round of disbursements from the settling parties.
- To date, the state has received a total of \$154,201,019, with funding recommendations having passed for \$16,397,084, leaving a balance in the fund of \$137,803,935.

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 posted and we welcome bids.

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

- In July, as part of DMHAS' Prevention and Harm Reduction Strategy, OSAC funded an increase in statewide dissemination of both prevention and harm reduction tools including the distribution of medication lock boxes, medication safe disposal pouches, naloxone, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, and prevention and harm reduction educational materials. This recommendation is aligned with the ADPC Prevention Naloxone Recommendations and SAMHSA's Harm Reduction Framework.

This will be accomplished through a three-prong approach including:

- (1) Pilot Harm Reduction Vending Machines in 20 municipalities across Connecticut.
- (2) Increase primary prevention through education and reduction of opioid diversion.
- (3) Distribution of deactivation pouches.