

CONNECTICUT OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Municipal Briefing

We will share periodic updates to enhance your knowledge of CT's implementation of the opioid settlement funding.

We plan to:

- Provide relevant resources
- Share updates on state implementation of opioid settlement funding
- Spotlight municipality settlement spending
- Share lessons learned from municipalities
- And more! We want feedback from you on how the updates can be most helpful. Please submit suggestions to osac@ct.gov

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

How are things going? We want to hear what is working well, what has been challenging, lessons learned, and what you need to be successful with managing your opioid settlement funds. Contact us at osac@ct.gov.



MUNICIPAL SPOTLIGHT



City of Middletown

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Middletown's opioid settlement funds are managed by the Middletown Health Department. Approximately \$409,020.60 has been received thus far, and a total of \$904,946.60 in funding is expected.

The Greater Middletown Opioid Task Force was founded to help people affected by opioid use. From this task force, the Middletown Opioid Settlement Funds Ad Hoc Subcommittee was created to develop a fair and transparent process for funding spending decisions. A community needs survey was shared to better understand Middletown's needs and barriers to access supportive services and help guide opioid settlement spending. The survey highlighted the need for additional Harm Reduction and Recovery Resources and supports, training and education, and awareness of resources.

The task force approved to disseminate naloxone leave behind kits and fentanyl test kits. Additionally, a grant application and review process was developed to offer community grants to organizations providing services to Middletown residents. The proposals were scored by a review team and recommendations from the review team were brought to Common Council and unanimously approved. Another round of grants is anticipated in the future. The approved projects are:

- \$50,000 to employ a Recovery Coach at the Ministerial Health Fellowship
- \$50,000 for the Middletown Prevention Council to conduct media advertising targeting ages 12-21 and community drug disposal
- \$49,528 for Community Health Center of Middletown to operate their Mobile Health Unit 1x per week
- \$25,000 for the Middletown Harm Reduction Initiative to expand their harm reduction activities

If you're interested in spotlighting your opioid settlement spending in a future newsletter, please send a brief outline to osac@ct.gov for spotlight consideration.

◆.....STATE SETTLEMENT ALLOCATIONS.....◆

This publication will share information on state opioid spending so municipalities can identify the gaps and needs of their area to make an informed decision on municipal spending. In CT, 85% of settlement proceeds are managed by the state, while the municipalities independently manage 15% of the funding. The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) was established to ensure the proceeds received by the state are allocated appropriately. Received Opioid Remediation Recommendations are vetted by content area experts, followed by a vote by OSAC members to approve the recommendations. DMHAS works in partnership with the other state agencies on the implementation of the approved recommendations. Thus far, OSAC has approved 19 recommendations for statewide implementation. Click on each project to learn more!

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[CT Drug Data Collaborative Dashboard](#)

[LiveLOUD Public Awareness & Education Campaign](#)

[Drug Deactivation Mailing](#)

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[Supportive Housing](#)

[Emergency Department Recovery Coaching](#)

[Recovery Centers Continuation](#)



MUNICIPAL REPORTING



Mark your calendars!

The FY 2025 Municipal Report portal will open in October 2025. We expect the questions to be like last year—how much funding you’ve received and spent, your decision-making process, and funding allocations. This year, we plan on including a PDF of survey questions in the email communications; we hope this will make your data entry smoother! We will also plan to set up the system to automatically provide you with a copy of your response.

Do you have feedback on last year’s process? Share your feedback at osac@ct.gov.



RESOURCE CORNER



Feeling stuck on how to spend your opioid settlement funds? Need guidance on appropriate strategies for opioid abatement? Check out the settlement administration list of opioid remediation uses, also known as Exhibit E, and the Connecticut Opioid REsponse Initiative report for guidance.

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