

Connecticut Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Updates

May 14, 2024

OSAC Updates- Membership

- H.B. 5511 passed both chambers of the Connecticut General Assembly unanimously and is awaiting decision by the Governor's Office.
- The legislation adds four new voting members to the OSAC; the Ranking Members of the Appropriations Committee and two municipal representatives.
- This brings the total number of members of OSAC to 49, with 42 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 the \$4,500,000 of approved funding recommendations, we have \$119,694,109 as an available balance.
- Today, OSAC is considering four funding recommendations totaling \$8,079,850. If approved, the balance in the fund would be \$111,614,259.

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

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

- 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.