

Connecticut Opioid Settlement Fund

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. The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) was established to ensure the proceeds received by the state are allocated appropriately. The 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.

OSAC is comprised of state and municipality representatives, treatment providers, and persons or family members with lived experience. Opioid Remediation Recommendations are provided by various community organizations and groups, which are then vetted by the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) subcommittees, followed by a vote by OSAC members to approve the recommendations. 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>).

OSAC Approved Expenditures:

- November 2023: Expansion of the state's Syringe Service Program (SSP) supplies
- March 2024: Pilot Mobile Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) allowing for 2 Methadone-Dispensing mobile units
- May 2024: Three-year extension of the state's supplemental SSP funding
- May 2024: Three-year continuation of the Treatment Pathway Program (TPP), a post-arrest diversionary treatment program for individuals with substance use disorders
- May 2024: Expansion of OTP to additional facilities at Department of Correction (DOC) resulting in OTPs operating in all DOC facilities
- May 2024: One year of funding for purchase of Naloxone for overdose reversal to ensure an abundant supply is going into the community to support the State's Naloxone Saturation plan
- July 2024: Increase in statewide dissemination of prevention and harm reduction methods including the distribution of medication lock boxes, medication safe disposal pouches, naloxone, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, prevention and harm reduction educational materials, and pilot of Harm Reduction Vending Machines in 20 locations across Connecticut.
- September 2024: Treatment Bridge Model for Connecticut's Emergency Departments to increase low-barrier Emergency Department-initiated Medication for Opioid Use Disorder
- September 2024: Expansion of LiveLOUD Public Awareness & Education campaign, which promotes anti-stigma, harm reduction, prevention, and treatment for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder, their communities, and others at risk of opioid overdose.
- September 2024: Contingency Management to target stimulant use in the context of co-involvement with opioids, overdose risk, and Medications for Opioid Use Disorder adherence

