



# Opioid Recovery & Remediation Funds

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# Agenda

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# Introduction & Background

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1. Led by Attorney General Maura Healey: \$26 billion National Settlement Amount; \$500 million coming to Massachusetts
2. Agreement includes: Cardinal, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Johnson & Johnson
3. Industry change to prevent this from happening again
4. MA Funds: 40% to individuals, towns/cities, counties, and state
5. MA Funds: 60% to Massachusetts Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council (ORRF)
  - a. Council includes Cape Cod representation

# Introduction & Background cont.

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6. Walmart, Teva Pharmaceuticals & Allergan Settlements Announced November 2022
  - a. \$191 million estimated to come to Massachusetts
  
7. CVS and Walgreens Settlements Announced December 2022
  - a. \$230 million estimated to come to Massachusetts
  - b. Settlements being sent to States for review & approval

*Local government opportunity to join these resolutions is pending.*

# State Guidelines for Municipal Spending

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1. Municipalities are encouraged to pool abatement funds to increase their impact
2. Funds shall not be used to fund care reimbursed by the state, including through MassHealth and BSAS
  - a. Local agencies/programs that provide state-reimbursed services can be supported financially in other ways that help meet the needs of their participants

*As these funds are not awarded through Barnstable County, further technical assistance requests should be directed to the contacts listed in Appendix D, Section A of the supporting documents.*

# State Guidelines for Municipal Spending

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1. Opioid Use Disorder Treatment
2. Support People in Treatment + Recovery
3. Connections to Care
4. Harm Reduction
5. Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved-People
6. Support Pregnant or Parenting Women + their Families, including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
7. Prevent Misuse of Opioids + Implement Prevention Education

*See Appendix A in supporting documents for expanded guidelines for municipal funding put forth by the Attorney General's office*

# Regional Substance Addiction Council (RSAC) General Recommendations

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1. Pool funds + collaborate with area municipalities
2. Involve people impacted by substance use disorder in the conversation of how to spend the funds, ie: people in recovery, people who are actively using substances, family members, town substance use coalitions
3. Create evidence-based plans for spending
4. Spend funds on substance use-related projects that will directly impact people with substance use disorder and their loved ones

## RSAC Guidance: Prevention

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1. Fund youth behavioral health + substance use surveys
2. Implement substance use and health decision-making education
3. Fund education on risk and protective factors
  - a. Practical information on how to increase protective factors and how to decrease risk factors
4. Provide support for more clinicians who serve youth and young adults
5. Provide support for children who have lost a parent to substance use/overdose, as well as the family members caring for them



## RSAC Guidance: Harm Reduction

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1. Increase day programs and housing for people who are actively using substances
2. Create Drug User Health and Outreach Manager role within towns
3. Provide resources for people who use drugs on occasion
4. Provide broader and lower barrier access to Narcan
5. Fund education to decrease stigma and increase empathy through education on addiction, substance use, harm reduction, fentanyl, and why people use

# RSAC Guidance: Recovery

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1. Ensure programming focuses on long term recovery in addition to short term recovery
2. Promote education on relapse prevention
3. Create Recovery Support Navigator role within towns
4. Promote and educate about recovery support group alternatives to NA/AA, i.e.: Refuge Recovery, SMART Recovery
5. Create Recovery Support Funds
  - a. Transportation, overall wellness, recovery capital, basic needs (toiletries, clothing, nutrition), housing (emergency, sober, long term), legal (IDs, sealing records)

## RSAC Guidance: Treatment

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1. Research and develop plans to create Patient Assessment Centers for centralized resource referral system
2. Increase access to and develop more low barrier access to treatment
3. Address gap in services for youth/teens
4. Conduct feasibility and needs study of a Recovery High School on Cape Cod
5. Develop treatment options tailored for specialized populations and training for all staff on working with more diverse population
  - a. i.e.: older adult population, LGBTQIA+, People of Color

Opioid Settlement and Remediation Funds Menu of Example Programs					
Program Name	Brief Description	Estimated Annual Budget (Cost to Town to Implement)	Pooling Funds Possible/Collaboration Encouraged	Ages Served	Example Model
Alternative Peer Group	Under the guidance of counselors, family therapist, recovery peer mentors and certified recovery coaches, teens will be able to unbottle underlying feelings and concerns that their substance use often masks. The teens develop the skills and resilience necessary to grow and create positive change in their lives. This is a peer recovery program for youth and young adults.	\$15,000 from each town would support expansion of program to increase number of youth served, with future possibility to expand to other areas of Cape Cod	Yes	13-17	Recovery Builders <a href="https://www.rbuilders.org/">https://www.rbuilders.org/</a>
Drug User Health and Outreach Case Manager	Create a Drug User Health and Outreach Case Manager position within towns. This individual would provide Harm Reduction services including Narcan distribution and access to sterile injection equipment; referrals and education to and on all treatment options; referrals and education to and on all recovery support options. They would serve people who use drugs, people in early or long term recovery, and loved ones of people with substance use disorder. See link for more information on Harm Reduction: <a href="https://harmreduction.org/about-us/principles-of-harm-reduction/">https://harmreduction.org/about-us/principles-of-harm-reduction/</a>		Collaboration with neighboring towns is recommended to provide support for people who use substances across small		This position would complement current Recovery Navigator positions. The inclusion of Harm Reduction into the framework, and their work to increase recovery with people who use substances

# RSAC Menu of Program Examples

*See Appendix C of the supporting documents.*

# Additional Information and Resources

*For additional resources, see Appendix D of the supporting documents.*

1. For answers to questions about **abatement strategies**, reporting and technical support, email [OpioidRecoveryandRemediationFund@mass.gov](mailto:OpioidRecoveryandRemediationFund@mass.gov). Website coming soon!
2. For answers to **local finance law questions** relating to the settlement funds, local officials should email their question and phone number to Department of Revenue's [Division of Local Services](#) at [DLSlaw@dor.state.ma.us](mailto:DLSlaw@dor.state.ma.us). DLS also published answers to FAQs about municipal treatment of opioid settlement funds in its July 7th issue of [City & Town](#).
3. For **procurement-related guidance** and technical assistance, contact the Office of the Inspector General's [Chapter 30B procurement team](#), at 617-722-8838 or [30BHotline@mass.gov](mailto:30BHotline@mass.gov). The OIG also published answers to FAQs about the municipal abatement funds [here](#).
4. For information on **how to pool funds with neighboring municipalities**, contact the Office of Local and Regional Health (OLRH): <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-local-and-regional-health>

# THANK YOU!

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