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# Opioid Settlement Background and Funding Options

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# Settlement Background

- On Friday, February 25, 2022, two large settlements in the nationwide multi-district litigation against opioid manufacturers and distributors were finalized.
- The settlements, worth a total \$26 billion, were with for Janssen (J&J) and the “Big 3” Distributors (Cardinal, McKesson, and Amerisource Bergen).
- Additional funds have now been added due to the bankruptcies of Purdue Pharma and Mallinckrodt as well as additional retailers such as CVS, Walgreens, Kroger and others.



# Settlement Background (Cont'd)

- Utah will receive an estimated total of \$276.6 million over 19 years.
  - Utah receives slightly more than the proportion of funds by population because the distribution formula takes the impact of opioids on the state into account.
- Payments began in the middle of 2022.
  - The state will receive \$21.9 million in FY 2026 and \$17 million in FY 2027.



# Settlement Background (Cont'd)

- The state and counties agreed to a 50/50 split of Utah's settlement funds between the state and participating counties.
  - Each county's share is based on a formula that takes the impact of opioids on the county into account.
  - Counties and local entities are projected to receive \$266 M over the life of the settlement.



# Opioid Settlement Appropriation History

Item Funded From Opioid Settlement	Session Approved	Ongoing	One-Time
<a href="#">Health and Wellness Recovery Community Centers</a>	2025	\$250,000	
<a href="#">Outreach, Connections, and Recovery Soap2Hope</a>	2025	\$250,000	
<a href="#">Opiate Use Disorder Treatment</a>	2025	\$250,000	
<a href="#">Epidemiological Surveillance of Opioid Deaths</a>	2025	\$280,000	
<a href="#">Opiate Use Disorder Treatment in Utah's Prisons</a>	2025		\$1,250,000
<a href="#">Fentanyl Interdiction Personnel and Equipment</a>	2025	\$834,800	\$950,000
<a href="#">USARA Recovery Community Centers</a>	2024	\$500,000	
<a href="#">PBOUD: Pathway to Recovery from Opiate Use Disorder</a>	2024	\$351,200	
<a href="#">Expanding Care for Pregnant Patients with Substance Use Disorder</a>	2024	\$200,000	
<a href="#">Substance Use Disorder Recovery and Animal Companions</a>	2024	\$225,000	
<a href="#">Spy Hop Youth Prevention Services</a>	2024	\$200,000	
<a href="#">Matching Funds for Counties Using Opioid Funds in County Jails or Receiving Centers</a>	2023	\$1,000,000	
<a href="#">Emergency Department Urgent Care Induction to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder</a>	\$2,023	\$1,200,000	
<a href="#">OUD Treatment Expansion in Rural Communities</a>	2023	\$1,300,000	
<a href="#">State Opioid Settlement Appropriation - Shifting Efforts Upstream</a>	2023	\$2,184,300	
<a href="#">Primary Prevention</a>	2023	\$443,400	
<a href="#">Behavioral Health Prescription Digital Therapeutic Pilot</a>	2023		\$300,000
<a href="#">Support for Pregnant Moms with Substance Use Disorder</a>	2022		\$2,800,000
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$9,468,700</b>	<b>\$5,300,000</b>



# Available Funding

- During the 2025 General Session, the Utah Legislature passed [H.B. 10](#), “Fund and Account Modifications” which implemented changes in the way these funds are managed to provide a sustainable revenue source to help those struggling with and impacted by opioid addiction.
- The bill changed the [Opioid Litigation Proceeds Restricted Account](#) into a permanent fund. With this new fund type, only investment earnings are available for expenditure with the principal being managed to generate sustainable funds for appropriation.
  - The estimated amount available for expenditure from interest during FY 2027 is \$3 M



# 2026 General Session

- The Governor's Budget included one opioid-settlement funded item:
  - **Opioid Settlement Programs** - The Governor proposes to utilize \$1.6 M one-time in interest on the Opioid Litigation Proceeds Fund for the continuation of three programs first funded in the 2023 General Session. They are: (1) Matching Funds for Counties Using Opioid Funds in County Jails or Receiving Centers provides matching funds to counties using opioid funds in county jails. (originally funded at \$1 M); (2) OUD Treatment Expansion in Rural Communities - This funding would support 8 health centers operating in 15 counties to provide OUD treatment to more uninsured individuals, develop and expand mobile MAT services, and provide community education and outreach. (originally funded at \$1.3 M); and (3) Primary Prevention which impacts long term outcomes such as decreased opioid misuse, overdose, and deaths and increased short-term and intermediate outcomes such as increased social cohesion and healthy coping attitudes and behaviors. (originally funded at \$443,400)



# 2025 General Session

- Review of Prior-funded items (2023 GS)
  - In a later meeting we will invite those that received funding during the 2023 General Session to come and present on their outcomes and requests for continued funding.

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