

Opioid settlement programs

As directed by 2025 state law, future funding from the Opioid Litigation Proceeds Fund is limited to interest earned on the fund. This requested funding will ensure that certain programs with a proven track record of success can continue their work.

\$1,600,000

Ongoing FY27 Restricted Fund

Services that can continue to operate with this funding:

Essential, jail-based opioid treatment: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) programs provide opioid use disorder treatment for people who are incarcerated. No other funding exists for these services.

Community health center treatment: Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) provide opioid use disorder treatment to Utah's most vulnerable populations, including the uninsured, the homeless, and those living in rural areas.

Prevention: Previous funds distributed through local authorities allowed for the formation of 14 new coalitions working on community education and local prevention.

Funding impacts:

478

incarcerated people received treatment for opioid addiction.

4,182

people educated through community programs.

60%

increase in new opioid treatment patients at health centers.

Funding background

Opioid settlement funds are amounts paid by pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies to state and local governments to resolve lawsuits over their role in the national opioid crisis.

Settlement funds can only be used for opioid remediation efforts, such as treatment, prevention, and recovery programs.

The funds are allocated through the Social Services Appropriations Committee with recommendations from the Opioid Task Force and the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee.