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# Opioid Settlement Programs

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## Social Services Appropriations Committee



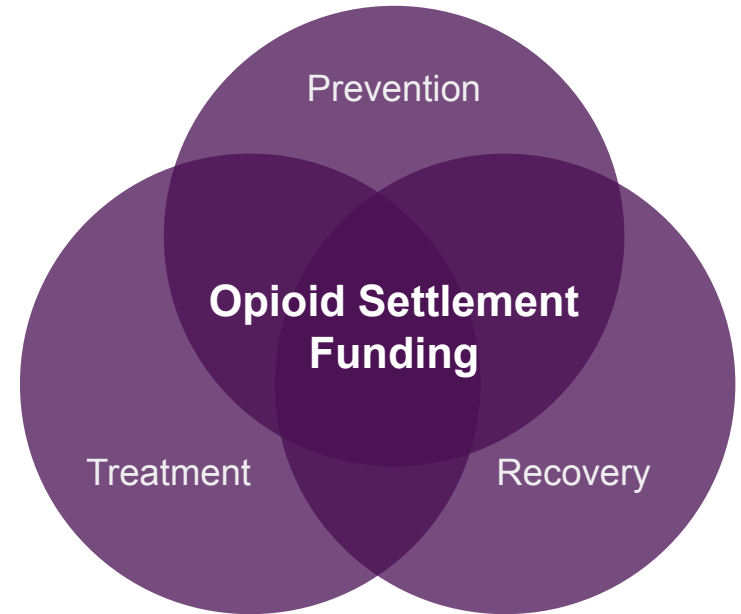
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## Funding Background

- **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.
- These funds are intended **exclusively for opioid remediation efforts**, including treatment, prevention, and recovery programs. Approved uses are outlined in the One Utah Opioid Settlement MOU.
- The funds are allocated through the **Social Services Appropriations Committee** with recommendations from the Opioid Task Force and the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee.





# Opioid Settlement Funded Programs in their last year of funding

Project	Annual Amount
Treatment Project for Individuals that are Pregnant (PATH)	\$933,333
Emergency Department/Urgent Care MOUD Induction	\$1,200,000
Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Jails	\$1,000,000
Federally Qualified Health Centers: OUD Treatment Access	\$1,300,000
Prevention	\$2,627,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,161,003</b>

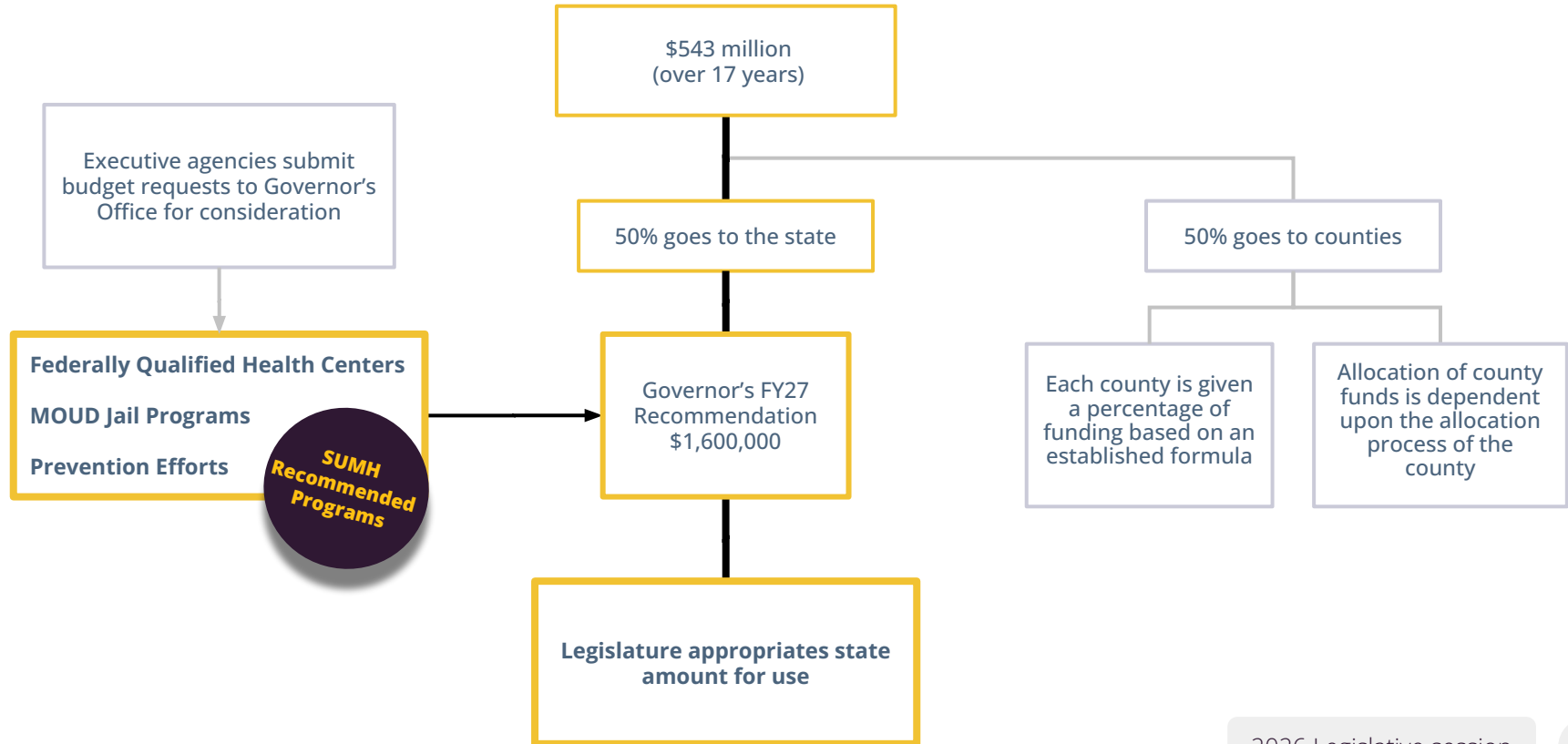


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# Budget request

\$1,600,000 Ongoing FY27 Restricted Fund

# Opioid Settlement Structure



# Funding Updates

Passed during the 2025 General Session, HB 10 reclassifies the state's opioid settlement funding and restricts how those funds may be appropriated.



The Governor's FY27 budget recommends \$1,600,000 of one-time funding be used from this fund for opioid remediation projects.

This represents a reduction in funding: In FY24, \$7,061,033 of ongoing funding was appropriated to opioid remediation programs. This funding will expire at the end of FY26.

The transition to the new funding structure made into law by HB10 and the governor's budget recommendation requires a strategic choice between broad allocation and targeted allocation.

**Our office recommends targeted allocation toward three high performing programs that serve people across Utah.**



## House Bill 10

**Fund Status** - Converts the Opioid Litigation Proceeds Restricted Account into a permanent fund.

**Investment** - Authorizes the investment of the fund's principal into the account.

**Spending Limits** - Restricts expenditures to investment earnings only, designated for specific purposes.

**New Account** - Creates the State Treasurer Investment Management Account to manage and fund these operations.

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### Medication for Opioid Use Disorder in Jails

**Recommendation: \$800,000**

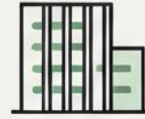
- Carbon County
  - Davis County
  - Emery County
  - Salt Lake County
  - Utah County
  - Weber County
- A 7th program is currently pending in Grand County Jail

478



patients who  
received  
MOUD  
in jails

6



jails  
providing  
services

4



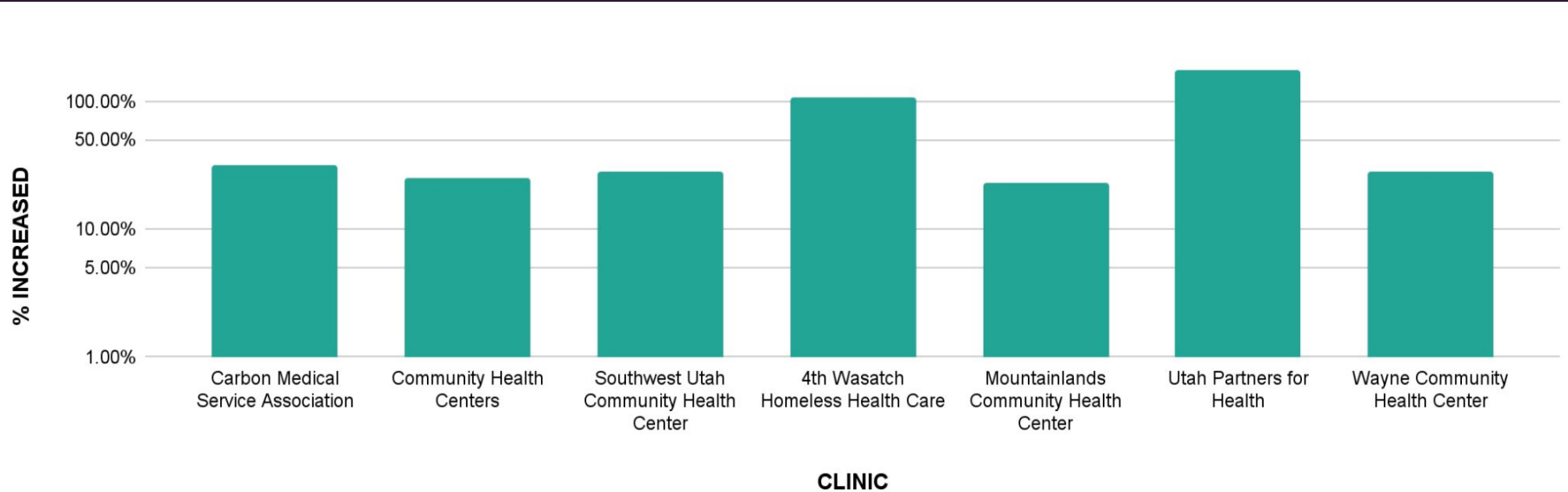
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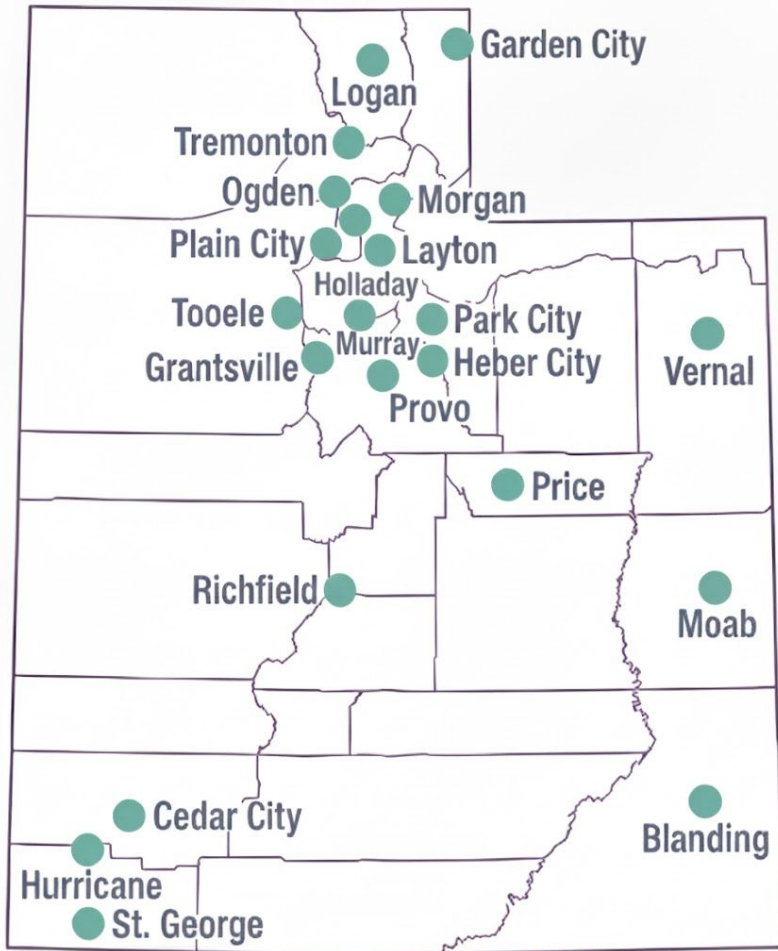


# Federally Qualified Health Centers: OUD Treatment Access

**Recommendation: \$400,000**

On average, FQHCs saw nearly a **60% increase** in the number of new OUD clients receiving care.





Communities with prevention coalitions using funds

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## Prevention

**Recommendation: \$400,000**

- 54 Prevention initiatives implemented statewide.
- 4182 youth, parents, and adult community members reached.

