



**Care Massachusetts
The Opioid Abatement
Partnership**

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Background: Care Massachusetts

Care Massachusetts is working collaboratively with cities and towns across the state to take action to end the overdose crisis.

We provide resources and technical assistance with:

- Connecting municipalities with the people most impacted by the overdose crisis
- Promoting the selection and implementation of proven public health strategies
- Educating the public on the source and purpose of the funds
- Facilitating collaboration across municipalities



OFFICE HOURS

**Overview of the Opioid
Recovery and Remediation
Fund (ORFF)
Julia Newhall
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Office Hours



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MA Statewide Opioid Settlements

Background

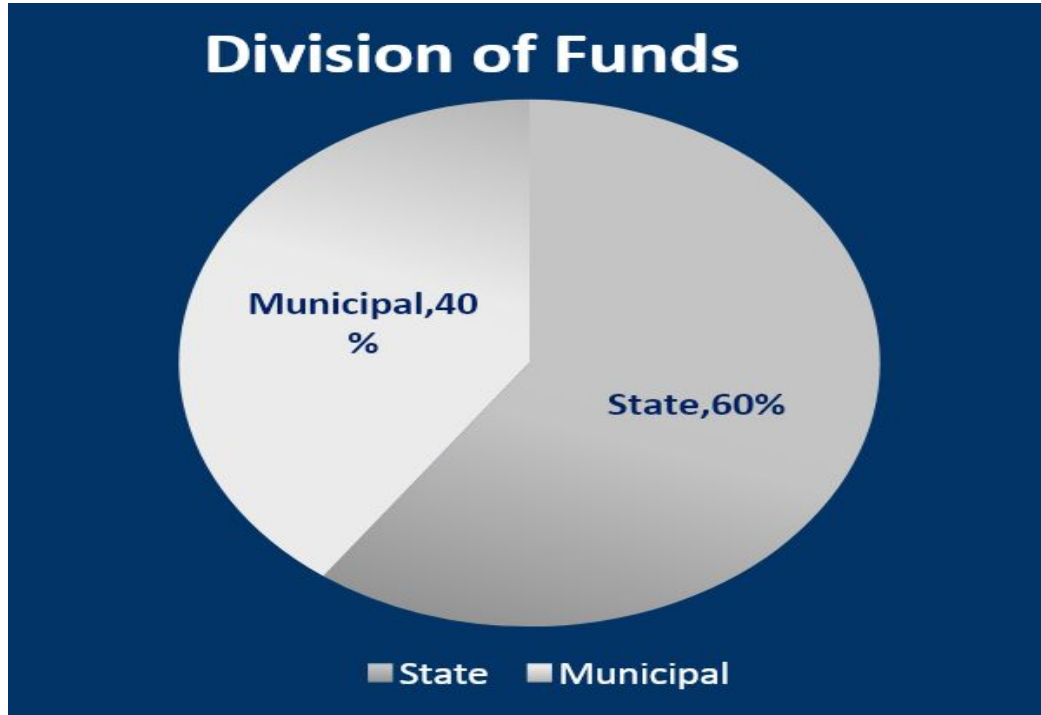
- The term *Statewide Opioid Settlements* refers to the statewide opioid abatement settlements reached before or by January 1, 2026 between the Massachusetts Attorney General and non-bankrupt opioid industry organizations
- MA participated in nationwide settlements to demand abatement for the harms caused by these companies that contributed to the opioid epidemic
- The settlements combined will bring in over \$900 mill that's been designated to supplement and strengthen existing prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery resources in MA

MA State Subdivision Agreement

Background

- State/municipal breakdown opioid abatement funds
- Approved use of abatement funds by the state and its municipalities
- Municipal support for abatement initiatives
- State and municipal reporting requirements

MA State Subdivision Agreement Cont.



MA Opioid Abatement Commitment

- Reflects input from PWLLE
- Addresses Systemic Disparities
- Improves Health Equity
- Focuses on co occurring behavioral health conditions
- Leverages state-funded reimbursed programs
- Encourages innovation, fills gaps and fixes shortcomings of existing approaches
- Includes EB/EI or promising practice
- Takes advantage of flexible spending

State Level

State Opioid Abatement Funds

- State Statute
- Opioid Recovery & Remediation Fund (ORRF)
- ORRF Advisory Council
- *ORRF Reporting*

ORRF Spending Proposal

ORRF Five-Year Spending Proposal

Annual Investment FY25-29		
Priority Area	Ranking	Proposed Spending
Equity	1st	\$10.0 million
Service Expansion/Enhancement	2nd	\$18.0 million
Supporting Families	4th	\$3.5 million
Data Collection & Analysis	6th	\$2.0 million
TOTAL		\$33.5 million

Municipal Level

Approved Municipal Strategies

1. Opioid Use Disorder Treatment
2. Support People In Treatment & Recovery
3. Connections to Care
4. Harm Reduction
5. Address Needs of Criminally-Justice-Involved Individuals
6. Support for Pregnant Or Women And Their Families, including Babies w/ NAS
7. Prevent Misuse Of Opioids And Implement Prevention Education

Municipal Level Cont.

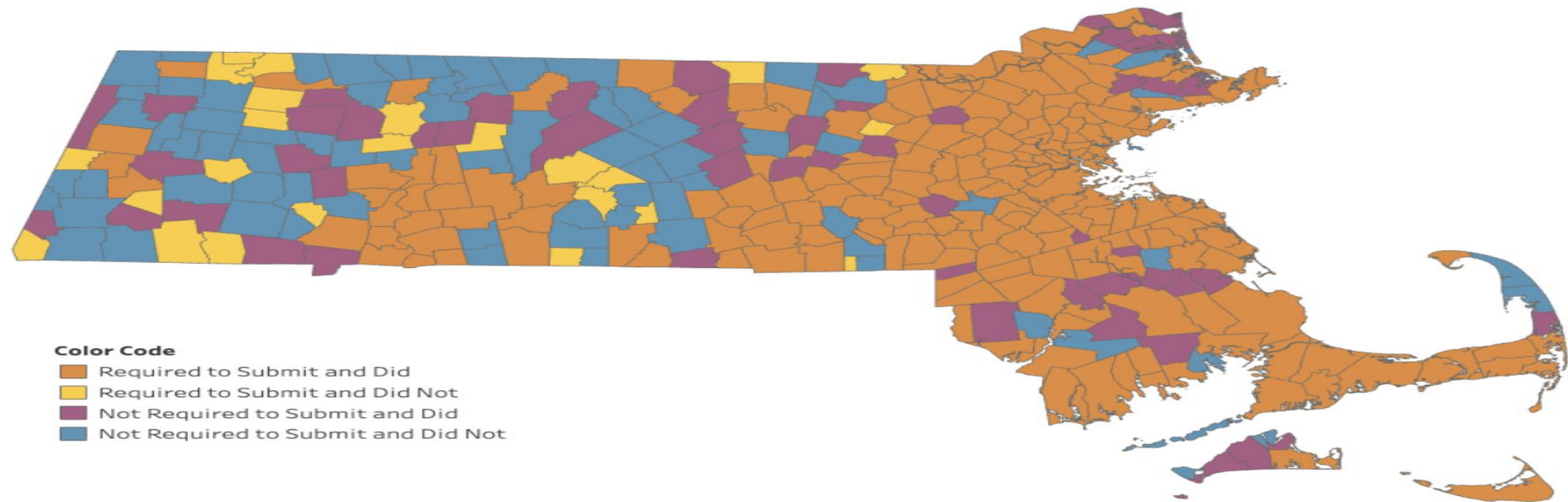
Support for Municipalities

1. Care Massachusetts: Opioid Abatement Partnership
2. The Office of Local and Regional Health
3. The Office of the Inspector General
4. The Division of Local Services
5. The Operational Service Division

Municipal Level Cont.

Municipal Reporting

- Reporting Requirements
- Online Reporting System
- Municipal Expenditure Dashboard



Data as of: November 14, 2023

Funding Opportunities

Community Grant-Making Initiative

- RFR Purpose
- Program Goal
- Timeline
- Approximate Number of Grants & Award Totals

Questions

Thank You!!!

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Appendix

Resources

1. Care Massachusetts

Website - <http://www.caremass.org/>

Email - abate@jsi.org

Phone - 617-385-3655

2. The Office of Local and Regional Health

Email - LocalRegionalPublicHealth@mass.gov

Phone - 617-753-8018

3. Office of Inspector General

Email - 30BHotline@mass.gov

Phone - 617-722-8838

4. Division of Local Services

Website - [Division of Local Services | Mass.gov](#)

Email - DLSlaw@dor.state.ma.us

5. Operational Service Division

Website - [Operational Services Division | Mass.gov](#)

Phone - 617- 720-3300

QUESTIONS?



NEXT STEPS

- ❑ **Next Office Hours:**
 - Thursday, January 18 at 2PM: Engaging People in Recovery
 - Thursday, February 1 at 2PM: Engaging People Who Use Drugs
 - Thursday, February 15 at 2PM: Changes in Legislation Related to Stabilization Funds
- ❑ **Complete [feedback survey](#)**
- ❑ **[Request assistance](#)**
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THANK YOU!

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