



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

Update on DHS Opioid Settlement Funds

WCA Opioid Abatement Summit
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Overview

- Act 57 allocates 30 percent of settlement proceeds to DHS. The remaining 70 percent of the settlement proceeds will be provided to local governments that were party to the litigation.
- Act 57 requires DHS to submit a plan to JCF for expending opioid settlement funds by April 1st annually.
- DHS submitted an initial plan on April 1st, 2022 and worked with the Legislature, ultimately gaining approval on September 8th, 2022

DHS Approved Plan

Overview

- DHS received a total of \$30.6 million in settlement funds for CY2022
- 3 payments:
 - \$6 million in September
 - \$7.6 million in October
 - \$17 in December

Overview

- Support school-based prevention programs - \$250,000
- Support community-based prevention programs - \$750,000
- Expand the NARCAN® Direct Program - \$3 million
- Establish and fund a program to distribute fentanyl test strips - \$2 million
- Medication-assisted treatment expansion - \$2 million
- Expand the hub-and-spoke health home pilot program - \$1 million
- Support room and board costs for Medicaid members in residential substance use disorder treatment - \$2.5 million
- Support renovations or construction of care and treatment facilities - \$10 million
- Improve overdose alert system - \$500,000
- Support tribal nations - \$6 million
- Law enforcement agencies grant program - \$3 million

Overview

- DHS has begun awarding funding:
 - DHS has awarded \$750k to law enforcement agencies through our NARCAN DIRECT program.
 - DHS has awarded \$300k to opioid treatment programs for fentanyl test strips.
 - DHS has contracted with DPI for \$250k for school-based prevention programs.

Overview

- Current funding opportunities:
 - \$2.5 million to support room and board costs for Medicaid recipients who receive services under Medicaid's RSUD treatment benefit (closes 1/20).
 - \$6 million for federally-recognized tribes in Wisconsin for strategies in prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery (closes 2/28).

Overview

- Upcoming funding opportunities:
 - \$10 million for capital projects to expand prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery services through the construction of new facilities or renovation of existing facilities to improve services.
 - \$750k for opioid prevention programming for after school youth.

Overview

- Next steps:
 - Funding opportunities will be available for the additional strategies and programs of the JCF approved plan.
 - DHS will be submitting a plan for funds received in CY2023 to JCF by April 1st.
 - Opportunity for provider/public input

QUESTIONS