

STATE FUNDING

OPIOID SETTLEMENTS REVENUES

As a result of legal action brought by the Commonwealth against various pharmaceutical companies and distributors, Pennsylvania began to receive opioid settlement revenues in state fiscal year (SFY) 2021-22. The Commonwealth is slated to receive a maximum of \$1.07 billion from the \$26 billion agreement, known as the "Big 4 Settlement" with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors, Big 4 Settlement). The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) is also slated to receive \$25.7 million from a smaller settlement, referred to as the McKinsey settlement. Combined, these opioid settlements will provide opportunities to address substance use disorder (SUD) workforce challenges, abate the opioid overdose crisis, to reach underserved individuals struggling with SUD, to provide the necessary tools to find and complete treatment, and go on to live a healthy, fulfilling life in recovery.

MCKINSEY SETTLEMENT

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT - \$8.8 MILLION

To support and stabilize the SUD workforce, \$8,818,155 million from the McKinsey Settlement fund was awarded through a student loan repayment program administered by DDAP beginning SFY 2021-22. In total, 253 eligible applicants from the SUD field were awarded. The average total award per applicant was \$68,000. Clinical and medical personnel from DDAP-licensed treatment providers as well as individuals providing Single County Authority (SCA), or SCA-contracted case management services were eligible to apply for these funds. Selected candidates were able to demonstrate a minimum of two prior years of experience in the SUD field and provided a service commitment of two additional years. DDAP will continue to address SUD workforce talent retention and recruitment by offering a second SUD LRP funding opportunity which was released in January 2024. Criteria was expanded to include prevention, recovery services professionals, clinical supervisors, and some administrative staff with previous direct service experience. Approximately \$11 million of the McKinsey Settlement funds (plus an additional \$11 million from the Medical Marijuana Program funds)

OVERDOSE INFORMATION NETWORK (ODIN)- \$600,000

A total of \$600,000 will be provided to the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) to fund coordination activities and support staffing to meet requirements established by Senate Bill (SB) 1152 relating to the Overdose Information Network (ODIN). In SFY 2023-24, \$300,000 will be allocated and an additional \$300,000 will be allocated for SFY 2024-25. Funds provided support the training of all personnel using ODIN in both system use and system maintenance. Coordination between the PSP and Department of Health (DOH) will occur to develop, manage and track spike alerts, information dissemination processes, and partner notifications.

MOBILE WASTE INCINERATOR- \$99,000

A total of \$98,260 was provided to the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA) for the purchase of a mobile waste incinerator unit to support efforts to discourage and prevent misuse of opioids through drug take-back proposals and destruction programs.

BIG 4 SETTLEMENT

SUD CRISIS STABILIZATION - \$9 MILLION

To provide funds to four Single County Authorities (SCAs) to establish or expand crisis stabilization services for individuals who present with SUD and co-occurring mental health symptoms. These services include assessment and stabilization of acute physical and psychiatric symptoms which may include medical management and behavioral interventions, induction on medication opioid use disorder (MOUD), level of care assessments, short-term stays, and connections to supportive services.

BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) COMMUNITIES - \$6.2 MILLION

To provide \$6.2 million in funds to support the establishment or expansion of SUD-related services, community outreach, and/or education to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. These activities may include providing harm reduction services, and/or promoting access to low-barrier SUD treatment and MAT services and/or recovery and peer supports, and/or offender reentry supports.

PHILADELPHIA SCA (KENSINGTON) - \$1 MILLION

A total of \$1 million was allocated to the Philadelphia SCA to be used to fund a variety of mobile outreach activities in the Philadelphia neighborhood of Kensington.

LEHIGH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - \$1 MILLION

A total of \$1 million was allocated to the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office to be used to provide services to individuals in recovery from Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring SUD/Mental Health (MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies.

DROP-IN CENTERS - \$6.5 MILLION

A total of \$6.575 million will be provided to support harm reduction support services and connections to treatment/recovery services. DDAP provided this grant opportunity previously under GIFA 21-04, SUD Drop-In Centers using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. For this round of SUD Drop-In Center funding, utilizing the opioid settlement funds will allow for more flexible funding to go toward building renovations and upgrades, which has been identified as a need for harm reduction centers.

This report is accurate as of March 2024; program development and procurement are ongoing for current and new settlements.