



Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

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Opioid Restitution Fund Dashboard Frequently Asked Questions

Background

- **Why is Maryland getting opioid settlement funds?**
 - These settlements were reached with pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors related to the roles that the companies involved played in misleading the public regarding the risk of prescription opioids.
 - Information about national settlement agreements can be found at the end of this document.
- **What is the total amount expected, and over what timeframe?**
 - Currently, Maryland expects to receive over \$740 million through fiscal year 2038. Payments are distributed annually over a multi-year schedule according to the specific timelines established in each settlement agreement. The dollar amount and timeframe are subject to change as additional settlements are finalized.
- **How can this money be spent?**
 - Allowable spending is governed by the settlement agreements and [Maryland State Finance & Procurement Article § 7-331](#).
 - State statute identifies [Exhibit E](#) as the allowable spending guidance and prohibits supplanting (see below).
 - The [State-Subdivision Agreement](#) states that **all** spending in Maryland must be for opioid remediation.
- **What does “prohibiting supplanting” mean?**
 - Settlement funds must be used to create new programs or expand existing ones.
 - Recipients cannot use this money to replace existing funding for programs.
- **What kinds of programs or services can be funded with this money?**
 - In accordance with Exhibit E, funds are utilized for approved opioid abatement strategies. Examples of allowable expenses include:
 - Purchasing and distributing naloxone
 - Services for pregnant or parenting people

- Expanding access to treatment for neonatal abstinence syndrome
 - Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
 - Access to evidence-based substance use treatment (including medications for opioid use disorder)
 - Treatment for incarcerated populations
 - Prevention programs
 - Expanding syringe services programs
 - Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state
 - Preventing overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)
- **Who decides how the money is spent?**
 - In Maryland, settlement funds are split between local and state authorities:
 - **70% of funds are distributed at the local level.** Local subdivisions, which are the counties, cities, and towns that participated in the settlements, have discretion over their funds, provided they follow applicable agreements and state law.
 - **30% of the funds are retained by the state.** The Governor has spending authority of state funds, with the Opioid Restitution Fund (ORF) Advisory Council providing recommendations for consideration.
 - **How can community organizations apply for these funds, or how can the public provide input?**
 - Because 70% of the funds are managed locally, specific spending and grant decisions are made by individual county and municipal governments. Community-based organizations seeking funding or residents wishing to provide input on local priority needs should contact their local government.
 - Contact info for local jurisdictions can be found here: [ORF Subdivision Contact List](#).
 - You can sign up to be on the mailing list for Maryland's Office of Overdose Response (MOOR), which will receive notices about state grant opportunities here: [State Grant Opportunity Interest Form](#).

Dashboard

- **Where did the information on the dashboard come from?**
 - Local subdivision and state agency spending information comes from annual reports submitted to MOOR. Additional state spending information comes directly from MOOR, which administers the ORF.
- **Can I see data for my specific community or download the raw reports?**
 - Yes. The dashboard is designed to provide localized transparency so you can see how much money your specific county or municipality received and spent. You can access and view the comprehensive, individual reports submitted to MOOR by visiting StopOverdose.maryland.gov/ORF/Dashboard-Reports.

- **How often is this dashboard updated?**
 - MOOR receives expenditure reports annually in mid-August. The dashboard will be updated annually in the fall.
- **How can I get a presentation or ask more questions about the ORF Dashboard?**
 - For data inquiries, presentations, or additional questions regarding the dashboard, please contact the Maryland Office of Overdose Response via email at orf.moor@maryland.gov.

External Resources

To monitor national litigation progress, please visit the official settlement registries:

- MOOR's ORF page: StopOverdose.maryland.gov/ORF
- National Opioid Settlements: (Janssen, Cardinal, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Kroger Co., Purdue/Sacklers, and the Generic Manufacturers): nationalopioidsettlement.com
- Mallinckrodt: www.nationalopioidabatementtrust.com
- McKinsey & Company Settlement: www.mckinseytppsettlement.com
- Endo: endopitrust.com