

2023 Opioid Settlement Fund Budget Report

Background:

During the 68th Legislative Assembly, HB 1447, later codified as NDCC 50-36, appropriated eight million dollars of the moneys in the opioid settlement fund to the ND Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) each biennium. The funds are being administered by DHHS Behavioral Health Division (BHD). At least twenty percent of the funds must be used for opioid use prevention and overdose prevention, including best practices relating to fentanyl drug overdose, and approved use for workforce development.

A political subdivision that recovers moneys as a result of opioid litigation may deposit the moneys in the fund or may retain the moneys and transfer the moneys to the public health unit that provides services to that political subdivision. All political subdivisions shall provide an allocation plan to the behavioral health division prior to expenditure.

Status of the Opioid settlement Fund and decisions made by the department:

Item	Allocated	Expended 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023
Purchasing Narcan (nasal naloxone)	\$635,380	\$0
Supporting tribal implementation of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery activities focusing on opioid (mis)use	\$310,833	\$0
Opioid Settlement Fund Grant	\$7,053,787	\$0
Travel and Administration of Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee meetings		\$714.84
Total	\$8,000,000	\$714.84

In October 2023, BHD purchased 6,000 Narcan kits (a kit is 2-doses of nasal naloxone) utilizing federal State Opioid Response (SOR) grant funds. The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee voted and approved \$636,380 of opioid settlement funds to be used for future purchases of Narcan at the 10/17/2023 committee meeting. It is anticipated the next Narcan purchase will occur in January 2024 and will be funded with opioid settlement funds.

Spirit Lake, Standing Rock, and Three Affiliated Tribes applied for SOR funding in October 2023. Unfortunately, their applications requested more funds than what were available. The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee voted and approved the use of opioid settlement funds to fill the gap for those three tribes at the 10/17/2023 committee meeting.

BHD announced the Opioid Settlement Fund Grant on 11/20/2023. The first round of applications was due by 12/22/2023 and BHD announced awards on 1/19/2024.

Political subdivision funding and allocation plans:

During 2023, subdivisions received \$225,078 bringing the total received by subdivisions to \$1,525,102.18. An allocation plan has been submitted for 19 subdivisions in partnership with their Local Public Health Unit.

Eligible Political Subdivision	Total received to date**	Plan received
Adams County	\$5,161.02	
Barnes County	\$18,320.14	x
Benson County	\$13,023.34	
Billings County	\$839.21	
Bismarck	\$124,362.79	x
<i>Bottineau County*</i>		
<i>Bowman County*</i>		
Burke County	\$2,117.38	
Burleigh County	\$93,616.99	
Cass County	\$146,279.80	x
<i>Cavalier County*</i>		
Devils Lake	\$5,723.05	x
Dickey County	\$9,581.03	
Dickinson	\$16,703.84	
<i>Divide County*</i>		
Dunn County	\$7,926.89	
Eddy County	\$3,519.76	
<i>Emmons County*</i>		
Fargo	\$203,226.87	x
Foster County	\$6,222.15	
Golden Valley County	\$3,599.81	
Grand Forks	\$113,746.37	x
Grand Forks County	\$86,319.76	x
Grant County	\$3,307.52	x
Griggs County	\$3,275.63	
Hettinger County	\$3,312.36	
Jamestown	\$11,097.64	
Kidder County	\$4,857.57	
La Moure County	\$4,796.44	
Lisbon	\$2,168.18	
Logan County	\$2,592.99	
Mandan	\$17,793.30	

*subdivision did not participate in settlement

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<i>Mchenry County*</i>		
Mcintosh County	\$4,534.17	
Mckenzie County	\$19,451.52	
Mclean County	\$17,985.61	
Mercer County	\$17,758.77	x
Minot	\$45,671.78	
Morton County	\$42,186.72	x
Mountrail County	\$17,603.65	
Nelson County	\$7,489.84	
Oliver County	\$3,520.18	x
Pembina County	\$19,795.04	
Pierce County	\$11,508.26	
Ramsey County	\$20,117.87	
Ransom County	\$9,769.04	
<i>Renville County*</i>		
Richland County	\$38,404.42	x
Rolette County	\$28,749.47	
Sargent County	\$9,121.30	x
Sheridan County	\$1,415.33	
Sioux County	\$4,569.51	x
Slope County	\$743.95	
Stark County	\$52,965.92	
Steele County	\$3,846.74	x
Stutsman County	\$31,215.27	x
Towner County	\$2,855.50	
Traill County	\$16,726.48	x
Walsh County	\$32,419.46	
Ward County	\$55,056.18	
Wells County	\$6,866.80	x
West Fargo	\$29,095.48	
Williams County	\$36,442.10	x
Williston	\$23,723.99	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$1,525,102.18**	

**Amounts based on notices received by AG's office and may not reflect official numbers.

To view more regarding the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, opioid settlement grant opportunities, or the political subdivisions allocation plans visit <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/opioids/settlement>.