



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

2024/2025

Opioid Abatement Funding

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND:

On July 21, 2021, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey announced a \$26 billion settlement agreement with opioid distributors and Johnson & Johnson, which will provide more than \$500 million to the Commonwealth and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery across Massachusetts. (More information can be found at the Attorney General's website: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-the-ags-statewide-opioid-settlements-with-opioid-industry-defendants>)

Under the state's approved State-Subdivision Agreement, 40% of abatement funds coming into the Commonwealth under statewide opioid settlements will be allocated to the state's municipalities. 60% of the abatement funds will be allocated to the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund to further be dispensed into the community through Department of Public Health grants. Municipalities that completed the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form and agree to use the payments to abate the opioid crisis in their communities will be receiving a portion of the settlement funds directly in the form of eighteen (18) payments over the next seventeen (17) years.

Municipal abatement funds shall not be used to fund care reimbursed by the state, including through MassHealth and the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS), although local or area agencies or programs that provide state-reimbursed services can be supported financially in other ways that help meet the needs of their participants. The settlement funds must be spent on services and initiatives across the continuum of Substance Use Disorder: Prevention; Harm Reduction; Treatment; Recovery.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS:

During 2024 the Town of Barnstable hosted a community engagement process to solicit input from residents, service providers, and community stakeholders who have been directly impacted by the opioid crisis. This process included a large, facilitated community conversation, four focus groups, and one feedback session with the Town of Barnstable Opioid Settlement Fund Design Team. The input received through this has been incorporated into funding decisions.

GRANT TIME FRAME AND CONDITIONS FOR RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS:

The Town of Barnstable is looking to issue one-year grants of up to \$50,000 with an option to renew for up to two additional years. The Town of Barnstable reserves the right to determine if multiyear grants

will be issued based on the scope and expected impact of the project and the organization’s history of delivering similar projects.

Organizations selected for funding will enter into a contract with the Town of Barnstable to deliver the programs and services outlined in the applications. The Town of Barnstable, at its sole discretion, may choose to renew a contract for up to two additional years if deliverables and benchmarks are achieved.

APPLICATION ROUND	Deadline
RIZE Grant Applicants	November 12, 2024 5:00 PM
Round One	December 31, 2024 12:00 PM
Round Two	March 31, 2025 5:00 PM
Round Three	June 30, 2025 5:00 PM
Round Four	September 30, 2025 5:00 PM

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Public agencies, state, and federally recognized non-profit organizations, or other interested parties will be invited to submitted applications for funding. Funding proposals from collaborative partnerships are encouraged if there is a lead organization that would be responsible for project delivery and reporting requirements.

For a more detailed outline of approved strategies please visit:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms/download>

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE APPLICATION:

<https://tobweb.town.barnstable.ma.us/OpioidAbatementFunds/2024-2025%20Opioid%20Abatement%20Funding%20Application%20Barnstable.pdf>

LINKS:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-the-ags-statewide-opioid-settlements-with-opioid-industry-defendants>

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-4-2022-ma-subdivision-agreement/download>

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