



# Town of Barnstable

## FY27 Opioid Settlement Funding Notice of Funding Availability

### 1. Description

The Town of Barnstable is issuing this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to support community-based organizations (CBOs) delivering services that address opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD) or mental health conditions.<sup>1</sup> Funding is made available through Opioid Settlement Funds issued to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its municipalities and must be used in alignment with the [Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements](#) (see Section 4.1 of this NOFA).

These funds are intended to support programs that prevent opioid misuse, reduce individual and community harm, expand access to treatment and recovery services, and assist families and individuals affected by OUD. Through this NOFA, the Town of Barnstable seeks to invest in evidence-based, evidence-informed, and promising programs that mitigate opioid-related harm and strengthen local capacity to respond effectively to substance use challenges.

Funding will support community-based interventions across the full continuum of care (see Section 4.2). Potential applicants are advised to read all NOFA terms carefully.

#### 1.1. Funding Priorities

Programs may be clinical, non-clinical, or hybrid in nature, provided they align with allowable uses of Opioid Settlement Funds (see Section 4.1).

Applicants may propose programs across any point in the OUD continuum of care, in alignment with the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, including:

- Opioid Use Disorder Treatment
- Support People in Treatment and Recovery
- Connections to Care
- Harm Reduction
- Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons
- Support Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

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<sup>1</sup> Please see Definitions

- Prevent Misuse of Opioids and Implement Prevention Education

Preference will be given to projects addressing one or more of the following priority areas. These priorities were identified through community engagement efforts in 2024 and reflect needs and gaps frequently raised by residents and stakeholders. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that respond directly to one or more of these areas:

- Education, prevention, and support services for people under age 18
- Increased awareness of co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, including access to appropriate mental health services
- Expansion of recovery housing availability
- Culturally and linguistically responsive care for underserved and disproportionately impacted communities
- Reduction of structural barriers to care (e.g., transportation)
- Reduction of stigma associated with harm reduction strategies and medication-assisted treatment/medication for opioid use disorder (MAT/MOUD)

## 1.2. Outcome Domains

The Town of Barnstable has identified the following outcome domains to guide funding priorities. These domains are intentionally broad and align with the abatement strategies listed in the [Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements](#).

All proposed activities must be consistent with the allowable uses defined in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements. The examples and descriptions provided below are illustrative and not exhaustive; applicants may propose other eligible uses that align with the State's allowable categories.

These outcome domains are not mutually exclusive; applicants are encouraged to propose projects that address multiple domains or take a comprehensive, cross-sector approach.

Applicants must identify **at least one primary outcome domain** and may identify additional domains as applicable. Applicants should describe how success will be measured. Awardees will report on outcome measures specific to their identified strategy/strategies, as well as standardized performance metrics required by all awardees.

### 1.2.a. Opioid use disorder treatment

Improve timely access to and engagement in evidence-based treatment services for OUD, including medications for addiction treatment and related supports.

### 1.2.b. Support people in treatment and recovery

Improve access to and quality of treatment and recovery support services for individuals at risk

of or affected by OUD.

### 1.2.c. Connections to care

Strengthen coordination across providers and systems and improve referral pathways to ensure timely and equitable access to care.

### 1.2.d. Harm reduction

Reduce overdose risk and strengthen access to and adoption of harm reduction strategies and services.

### 1.2.e. Address the needs of persons involved in the criminal justice system

Improve access to treatment, harm reduction, and recovery supports for individuals involved in the criminal justice system, including diversion and reentry stages.

### 1.2.f. Support pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome

Improve access to evidence-based services and family-centered supports for pregnant and parenting individuals affected by OUD, including infants and families.

### 1.2.g. Prevent misuse of opioids and implement prevention education

Prevent opioid misuse and reduce risk through education, policy, and community-based prevention strategies.

## 2. Award Information

- Total funding available across all awards per round: up to \$200,000.
- Expected awards: 4–6 (depending on requested and funded amounts).
- Maximum individual award value: \$50,000.
- Project period: Anticipated project period is September 2026–September 2027.
- Proposals should be appropriately scaled to the funding amount, project period, and expected achievable outcomes.
- **Funding beyond the current award period is not guaranteed.** Applicants should not assume continued or renewed funding beyond the stated project period and are expected to plan projects accordingly. Extensions of the project period are not anticipated, and the Town of Barnstable shall retain sole discretion in authorizing a no-cost extension if any funding remains on an award at the end of its project period.
- Funds awarded under this NOFA may be used to supplement and strengthen, but must not supplant, existing federal, state, local, or private funding provided for the same

purpose, such as applicable funding through MassHealth and the State’s Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS).

- Acceptance of the award constitutes agreement to terms and conditions, including reporting requirements (see Section 4.4).

### 3. Eligibility Information

Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community-based, and grassroots organizations with experience serving populations impacted by SUD. Proposed projects must be intended to serve residents of the Town of Barnstable.

### 4. Requirements

#### 4.1. Allowable Use

All funded activities must align with allowable uses defined in the [Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements](#) and directly relate to prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery support for individuals impacted by OUD.

#### 4.2. Continuum of Care

Applicants must clearly identify their program’s primary focus within at least one continuum area:

- Prevention
- Harm reduction
- Treatment
- Recovery

#### 4.3. Population Alignment

Programs must serve populations in the Town of Barnstable who are affected by OUD, or otherwise deemed to be at risk of OUD, with emphasis on underserved and disproportionately impacted populations, including but not limited to the following:

- Individuals with lived experience of OUD, opioid overdose, or OUD and any co-occurring SUD and mental health condition
- High-risk or underserved populations, such as:
  - Persons involved with the criminal justice system
  - Pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome
- Communities experiencing elevated overdose rates or barriers to care

#### 4.4. Reporting and Data

Awardees must support quarterly reporting that enables aggregation of outcomes across awardees and alignment with state-level Opioid Settlement Funds reporting requirements. The Town of Barnstable will provide standardized reporting templates post-award. Reporting will include:

- Service delivery data
- Outcome indicator data aligned to program type
- Basic demographic reach information (as appropriate and feasible)

Performance progress reports will be required on a quarterly basis. On request, the awardee agrees to provide supplementary information and/or attend virtual meetings. Financial reports will be required on a quarterly basis. Within 60 days of the award's close, the awardee shall provide a project summary report encompassing both performance and financial information.

#### 5. How to Apply

This NOFA and the application worksheet are available for review and download at: [https://barnstable.gov/Departments/TownManager/Opioid\\_Abatement\\_Funds/Opioid-Abatement-Funds.asp](https://barnstable.gov/Departments/TownManager/Opioid_Abatement_Funds/Opioid-Abatement-Funds.asp).

All applications will be submitted through **Submittable** at <https://ahpnet.submittable.com/submit>. Applicants will be required to create a Submittable account (username and password) to apply.

**Application Opens:** July 1, 2026, 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

**Deadline:** July 30, 2026, 5:00 p.m. EDT

Applicants are solely responsible for ensuring timely and complete submissions. The Town of Barnstable is not responsible for reviewing late, incomplete, or incorrectly submitted applications due to technical issues, system errors, internet connectivity problems, or other submission-related difficulties. Only electronically submitted applications will be accepted. Applicants may correct, modify, or withdraw the original applications up to the application deadline.

All costs involved in preparing the application must be borne by the applicant. The Town of Barnstable will not be liable for any costs associated with submitting the application or any pre-award costs.

The applicant is responsible for familiarizing themselves with all applicable state, local, and other laws relating to this type of work, including if licensure if required.

#### 6. Evaluation Criteria/Scoring Rating

The Town of Barnstable is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for making this award. Applying does not guarantee project funding. Applications will be reviewed and scored by

trained reviewers using the following evaluation criteria, with final review and approval by the Town of Barnstable. *For more detailed information regarding the scoring criteria, please refer to the corresponding application worksheet.*

### **6.1. Organizational Overview, Experience, and Capacity (10 points)**

Describes the applying organization, including its mission, populations served, organizational structure, and infrastructure to support program delivery. Demonstrates relevant experience providing OUD/SUD-related services or similar programs and the capacity to successfully implement the proposed project.

### **6.2. Project Description and Approach (25 points)**

Clearly describes the proposed project, including the target population, services/activities, and implementation approach. Demonstrates alignment with the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement, allowable Opioid Settlement Funds uses, and the purpose of this NOFA. The proposed approach is feasible, appropriate, and responsive to community needs.

#### **6.2.a. Preferred projects (5 bonus points)**

May receive up to 5 bonus points if the proposed project clearly addresses one or more priority areas identified through Barnstable's 2024 community engagement efforts (see Section 1.1).

### **6.3. Need (15 points)**

Describes the need the project is addressing, including the target population, key challenges related to opioid use or its impacts, and why this need is a priority in the Town of Barnstable. Includes relevant data, community input, or other evidence to support the identified need.

### **6.4. Outcomes and Impact (15 points)**

Describes the intended outcomes of the project and the expected impact for the target population. Identifies appropriate and realistic measures of success, including key indicators or metrics and a plan for tracking progress.

### **6.5. Timeline and Milestones (5 points)**

Provides a realistic project timeline, including key activities, phases of implementation, and major milestones or deliverables. Demonstrates the ability to carry out the project within the proposed timeframe.

### **6.6. Project Management and Staffing (10 points)**

Describes how the project will be managed and staffed, including key roles and responsibilities, staff qualifications and experience, and the approach to coordination and oversight. Demonstrates the organizational capacity to implement and manage the project effectively.

### **6.7. Budget (20 points)**

Presents a complete and clearly justified budget and narrative that aligns with allowable uses of

funds and supports the proposed scope of work. Demonstrates that costs are reasonable, necessary, and reflective of cost-effective and responsible use of funds.

## 7. Informational Webinar

An optional informational webinar will be held on June 25, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT to provide an overview of this funding opportunity and the application process.

**Registration:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## 8. Questions

Questions from potential applicants must be submitted to [barnstableosf@ahpnet.com](mailto:barnstableosf@ahpnet.com) and be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 8. Responses will be provided to applicants no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 10.

### Definitions

**Clinical:** Services or roles that involve medical, diagnostic, or therapeutic care delivered by licensed or credentialed professionals, such as physicians, nurses, and licensed clinicians (e.g., LICSW, LMHC)

**Elevated overdose rate:** A rate of overdose deaths per 100,000 population that exceeds the Massachusetts statewide average or the expected rate for a given community and time

**Engagement:** Building trust and readiness so those individuals begin and continue using services

**Evidence-based programs:** Programs that have been rigorously tested and proven effective through high-quality research

**Evidence-informed programs:** Programs that are guided by research, data, and best practices, but may not have been fully tested in their exact form

**Hybrid:** Programs, roles, or settings that combine both clinical and non-clinical services in an integrated way, such as a program offering MAT (clinical) plus peer recovery coaching and housing support (non-clinical)

**Medication-assisted treatment (MAT;** or also known as MOUD, medication for opioid use disorder): The use of medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for treating OUD (buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone) in combination with behavioral health services to provide an individualized approach to treatment

**Non-clinical:** Services that support health and recovery but do not involve medical or therapeutic treatment, often provided by peer support specialists, recovery coaches, case managers, and care coordinators

**Outreach:** Actively finding and engaging people who are not yet connected to services

**Peer-led programming:** Programs or services designed, delivered, and often governed by people with lived experience (e.g., recovery from substance use or mental health challenges), rather than by clinicians or traditional professionals

**Promising programs:** Programs that show early signs of success, but do not yet have strong or extensive research evidence