



Media Advisory: Town of Barnstable FY27 Opioid Settlement Fund Awards

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(HYANNIS, MA – October 16, 2026) At last night's Barnstable Town Council Meeting, Town Council President Craig Tamash presented four organizations with grant awards from the FY27 Opioid Settlement Funds. In June, the Town of Barnstable announced a new partnership with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), to support the administration and oversight of the Town's Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF). This partnership will help ensure that settlement dollars are managed efficiently, transparently, and in a manner that best serves Barnstable residents, while strengthening the Town's capacity to direct resources where they can have the greatest impact. 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. The input received through this process was incorporated into funding decisions. Through prior grant rounds, the Town of Barnstable had distributed \$559,036.00 to fourteen organizations.

Funding Overview

The Town of Barnstable received 26 eligible applications requesting more than \$1.1 million in funding through the FY27 Opioid Settlement Funding opportunity. With \$200,000 available for investment, this year's program was highly competitive. Following a comprehensive review process, funding was recommended for four projects supporting prevention, recovery support, and connections-to-care services for Barnstable residents.

Review Process

To ensure a fair, consistent, and impartial review process, the Town engaged an external review team with subject matter expertise in grant review, public and behavioral health, and the continuum of care for individuals affected by opioid and substance use disorders. Each eligible application received two independent reviews using a standardized scoring rubric designed to ensure a consistent and objective review process. Reviewers completed conflict-of-interest disclosures prior to reviewer assignment, and applications were reassigned if conflicts were identified. Funding recommendations prioritized the highest-scoring applications and alignment with state-approved opioid abatement uses.

FY27 Award Recipients

Organization	Funding Amount	Abatement Strategy Alignment	Service Type	Community Priority Alignment
B FREE Wellness Inc.	\$50,000	Recovery support	Trauma-informed recovery and wellness services	Culturally and linguistically responsive care for underserved and disproportionately impacted communities
Duffy Health Center, Inc	\$50,000	Connections to Care and Prevention	School-based screening, case management, and care navigation	Education, prevention, and support services for people under age 18
Next Chance, Inc.	\$50,000	Recovery support	Recovery housing stabilization and basic needs support	Reduction of structural barriers to care
The Michael English House, Inc.	\$42,050	Recovery support and addressing the needs of justice involved persons	Workforce development and recovery stabilization	Reduction of structural barriers to care

Community Impact

While each funded project serves a different population and addresses a distinct need, consistent with the purpose of opioid settlement funding, these investments help remediate the impacts of opioid use disorders on individuals, families, and the broader community. This year's grantees support prevention and early intervention, strengthen connections to care, expand access to recovery supports, reduce barriers to stability and long-term recovery, and provide targeted services for populations disproportionately affected by opioid use disorder.

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