

DURHAM COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT PLAN

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OPIOID SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW

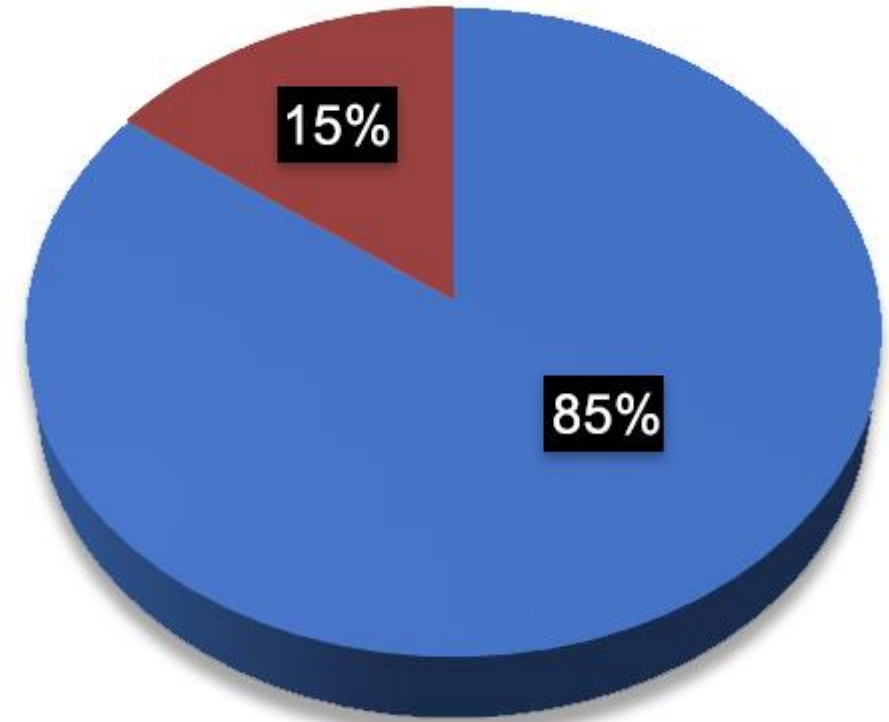
NC Attorney General led legal action against opioid manufacturers and distributors (negotiated \$26 billion settlement)

State of NC - \$750 Million (18 Years)

Durham County - \$11,589,738 (18 years)

Evidence-based solutions for:

- Treatment
- Recovery
- Harm reduction
- Prevention



OPIOID SETTLEMENT SPENDING OPTIONS

Option A

A local government may fund one or more strategies from a shorter list of evidence-based, high-impact strategies to address the epidemic.

Option B

A local government may fund one or more strategies from a longer list of strategies after engaging in a collaborative strategic planning process involving a diverse array of stakeholders at the local level.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT OPTION A STRATEGIES

- Collaborative strategic planning
- Evidence-based addiction treatment
- Recovery support services
- Recovery housing support
- Employment-related services
- Early intervention programs
- Naloxone distribution
- Post-overdose response teams
- Syringe service programs
- Criminal justice diversion programs
- Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
- Reentry programs for recently incarcerated persons

OPIOID SETTLEMENT OPTION B STRATEGIES

- Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Support people in treatment and recovery
- Provide connections to care
- Address the needs of criminal-justice-involved persons with OUD
- Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families
- Prevent over-prescribing of opioids
- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)
- Support first responders
- Promote leadership, planning, and coordination
- Fund relevant training and research

OPIOID SETTLEMENT NEXT STEPS

- Durham BOCC will discuss an action plan for the settlement funds at the August work session (August 1, 2022)
- Consultants will facilitate community engagement and assist with development of an inventory of current programs/services and development of a proposed spending option.
- Once the BOCC has decided on which option to select, they can sign the MOA, pass a resolution and request a drawdown of the first payment.
- The Durham BOCC will take time to fully understand and follow the MOA before deciding on how to spend the opioid settlement funds. The MOA does not require that the funds are expended in the year received but can roll funds from year to year.



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