



Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds Policy

I. Purpose

The Town of Plainville is a recipient of funds from the Statewide Opioid Settlements between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and various manufacturers, distributors, and related entities. This policy establishes the framework for the receipt, management, and distribution of these funds in compliance with the State-Subdivision Agreement, ensuring transparency, accountability, and community benefit.

II. Guiding Principles

1. Compliance: All expenditures must be consistent with the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements.
2. Transparency: Funding decisions shall be made publicly and documented in accordance with municipal financial policies.
3. Equity: Funds should be distributed fairly, prioritizing programs and individuals most impacted by the opioid epidemic.
4. Sustainability: Funds should be used to create measurable and lasting impacts, recognizing that settlement payments will continue through 2039.

III. Eligible Uses of Funds

Grants must support one or more of the following categories, as outlined in the State-Subdivision Agreement:

1. Opioid Use Disorder treatment.
2. Support for individuals in treatment and recovery.
3. Connections to care.
4. Harm reduction strategies.
5. Services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system due to Opioid Use Disorder.
6. Support for expecting and new mothers with Opioid Use Disorder, their families, and infants with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.
7. Misuse prevention and education programs.

IV. Funding Levels

Fiscal Year 2026

- Up to \$20,000 for registered non-profits and qualifying institutions.
- Up to \$2,500 for individuals.



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Fiscal Year 2027 and Beyond

- Up to \$5,000 for registered non-profits and qualifying institutions.

The Select Board reserves the right to modify funding levels without modifying this policy in response to changes in settlement allocations or community needs.

V. Application and Review Process

1. Application Submission:

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until annual funds are fully expended.
- Applicants must complete the Town's Opioid Settlement Grant Application Form and submit the required documentation.

2. Review and Evaluation:

- Applications will be reviewed by the Town Administrator, who may consult with the Board of Health, Police Department, or other relevant departments.
- Recommendations shall be presented to the Select Board for approval at a public meeting.
- Preference shall be given to local applicants (ie. Plainville, King Philip Regional School District, Wrentham, Norfolk).

3. Award and Distribution:

- The Town's Finance Department will disburse approved awards.
- Grantees must sign a Grant Agreement outlining the use of funds, reporting requirements, and compliance obligations.

VI. Reporting and Accountability

- Grantee Reporting: Each recipient must provide a written report detailing how funds were used, outcomes achieved, and alignment with eligible uses. Reports are due within 60 days of project completion or by the close of the fiscal year, whichever comes first.
- Town Reporting: The Town Administrator shall maintain records of all disbursements and prepare an annual report for the Select Board, summarizing program impact and compliance with settlement requirements.



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VII. Fiscal Management

- All settlement funds shall be deposited into a dedicated Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund, established under MGL c. 44, §53A.
- Funds may not be diverted for general municipal purposes.
- Unexpended funds at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the dedicated account and roll forward for future use.

VIII. Amendments

The Select Board may amend this policy as necessary to ensure compliance with state guidance, address community needs, or adjust funding levels.

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