



The City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) received settlement money from opioid companies for their roles in fueling the opioid epidemic. Since 2005, almost 3,000 people in Boston have died from opioid-related causes, including unintentional overdose. Boston is spending its settlement funds on people who are directly impacted by the opioid epidemic, community-identified needs, and gaps and long-term strategies in the opioid response.

Boston has fully allocated opioid settlement funding, which exceeds \$18M, through 2028 to several priority areas identified by a community engagement process and assessment.

*Boston's opioid settlement funding
allocations by priority area, 2024 – 2028*

Family Support and Youth Prevention	\$1.6M
Gaps and Disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clinical: \$1.5MCommunity Grants: \$1MWorkforce: \$1.3M	\$3.8M
Housing	\$7.7M
Overdose Prevention	\$3.1M
Settlements Capacity-Building and Admin	\$2.3M

Boston has been spending our opioid settlement funding on programs and services since July 2024, and we have allocated dollars over these four years for long-term programs as Boston receives recurring payments from the settlements.

Year 1	\$3.3M
Year 2	\$3.5M
Year 3	\$5.8M
Year 4	\$5.9M

SELECT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Family Overdose Support Fund: A fund that provides financial aid to families who have lost an immediate family member to overdose, covering costs related to funerals, therapy, childcare, and legal services.

Back2Work: A program that offers employment opportunities to people in early recovery. It also provides case management services by addressing barriers to employment and housing and supports people in obtaining full-time employment.

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program Clinic: This medical clinic located in BPHC's Recovery Services building provides substance use treatment and care related to infectious disease, wounds, and more.

Community Opioid Response Grants: Five community organizations across Boston distribute naloxone, teach overdose education, and link people to substance use treatment and other social services.

