



# BOSTON OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

FY2025 Updates

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.

As of October 2025, Boston has received and allocated \$15,343,576 in settlement funds. The City of Boston has allocated these funds, and additional anticipated funds over a four-year budget period, to priority areas identified by a community engagement process and assessment. The numbers below reflect projected opioid settlement spending through 2028.



## 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"><li>• Clinical: \$1.5M</li><li>• Community Grants: \$1M</li><li>• Workforce: \$1.3M</li></ul>	\$3.8M
Housing	\$7.7M
Overdose Prevention	\$3.1M
Settlements Capacity-Building and Admin	\$2.3M



**Fiscal Year 2025 Expenditures:** Since July 2024, Boston has been using opioid settlement funding to fund and implement critical programs and services. In Fiscal Year 2025, the city has spent \$2,082,910.87, with an additional \$503,730.82 tied to contracts. A summary of programs and services funded in Fiscal Year 2025 is provided below.



## FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**HALO Initiatives:** The Family Overdose Support Fund, implemented by HALO and Boston Bullpen Project, provides financial aid to families who have lost an immediate family member to overdose, covering costs related to funerals, therapy, childcare, and legal services. During the first six months of implementation, the Boston Family Overdose Support Fund served 40 Boston families.

**Back2Work:** A program in partnership with the Newmarket BID that offers employment and workforce training to people in early recovery. The Back2Work crew conducts clean-up, beautification, and syringe collection in neighborhoods impacted by substance use disorder. The program provides case management services to crew members by addressing barriers to employment and housing. Back2Work program has employed 83 individuals. Sixty percent were unhoused and/or unsheltered at the time of hire.

**Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program Clinic:** This medical clinic, located in BPHC's Recovery Services building, provides behavioral health care, medication management, and support navigating social services. This clinic received 2,680 patient visits in the past year.

**Harm Reduction Shelter Technicians:** Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program provides overnight harm reduction technicians at the City's two largest shelters, providing overdose response, monitoring, and non-emergent medical supports, seven nights per week. Throughout FY25, the technicians provided harm reduction care during 1,751 shelter guest encounters and reversed 37 overdoses.

**Community Opioid Response Grants:** Five community organizations across Boston (Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Community Caring Clinic, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, Metro Boston Alive, and Torchlight Recovery) distribute naloxone, teach overdose education, and link people to substance use treatment and other social services. The organizations have distributed more than 2,100 doses of naloxone, trained over 230 people in overdose prevention, and made 541 client connections to services.