

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Process Review for FY2027

PROCESS DRAFT:

Review Process: Each calendar year prior to its review of any Opioid Abatement Special Fund (OSAF) funding proposals, the Committee shall review its process for collecting and reviewing such proposals. The process may be revised each calendar year but, except when needed to provide clarification, the process may not be revised after the Committee begins its review of OSAF funding proposals.

Part 1: Status update on initiatives that are underway

1. Invite the State and previously funded programs and initiatives that are underway to come to the Committee and present on their program outcomes and other information as requested by the Committee.
2. Committee uses information to assess effectiveness, long-term sustainability, and the appropriateness of the Opioid Abatement Special Fund as a funding source.
3. Committee reviews and discusses whether to recommend continued annual funding, whether there is sufficient carryforward, and/or whether to recommend against continued funding.

Part 2: Status update on initiatives that have received funding but are only just beginning or have not yet started

1. Invite the State and programs/initiatives to come to the Committee and present on the status of the funded projects, barriers to initiating the programs, and planned timelines for startup/full implementation.
2. Committee reviews and discusses whether to recommend continued funding, whether there is sufficient carryforward, or whether the funds should be returned.

Part 3: Assessment of total potential remaining funds

1. The Committee will review the total remaining available funding and long-term sustainability in relation to potential future revenues.
2. Committee votes on which programs to recommend:
 - a. Continued funding, and amount
 - b. Carryforward and future consideration of continued funding
 - c. End of funding
 - d. Return of funding

Part 4: Draft Letter and Submit Recommendations

1. Department shall draft a letter reflecting the Committee’s recommendations for continued funding and the estimated projection of future funding pressures and availability.
2. Committee will review and vote on whether to decline, revise, or approve the letter.
3. Department will submit final approved letter to the Department, the Governor, and the required legislative committees.

Activity	Lead department/ organization	Total Amount Appropriated	Month the activity performance will be presented in 2026
Recovery Residences	DSU	\$2,600,000	May
Outreach and Engagement Services	DSU	\$3,952,000	May
Contingency Management	DSU	\$2,405,000	May
SSP	DSU	\$2,300,000	May
Recovery Centers/DOC	DOC	\$1,060,000	June
DCF OEO	DCF Abby Erwin	\$ 800,000	June
Harm Reduction Test Strips	DSU	\$ 200,000	June
Wound Care Program	Champlain Housing and DSU	\$ 100,000	July
Drug Testing Device Grants	DSU	\$ 700,000	July
School Based SUD Services	DSU	\$ 714,481	July
Recovery Housing Supports	DSU	\$ 325,000	September
Managed Med Response JHC	DSU	\$ 300,000	September
Managed Med Response VCJR	DSU	\$ 300,000	September
Overdose Prevention Center	City of Burlington		October
Treatment Satellite Services (MDUs)	DSU		October
Newer grantees TBD			October
Committee discussion about recommendations			November
Review draft letter from Committee			December

Other potential funded projects:

Brattleboro FD Training

HCRS – Connectionworks

Elevate Youth Services

Bellows Falls Youth Center

Spectrum Services Project

PCAVT parenting project

NEKCA project

CVARINC Project

WCMHS Project

Umbrella NEK project

Pathways VT (DOC)

Judiciary

CHT wound care project

VCJR Outreach Worker

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