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# Frequently Asked Questions: Oregon Opioid Settlement Funds

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## Opioid Settlement Funds

### 1. What are opioid settlement funds, and why is Oregon receiving money?

The State of Oregon reached agreement on multiple national lawsuits against companies involved in the opioid crisis. These lawsuits hold opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers accountable for aggressively marketing prescription opioids and downplaying their risks to healthcare providers and the public. These actions contributed to and fueled the opioid epidemic.

All 50 states are receiving opioid settlement funds, though the funding amount and the distribution model vary by state. These funds support state and local initiatives that prevent opioid misuse, provide treatment for opioid use disorder, and reduce harms caused by the opioid epidemic.

Refer to the National Opioid Settlement website for more information:  
<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

### 2. How much money will Oregon receive, and who is receiving it?

Oregon will receive over \$760 million in incremental payments from 2022 through 2039. This amount will increase from additional lawsuit settlements that are pending.

Opioid settlement funds do not go directly to individuals. The opioid settlement funds are divided between the State of Oregon (45%) and cities and counties (55%), referred to as eligible subdivisions. To qualify, a city or county must have had a population greater than 10,000 as of July 2021, per the [State of Oregon Subdivision Agreement](#).

### **3. Are there guidelines for how opioid settlement funds can be used?**

Yes. Opioid settlement funds can be used for a wide variety of opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery strategies in alignment with [Exhibit E \(List of Opioid Remediation Uses\)](#) from the national settlements.

### **4. Who determines how opioid settlement funds are spent?**

The Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery (OSPTR) Board decides how the State of Oregon's portion of opioid settlement funds are spent. Cities and counties decide how to spend their local (subdivision) opioid settlement funds.

### **5. Are the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon receiving any opioid settlement funds?**

Yes. The Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Board allocated 30% of Oregon's opioid settlement funds to the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon. The Tribal set-aside will continue through 2039 as the State of Oregon receives additional opioid settlement payments. This will total approximately \$88 million for Tribes by that time. This funding amount will increase from additional lawsuit settlements that are pending.

In addition, approximately \$1.5 billion is being distributed directly to Tribes and Tribal health organizations through various opioid settlement agreements, separate from state-directed opioid settlement funds. All federally recognized Tribes are eligible to participate in the Tribal Opioid Settlements, regardless of whether that tribe filed an opioid-related lawsuit.

Refer to the Tribal Opioid Settlements webpage for more information:  
[www.tribalopioidsettlements.com](http://www.tribalopioidsettlements.com)

### **6. How can I learn how cities and counties are spending their funds?**

Cities and counties decide how to spend their local opioid settlement (subdivision) funds in accordance with [Exhibit E \(List of Approved Opioid Remediation Uses\)](#). Cities and counties are required to report their spending annually to the Oregon Department of Justice. OHA publishes the Oregon Opioid Settlement Spending Report by January 1 of each year.

Refer to the [2024-2025 Oregon Opioid Settlement Spending Report](#) for a summary of state and local spending from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

### **7. What is OHA's role in this initiative?**

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) does not have decision-making authority for opioid settlement funds. The Oregon Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery (OSPTR) Board makes all funding decisions. OHA has one representative on the OSPTR Board, per House Bill 4098.

OHA supports the OSPTR Board by managing the OSPTR fund, coordinating Board meetings, and administering all related grants and funded projects. [House Bill 4098 \(2022\)](#) established this role for OHA. Per House Bill 4098, OHA may spend up to 5% of State funds on administrative expenses.

## Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery (OSPTR) Board

### 8. What is the OSPTR Board?

[House Bill 4098 \(2022\)](#) established the Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment, & Recovery (OSPTR) Board. The OSPTR Board determines how the State of Oregon's opioid settlement funds are allocated.

The OSPTR Board consists of the following representatives, many of which are appointed by the Governor of Oregon:

1. Oregon Department of Justice representative
2. Oregon Health Authority representative
3. Oregon Department of Human Services representative
4. Governor Policy Advisor representative
5. Director of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
6. Chairperson of the Ballot Measure 110 Oversight and Accountability Council
7. Representative from Clackamas, Washington, or Multnomah County
8. Representative from Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, or Yamhill County
9. Representative from the City of Portland
10. Representative from a city with a population greater than 10,000
11. Representative from a city with a population less than 10,000
12. Representative of the Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials
13. Representative of a community mental health program
14. Person with or representing lived experiences of substance use disorder
15. Representative of law enforcement, first responders, or jail commanders/wardens
16. Member of the Oregon House of Representatives (non-voting Board member)
17. Member of the Oregon Senate (non-voting Board member)
18. State Court Administrator (non-voting Board member)

### 9. What is the Research, Evaluation, and Data (RED) Subcommittee?

The OSPTR Board established two independent subcommittees, the Research and Evaluation Subcommittee and Data System Subcommittee, to make

spending recommendations to the Board for their respective funding categories. The Board approved a merger of the two subcommittees in August 2025.

The purpose of the RED Subcommittee is to make spending recommendations to the OSPTR board for the Research & Evaluation and Data System allocation categories.

The RED Subcommittee includes OSPTR Board members as well as subject matter experts from the Alcohol & Drug Policy Commission and the Oregon Health Authority. Subcommittee members who are not OSPTR Board members can participate fully in discussions and may vote on recommendations that will be presented to the OSPTR Board for final approval.

## **10. How has the OSPTR Board allocated Oregon opioid settlement funds?**

As of May, 2026, the OSPTR Board has allocated over \$114 million of Oregon's opioid settlement funds across several spending categories. This includes a 30% Tribal set-aside and a \$1 million data system set-aside. The OSPTR Board made additional investments in primary prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and research. In January 2026, the Board allocated \$13 million to the Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) Program to fill a critical funding gap.

OHA compiles all Oregon opioid settlement spending into an annual report, published by January 1 of each year. Refer to the [2024-2025 Oregon Opioid Settlement Spending Report](#) for a summary of OSPTR Board spending from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

OHA maintains the [OSPTR Board Allocations Table](#) to summarize all Board allocations to date. Additionally, OHA will launch a data dashboard in 2026 that displays all Oregon opioid settlement allocations and spending in real time.

## **11. How does the OSPTR Board decide what to fund?**

The OSPTR Board meets monthly in public sessions to deliberate on funding decisions. Per [House Bill 4098 \(2022\)](#), those decisions are informed and guided by:

- The [Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission's 2026-2030 Comprehensive Plan](#)
- Ongoing evaluation of the efficacy of the Board's funding allocations
- Evidence-based and evidence-informed strategies and best practices
- Input the board receives from the public
- Equity considerations for underserved populations
- Terms of the settlement agreements - [Exhibit E \(List of Opioid Remediation Uses\)](#)

- **How does the OSPTR Board measure success?**

The Board's vision of success states, "The Board will know it has been successful when measurably fewer people in Oregon are using opioids, fewer of those who use opioids are dying as a result, and those who are in recovery are able to live full, rich, and meaningful lives."

To work toward that vision, the Board committed to evaluating the impact of their investments and reporting evaluation findings back to the public. All Oregon opioid settlement funding grantees must complete regular project reporting for OHA to monitor progress and ensure contract compliance. Beginning in July 2026, OHA will publish an annual program monitoring report summarizing outcomes and impacts of Oregon opioid settlement projects.

## How to stay informed and be involved

### 12. How can I attend OSPTR Board and RED Subcommittee meetings?

The OSPTR Board usually meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 10am-1pm PST. The RED Subcommittee meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 9am-10:30am.

These are public meetings, and OHA uploads the meeting agenda to the [OSPTR Board webpage](#) at least a week in advance.

- [Zoom Meeting Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 833 3584 1070
- Passcode: 218875

### 13. How can I provide input on OSPTR Board decisions?

Community members are welcome to provide spoken or written testimony during the public comment portion of each meeting. Please email [OHA.OpioidSettlement@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:OHA.OpioidSettlement@dhsosha.state.or.us) to submit a statement or letter of public comment to the OSPTR Board. Members of the public can also sign up for public comment during the meetings using the chat feature.

### 14. How can I watch past meeting recordings?

OHA uploads OSPTR Board and RED Subcommittee meeting recordings, summaries, and packets within a few days following each meeting. These are stored on the [OSPTR Board Meeting Archive webpage](#).

### 15. How can I apply for opioid settlement funds?

Currently, there is not a pathway for organizations or individuals to apply for Oregon opioid settlement funds. The OSPTR Board and OHA are strategizing a Request for Grant Applications process for late 2026/early 2027. OHA will provide updates and details on this as more information becomes available.

## 16. Where can I find treatment or help for substance use disorder?

If you or someone you care about is struggling with substance use, please reach out for help. Speak with a healthcare provider or visit the links below for support and treatment resources. You are not alone.

- If you or someone you know is in a crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat online at [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org).
- Lines for Life Recovery Resources
  - [Treatment Access Hotline](#)
  - Alcohol and Drug Helpline: Call 1-800-923-4357 or text Recovery Now to 839863
- Oregon [Behavioral Health Resource Network Dashboard](#)
- [Oregon Substance Use Disorder Services Directory](#)

## 17. How do I ask additional questions?

Email the Oregon Opioid Settlement Team at [OHA.OpioidSettlement@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:OHA.OpioidSettlement@dhsosha.state.or.us) with any additional questions.

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