Town of Mashpee

Opioid Abatement Funding Application 2026-Information Page

Introduction and Background**:** "On July 21, 2021 Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey announced a $26 billion settlement agreement with opioid distributors and Johnson & Johnson, which will provide more than $500 million to the Commonwealth and its cities and towns for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery across Massachusetts. This settlement holds accountable several corporations that contributed to the overprescription of opioids in Massachusetts and brings needed relief to people struggling with substance use disorder. The settlement agreement includes pharmaceutical distributers Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen as well as Johnson & Johnson, which manufactured and marketed opioids. The settlement also requires significant industry changes that are designed to prevent this from happening again. The AG's Office supports the settlement and has been laying the groundwork for its implementation in Massachusetts." This second round of opioid funding also includes settlements from the following: Teva Pharmaceutical, Walgreens, Walmart and Allergan.
Please Note the Following Information Before Completing:

- Any funding dispersed must go to help Mashpee residents within four sectors as outlined by the state: Prevention, Harm Reduction, Recovery and Treatment, see attached link for more detailed information https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-abatement-terms-3-8-22/download
- "Municipal abatement funds shall not be used to fund care reimbursed by the state, including through Masshealth and the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS), although local or area agencies or programs that provide state-reimbursed services can be supported financially in other ways that help meet the needs of their participants."
- Agencies or Group must have an organizational structure with a minimum of a 501c3 status.
- The application deadline will be June 1 for July distribution.

IMPORTANT FUNDING STATEMENT:

Please be advised that the availability of Opioid Abatement Funding for the current application cycle is limited. As a result, the total amount of funding awarded may differ from amounts distributed in previous years. All applicants will be considered based on available resources, program priorities, and demonstrated need; however, submission of an application does not guarantee full or partial funding. Applicants are encouraged to plan accordingly and consider alternative or supplemental funding sources where necessary.

Please contact Mashpee Human Services with any questions: 508-539-1411.