

Washington State Opioid Settlements & Spend Plan

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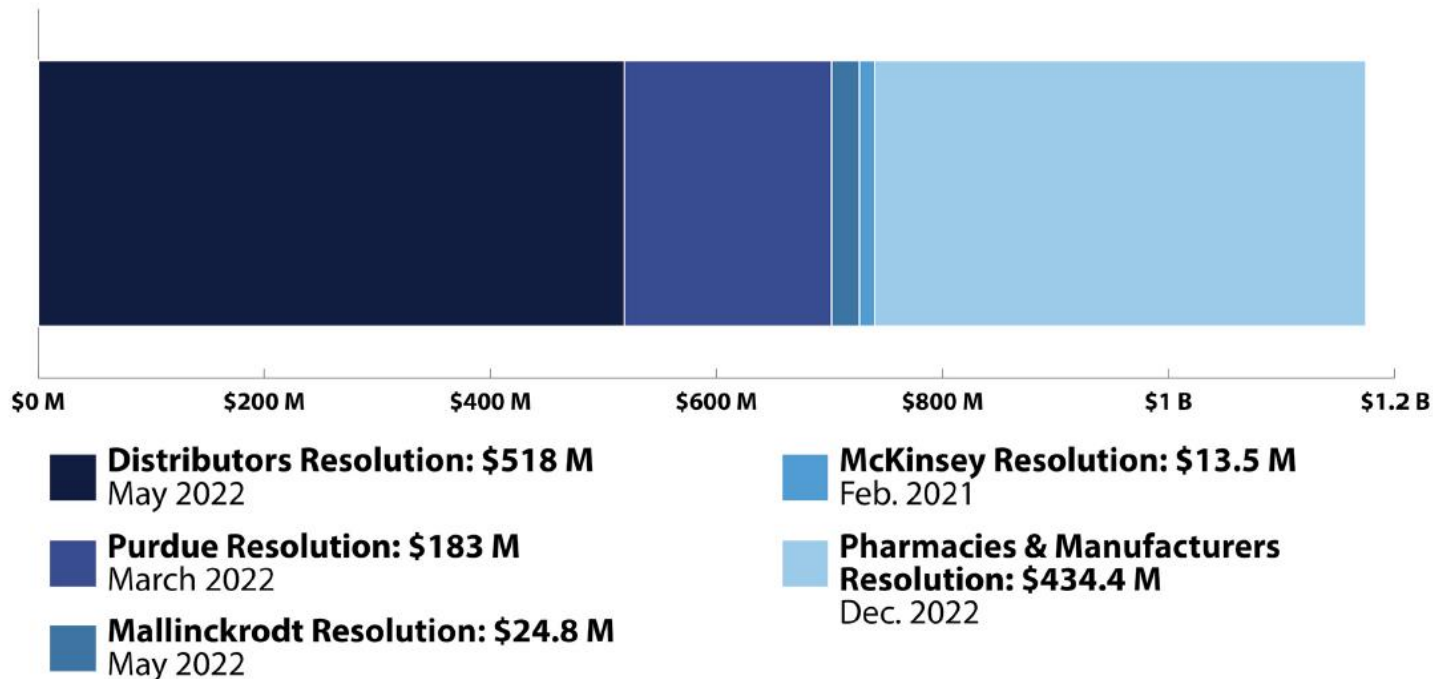


WHATCOM COUNTY
**HEALTH AND
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**



Opioid Settlement Funds

Washington total opioid-related recoveries:
\$1.1 BILLION



Region 10 Opioid Settlement



	Alaska	Idaho	Oregon	Washington
Settlement involvement	J&J, McKesson, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health	J&J, McKesson, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health	J&J, McKesson, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health, Purdue	McKesson, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health <i>CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Teva, Allergan</i>
Settlement amount <i>Over 18 years</i> <i>Staggered distribution</i>	\$58 million	\$119 million	\$97 million (Purdue) \$329 million (J&J, McKesson, Amerisource, Cardinal Health)	<i>\$518 million</i> (McKesson, Amerisource, Cardinal Health) <i>\$434 million</i> (CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Teva, Allergan)
Who's receiving the settlement?	85% state 5% political subdivisions	40% state 40% participating cities and counties 20% participating health districts	45% state 55% participating subdivisions	50% state 50% counties/cities <i>-\$215million</i> <i>-\$217 million</i>

Settlements & WA State



Company	Dollars in Million	Distribution Period
McKesson/Amerisource-Bergen/Cardinal Health	518 Million	18 yrs.
CVS	110.6	10 yrs.
Walgreens	120.3	15 yrs.
Walmart	62.6	1 st yr. 97%
Teva	90.7	13 yrs.
Allergan	50	7 yrs.
Johnson & Johnson	123.3 (local 740k est.)	1 time payout
Kroger	47.5 (local 319k est.)	11 yrs.
Mallinckrodt	7.7	TBD
McKinsey	13.5	TBD
Publicis	7.9	TBD
Purdue	183 (in mediation)	TBD
Pending: Albertson, Rite Aid, Endo, Hikma, Amneal	Pending	Pending

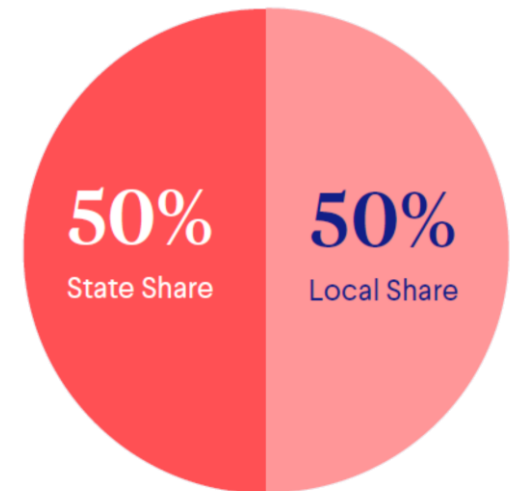
Allocation of Settlement Funds



Local governments will determine how to spend their share, and the Legislature will determine how the state share is allocated in communities around the state. In the 2023 legislative session, the Legislature [allocated \\$64.1 million from the opioid payments.](#)

Examples of legislative support included:

- \$18,168,000 for prevention, treatment and recovery support services to address and remediate the opioid epidemic.
- \$15,447,000 to tribes and urban Indian health programs for opioid and overdose response activities.
- \$5,000,000 for the Department of Health to expand the distribution of naloxone through overdose education and a distribution program.
- \$4,000,000 for the authority to provide short-term housing vouchers for individuals with substance use disorders.



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Local Settlement Allocations



Includes "Distributor Settlement" of \$215 million with McKesson, Amerisource Bergen, & Cardinal Health and \$217 million settlement with CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Teva, & Allergan

		<i>18 Year Dist.</i>	<i>Staggered Dist.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Local Government	Allocation %	215,000,000	217,000,000	432,000,000
Whatcom County	1.3452637306%	\$2,893,997.05	\$2,919,222.30	\$5,813,219.34
Bellingham	0.8978614577%	\$1,931,523.42	\$1,948,359.36	\$3,879,882.79
Ferndale	0.0646101891%	\$138,992.59	\$140,204.11	\$279,196.71
Lynden	0.0827115612%	\$177,933.15	\$179,484.09	\$357,417.24
<i>County total</i>	<i>2.3904469386%</i>	<i>\$5,142,446.22</i>	<i>\$5,187,269.86</i>	<i>\$10,329,716.07</i>
<i>Blaine, Everson, Nooksack, & Sumas below 10k population</i>				

Local Settlement Allocations



		Walgreens	CVS	Allergan	Teva	Distributor	Yearly total
	2025		\$ 72,177.73	\$ 41,268.38	\$ 37,553.52	\$ 138,230.17	\$ 289,229.80
	2026	\$ 35,440.19	\$ 72,971.45	\$ 41,268.38	\$ 37,553.52	\$ 138,230.17	\$ 325,463.71
	2027	\$ 35,440.19	\$ 72,971.45	\$ 40,400.13	\$ 37,553.52	\$ 113,507.37	\$ 299,872.66
	2028	\$ 36,106.29	\$ 71,542.75	\$ 40,400.13	\$ 37,553.52	\$ 185,433.78	\$ 371,036.47
	2029	\$ 36,106.29	\$ 67,968.45	\$ 40,400.13	\$ 36,515.03	\$ 191,265.09	\$ 372,254.99
	2030	\$ 52,682.69	\$ 64,394.15	\$ -	\$ 36,515.03	\$ 191,265.09	\$ 344,856.96
	2031	\$ 52,682.69	\$ 64,337.43	\$ -	\$ 36,515.03	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 314,312.76
	2032	\$ 52,682.69	\$ 64,337.43	\$ -	\$ 36,515.03	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 314,312.76
	2033	\$ 52,682.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,515.03	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 249,975.33
	2034	\$ 52,682.69		\$ -	\$ 36,515.03	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 249,975.33
	2035	\$ 52,682.69		\$ -	\$ 36,515.03	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 249,975.33
	2036	\$ 52,682.69		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 213,460.30
	2037	\$ 52,682.69		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 213,460.30
	2038	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 160,777.61	\$ 160,777.61
	By-Entity total	\$ 564,554.48	\$ 550,700.84	\$ 203,737.15	\$ 405,819.29	\$ 2,244,152.55	

Opioid Abatement Strategies



PART ONE: TREATMENT

- a. Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- b. Support People in Treatment and Recovery
- c. Connect People Who Need Help to the Help They Need (Connections to Care)
- d. Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons
- e. Address Needs of Pregnant/Parenting Women & their Families, including Babies w/ Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome 6

PART TWO: PREVENTION

- f. Prevent Over-Prescribing and Ensure Appropriate Prescribing and Dispensing of Opioids
- g. Prevent Misuse of Opioid
- h. Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms

PART THREE: OTHER STRATEGIES

- i. First Responders
- j. Leadership, Planning, and Coordination
- k. Training
- l. Research

Short-Term Efforts & Planning



Year 1: 2024

- Continued supporting existing goals and objectives while conducting long-term planning
- Formation of required Regional Opioid Abatement Council (10% of \$\$\$)
- Built Capacity (Foundational Public Health Services Fund)
 - Hired Opioid Response Program Specialist
 - Increased data access and utilization (feedback for statewide data dashboards)
- Participated in statewide efforts
 - Increased representation in State Opioid Planning Workgroups
 - Participated in update of WA State Opioid & Overdose Response Plan
 - Ensured alignment with state plan (identify additional local needs)

Long-Term Planning



Phase 1: Needs & Gaps

- Collect information on needs and gaps
- Utilize existing plans to avoid duplication

Phase 2: Strategies & Services

- Determine programs, services, and strategies that meet identified needs
- Inclusion of non-professional interventions

Phase 3: Priorities

- Assess strategies for impact, capacity & readiness to implement
(Is it evidence-based? Is it a new or expanded service? What level of resource is needed?)
- Determine state investments addressing local needs
- Identify appropriate fund sources including grants and alternative sources

2025 Spend Plan



Priorities from the *Opioid Task Force*, the *Fentanyl Operations Plan*, and from *All Hands Whatcom* provided a broad range of potential services and strategies to support. Many of these concurrently align with the [WA State Opioid & Overdose Response Plan](#).

WCHCS requested expenditure authority from **Whatcom County Council** in July of 2025 to provide opioid prevention and mitigation strategies in accordance with Opioid Settlement funding. Services focus on Whatcom County youth, families, individuals, and populations at higher risk for substance use or mental health concerns, and the broader public.

Settlement Fund Spending – 2025 ASR



Whatcom County Examples	Cost
*Lock bags	\$10,000
*Supported Employment Services	\$25,000
*+Youth Substance Use & Mental Health Services	\$30,000
*+Communities the Care Prevention Model	\$40,000
*+Public Education & Marketing	\$45,000
*+Naloxone	\$25,000
+Community Supported Training	\$25,000
Totals	\$200,000

*In Fentanyl Operations Plan

+Priority of Opioid Task Force

There will likely be \$300k-\$350k available per year, tapering at intervals as settlements reach their conclusion

Settlement Fund Spending – 2025 Actual



Whatcom County Examples	Cost
*Lock bags	\$10,000
*Supported Employment Services	\$0
*+Youth Substance Use & Mental Health Services	\$18,500
*+Communities the Care Prevention Model	\$20,000
*+Public Education & Marketing	\$500
*+Naloxone	\$0
+Community Supported Training	\$12,000
Totals	\$61,000

*In Fentanyl Operations Plan

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2026 Spend Plan Priorities



	Allowable Use of Settlement Fund	Whatcom County Fentanyl Operations Plan alignment	Recommended Amount	
Coalition prevention strategies	G4, G5	1B	100,000	
Youth Substance Use & Mental Health Services	G10, G11	OTF	40,000	
Public Education and Marketing	G1, G2, G7, H6, H7	1A	45,000	
Naloxone	H1, H2, H4	1G, 2F	25,000	
Medication lock bags	G5	1F	5,000	
Supported employment services	B6	4d	25,000	
Community Supported training and programming	K1, H3	1C	80,000	
Personnel (Opioid Response)	Multiple	Multiple	223,494	
			Subtotal	543,494
			10% admin	54,349
			10% OAC	54,349
			TOTAL	652,192



Questions?

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