

Colorado Opioid Framework

Too many Colorado families and communities have been devastated by opioid overdoses and addiction. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 2,400 Coloradans died from an opioid overdose since 2020. Over the last 20 years, more than 8,500 Coloradans have died from an accidental opioid overdose, and thousands more have struggled with addiction.

The opioid epidemic is an ongoing crisis in our state, which is why Attorney General Phil Weiser, the Colorado Department of Law, and local governments are committed to collaborative problem-solving and sustainable solutions. In August 2021, after announcing several historic settlements with major drug manufacturers and distributors, the office announced a groundbreaking framework for distributing over \$520 million in opioid settlement dollars throughout the state for addiction treatment, recovery, and prevention programs.

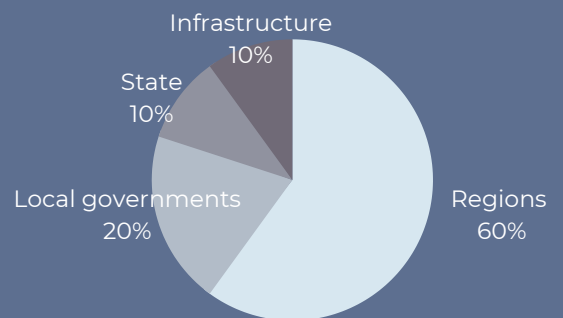


Distribution of settlement proceeds

Proceeds from the settlements include up to about:

- \$385 million from Johnson & Johnson and three major drug distributors
- At least \$50 million from Purdue Pharma and the Sacklers
- \$60 million from Teva and Allergan
- \$18 million from Mallinckrodt
- \$10 million from McKinsey & Company.

These dollars will be distributed to 19 regions, local governments, the state, and infrastructure needs as follows:



A General Abatement Fund Council will provide oversight of the regional and infrastructure funds to ensure settlement awards are used for abatement. Each region will create its own Regional Governance Council.

The General Abatement Fund Council will be comprised of 13 members, including 6 appointed by Colorado Counties, Inc. and the Colorado Municipal League, 6 appointed by the Attorney General, and one non-voting chairperson.

Regions for the distribution of opioid settlement funds

