

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



How much money will Ohio receive from the opioid lawsuits?

Ohio has joined national opioid settlements with ten defendant groups totaling more than \$46 billion. Because many settlements are not yet finalized, and future opioid litigation is possible, a total figure cannot yet be determined. However, while not all settlements are finalized and future opioid litigation is possible, the OneOhio Recovery Foundation is currently expected to receive a maximum of approximately \$864 million through the current lawsuit settlements.

Where will all the money go that Ohio receives from the opioid lawsuit settlements?

In general, the funds will go to three places: 15 percent to Ohio's state government, 30 percent directly to local governments and 55 percent to the OhioOhio Recovery Foundation. The Foundation will distribute the funds it receives to organizations across the state engaged in regional or statewide addiction treatment, recovery and prevention and related efforts, and also set aside funds for future efforts.

How can OneOhio Recovery Foundation's funds be used?

The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding outlines all approved purposes for funds awarded as a result of opioid lawsuits. The funds may be distributed to organizations for efforts that address prevention, treatment and long-term recovery; criminal justice; and public awareness activities that promote the overall health and well-being of Ohioans. Funds can be used for both regional projects and statewide programs, as well as for innovation, research, and education. Entrusting Ohio's settlement funds to a private, non-profit foundation ensures that they are preserved and responsibly managed over time, separate from political or other government-related factors.

When will funds be distributed?

The Foundation did not receive any settlement funds until March 28/31, 2023. The Foundation is working to begin distributing funds in 2024.

What is the process for submitting grants and how will they be considered?

The Foundation is currently in the process of finalizing policies and processes for managing and distributing funds, including determining how grant applications will be submitted and considered. Generally speaking, grant applications will be submitted for initial consideration by the 19 regional boards. Grant applications approved by the regional boards will then be submitted to the full Foundation board for review, approval and distribution. Grants may also be awarded for statewide efforts. When these policies and processes are finalized they will be shared with the public to encourage statewide participation in the grant application process.

Will any addiction and recovery experts serve on the board and/or guide funding decisions?

The Board of Directors includes many members with lived and professional experience with substance use disorders and behavioral health. Additionally, a nine-member panel made up of addiction, pain management and public health experts will be appointed to advise the Foundation on funding recommendations.