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# Opioid Abatement Funds



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# Distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds

- 15% sent directly to the state of TN
- 15% sent directly to TN local governments
- 70% sent to Opioid Abatement Trust Fund
  - 35% to TN local governments
  - 65% used for community grants fund



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# Fund Management

## Opioid Abatement Council

Responsible for ensuring the disbursed funds are used to fund programs, strategies, expenditures, and other actions designed to prevent and address the misuse and abuse of opioid products and treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders or other effects of the opioid epidemic



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# Semiannual Report

- Submitted on State of TN website (via formstack.com)
- Each county is required to complete
- Collection of data is for public accountability



Opioid Abatement Council

## Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Semi-Annual Report

Please report on Opioid Abatement Trust Funds spent during the timeframe February 1, 2023-August 31, 2023.  
This Report is due September 30, 2023

This report is **only** for the money from the **Tennessee Opioid Abatement Trust Fund** and is for the timeframe of February 1, 2023 - August 31, 2023. Please **do not** include information about the money from the **National Administrator**.

The questions with **\*asterisks\*** require an answer.

Name of County Official completing this Semi-Annual Report\*

Email address of County Official completing this Semi-Annual Report\*

Please select the County for this Semi-Annual Report\*

**Please provide information on the ALLOCATION of the funding received in the next question.**

Has the county allocated all OR any portion of the funds received from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund?\*

- Yes, some funds have been allocated
- Yes, all funds have been allocated
- Yes, we have a proposed allocation for some OR all funds, but still need approval by the county commission or a similar process
- No, none of the funds have been allocated

Please enter the amount of funds which have been allocated\*

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**Please provide information on which STRATEGIES the funding was spent on, in the next 6 questions. These categories are from the Remediation List which is located in the Letter of Agreement or [OAC Remediation List Revised 10-10-22.pdf \(tn.gov\)](#)**

Did your county spend Opioid Abatement Funds on PRIMARY PREVENTION during February 2023-August 2023?\*

# Remediation List Strategies

## Remediation List Strategies

(Primary Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, Education/Training, Recovery Support, Research/Evaluation of Abatement Strategy Efficacy)

Strategy - Schedule A (Core Strategies)	Section Number	Language
Education/ Training	A1	Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families
Harm Reduction	A2	Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service
Treatment	B1	Increase distribution of MAT to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service
Primary Prevention	B2	Provide education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage or prevent misuse
Treatment	B3	Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders
Treatment	B4	Provide treatment and recovery support services such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allow or integrate medication and with other support services
Primary Prevention	C1	Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment ("SBIRT") services to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured pregnant women
Treatment	C2	Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including MAT, for women with co occurring Opioid Use Disorder ("OUD") and other Substance Use Disorder ("SUD")/Mental Health disorders for uninsured individuals for up to 12 months postpartum
Recovery Support	C3	Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD, including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare
Recovery Support	D1	Expand comprehensive evidence-based and recovery support for NAS babies
Recovery Support	D2	Expand services for better continuum of care with infant need dyad

# 3-Year Rolling Projections

## Opioid Abatement Trust Funds County Payment Projections 2024-2026 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Anticipated Annual County Payments

County	2024 Payment	2025 Payment	2026 Payment
Anderson	\$430,472.66	\$192,023.66	\$216,044.98
Bedford	\$227,425.05	\$101,448.93	\$114,139.75
Benton	\$81,412.25	\$36,316.08	\$40,859.06
Bledsoe	\$70,817.69	\$31,590.09	\$35,541.88
Blount	\$653,333.32	\$291,436.52	\$327,893.96
Bradley	\$466,085.04	\$207,909.50	\$233,918.07
Campbell	\$238,394.86	\$106,342.30	\$119,645.26
Cannon	\$90,054.71	\$40,171.28	\$45,196.53
Carroll	\$122,349.82	\$54,577.36	\$61,404.75
Carter	\$258,799.38	\$115,444.28	\$129,885.85
Cheatham	\$294,250.80	\$131,258.31	\$147,678.16
Chester	\$68,876.39	\$30,724.13	\$34,567.58
Claiborne	\$172,162.37	\$76,797.56	\$86,404.60
Clay	\$44,424.75	\$19,816.83	\$22,295.83
Cocke	\$205,335.20	\$91,595.17	\$103,053.33
Coffee	\$295,679.73	\$131,895.73	\$148,395.31
Crockett	\$52,674.06	\$23,496.65	\$26,435.98
Cumberland	\$298,377.27	\$133,099.04	\$149,749.15
Davidson	\$3,468,144.57	\$1,547,057.18	\$1,740,587.29
Decatur	\$56,765.76	\$25,321.86	\$28,489.52
DeKalb	\$120,652.78	\$53,820.35	\$60,553.04
Dickson	\$309,695.88	\$138,148.00	\$155,429.71
Dyer	\$152,062.13	\$67,831.32	\$76,316.72
Fayette	\$166,393.35	\$74,224.13	\$83,509.25
Fentress	\$116,863.92	\$52,130.23	\$58,651.49
Franklin	\$196,139.08	\$87,493.00	\$98,437.99
Gibson	\$204,961.87	\$91,428.64	\$102,865.96
Giles	\$141,916.45	\$63,305.57	\$71,224.82
Grainger	\$113,392.03	\$50,581.50	\$56,909.02
Greene	\$337,974.41	\$150,762.38	\$169,622.10
Grundy	\$85,189.47	\$38,001.00	\$42,754.76

\*\*Disclaimer: The projections, data, and information provided are not final numbers. These numbers are subject to change depending on the timing and amounts of the payouts. \*\*

Last modified by the TN Opioid Abatement Council 8/17/23

# Community Grants

- The 65% from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund
- Portal opens September 1<sup>st</sup>
- Will remain open for 5-weeks
- Priority given to non-governmental entities





# Multiple Sources



# Direct Subdivision Funds

- Funds distributed by the National Opioid Settlement Administrator (Brown Greer)
- Counties should have received the first distribution of these funds last year
- The second distribution occurred earlier this year
- These will continue in increasingly smaller amounts for 17 years



# Opioid Abatement Trust Funds

- These funds were sent directly to the state
- TN created an opioid abatement council to determine the distribution and appropriate abatement activities
  - A portion of these funds are sent to counties directly
  - A portion of these funds will also be made available via a competitive grant process



# Accounting for Funds

- Subdivision direct disbursements
  - 48991 Opioid settlement funds – Past remediation
- Opioid Abatement Trust Fund disbursements
  - 46845 is now Opioid Settlement Funds - TN Abatement Council



# Accounting for Funds



- Can the interest be used outside of opioid abatement and remediation?
  - Yes & No
    - Direct subdivision money received from National Settlement Administrator (Brown Greer) - **Yes**
    - Received from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund (MHSAS via Edison) - **No**

# Accounting for Funds



- Can the county take commission on opioid funds?
  - Yes & No
    - Direct subdivision money received from National Settlement Administrator (Brown Greer) - **Yes**
    - Received from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund (MHSAS via Edison) - **No**

# Accounting for Funds



- Do you need to track this money in a separate fund?
- Be aware the first direct distribution was recorded in the incorrect account?
- County trustee should track the restricted portion of the funds for interest purposes.
- Must communicate with the county trustee about status of funds.

# Upcoming Activity



## Semiannual Reporting

- Required to receive funds
- Due September 30<sup>th</sup> & March 30<sup>th</sup> yearly

## Letter of Agreement

- Stipulates how and by when funds are to be spent
- OAC reaching out in December/January timeframe





# Recap

Subdivision Funds paid directly to counties from Brown Greer (National Opioids Settlement Fund)

- Track Using 48991
- Trustee takes commission
- Interest earned does not need to be restricted

Opioid Abatement Council Funds paid via Edison labeled (MHSAS)

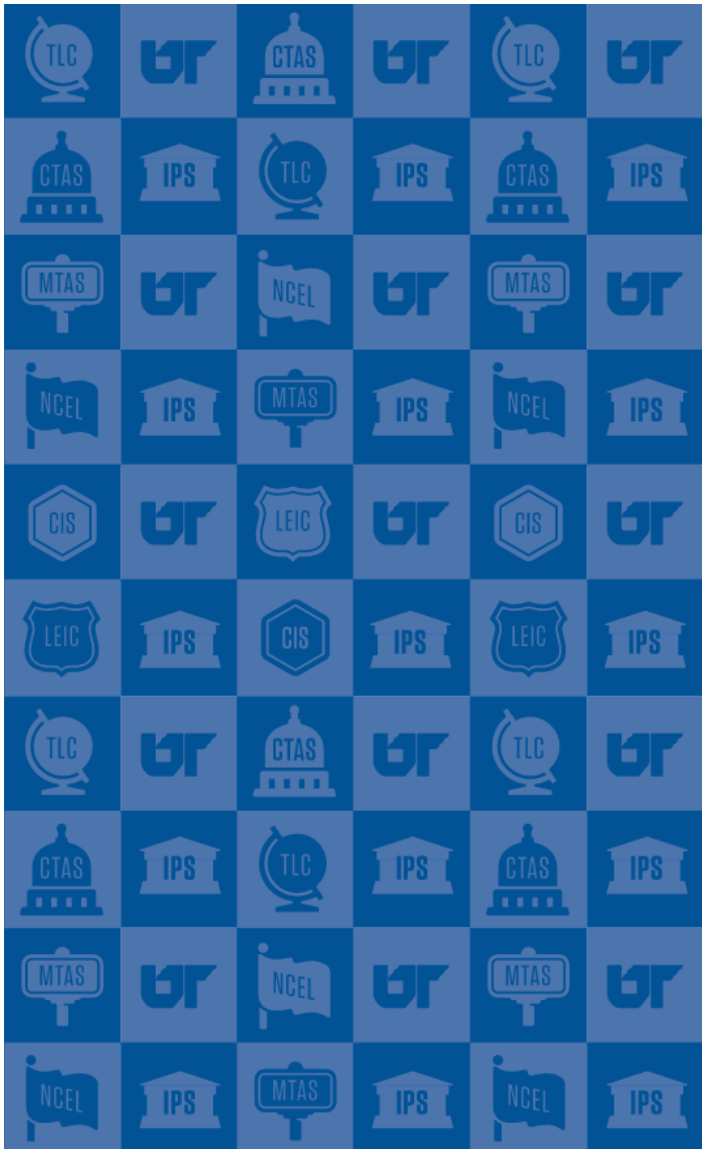
- Track using 46845
- No commission received
- Interest earned is restricted for use in opioid abatement



# Questions?



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# FAQs for Spending Opioid Settlement Funds



## Substance Misuse and Addiction Resource for Tennessee

An Initiative of the UT Institute for Public Service

**Dr. Jennifer Tourville, Executive Director**

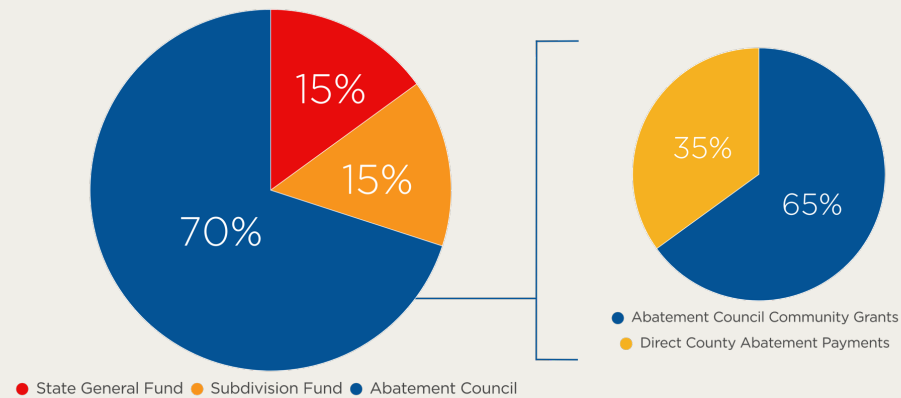


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# What is the difference between the **Subdivision funds** and the **County Abatement funds**?



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## Subdivision

- Must be used for:
  - Future remediation
  - Reimbursement for past expenditures
  - Administrative expenditures
- Reporting:
  - Biannual to BrownGreer **IF** used for non-remediation purposes
  - Next report September 31, 2023 (if required)

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## County Abatement

- Must be used for:
  - Future remediation **ONLY**
  - Uses approved by the OAC
- Reporting:
  - Biannual reporting required to TN OAC
  - Next report September 2023



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What are the **approved** uses for the County Abatement Funds?



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# Approved Remediation Uses

Naloxone or other FDA-approved drugs to reverse overdose

Medication assisted treatment  
Services for pregnant and postpartum women

Expand treatment for NAS  
Expand warm hand-offs and recovery services

Treatment for incarcerated population

Prevention programs

Expanding syringe service programs  
Data collection and research analysis of abatement strategies



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Source: [TN OAC Approved Remediation List](#)



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# What's going on with the Second Wave Settlements?



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# Answer: Moving forward

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Payouts will begin in the first quarter of 2024



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Can the funds be used for:  
vehicles, devices, or autopsies?



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# Answer: NO



County abatement funds **CANNOT** be used for these types of expenses



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What process are other counties using to allocate funds?



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# Answer: Varies



Mayor is making recommendations

Appointed board is making recommendations

Board is overseeing applications process for community orgs to apply



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How are counties deciding how to spend their money?



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# County Strategies

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- Assembling a task force
- Identifying assets and gaps
- Conducting a needs assessment
- Collaborating with other counties
- Evaluating current programs



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Are counties permitted to allocate funds to organizations other than nonprofits?



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# Answer: YES

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Counties **CAN** distribute funds to profit and nonprofit organizations

Questions arose from the T.C.A. 5-9-109



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What process should counties take to ensure organizations are spending the funds appropriately?



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# Distributing Funds Appropriately

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Have a dedicated application process

Limit the duration of funding

Require reporting

Require a contract or agreement



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# For Additional Questions or Assistance

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# Resources



[Opioid Abatement County Funding and Reporting](#)

[Opioid Abatement Council Community Grant Funding information](#)

[OAC frequently asked questions](#)

[Approved Remediation List](#)

[Tennessee Attorney General Opioid Settlement Information Page](#)

[Substance Misuse and Addiction Resource for Tennessee \(SMART\)](#)

[Email SMART](#)

[TCSA Opioid Solutions](#)



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