



Opioid Settlement Funds

WHAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS NEED TO KNOW

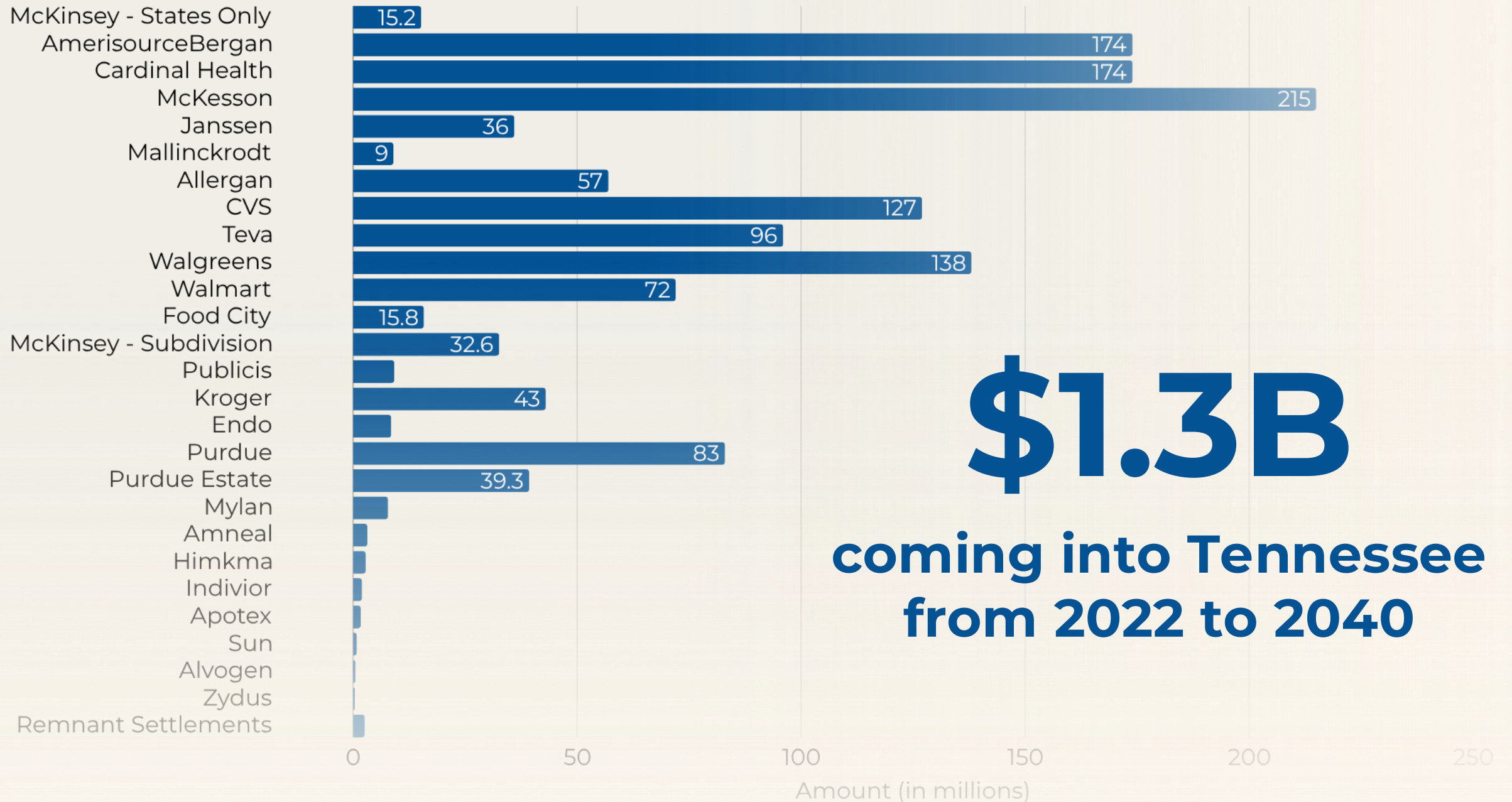
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An Initiative of the UT Institute for Public Service





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Opioid Abatement
Council

This project is funded by the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council.

The UT SMART Initiative is contracted with Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Council to provide technical assistance and educational support to Tennessee counties on the use of Opioid Abatement Trust Funds.



The UT SMART Initiative

We employ three consultants, one for each grand division of the state, to provide the following technical assistance support at no cost to all counties:



County RFP
Process



Reporting to
the OAC



Making Data-
Guided Decisions



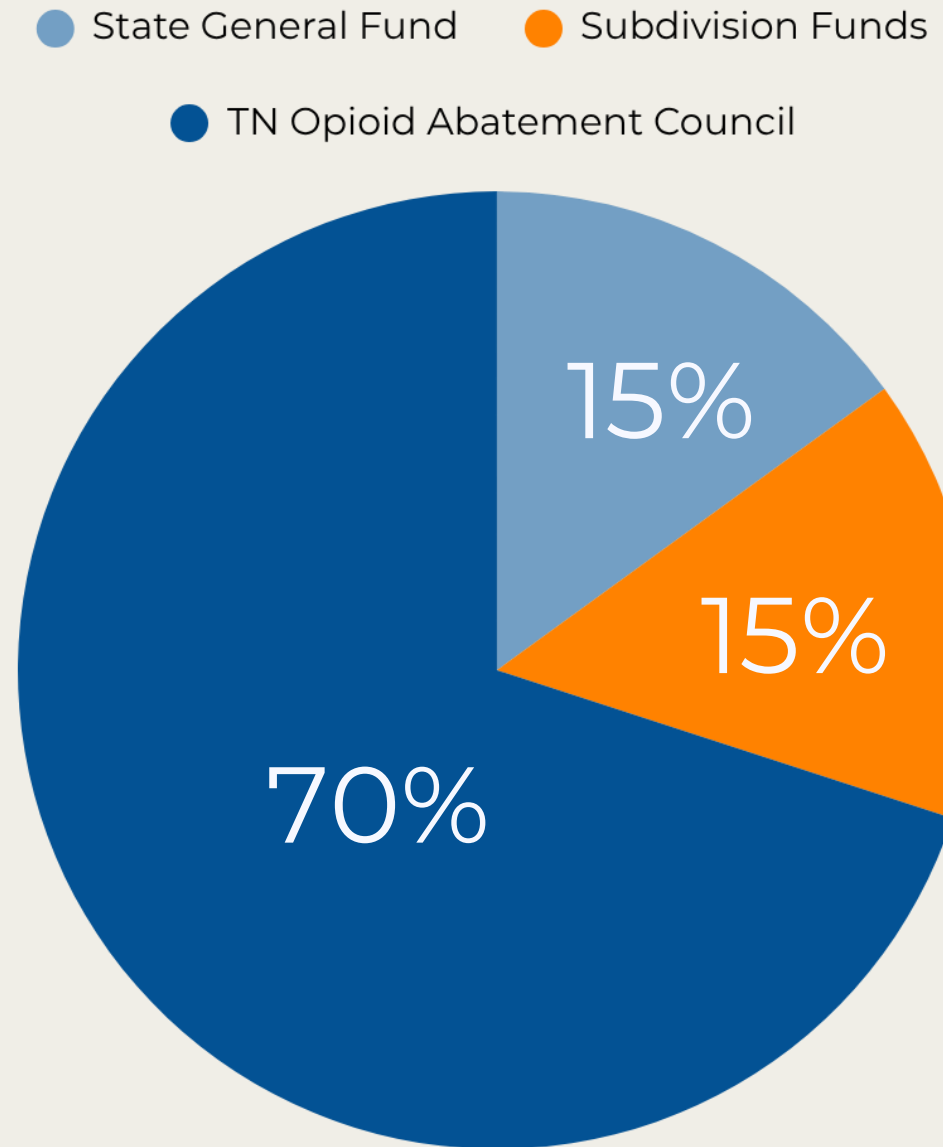
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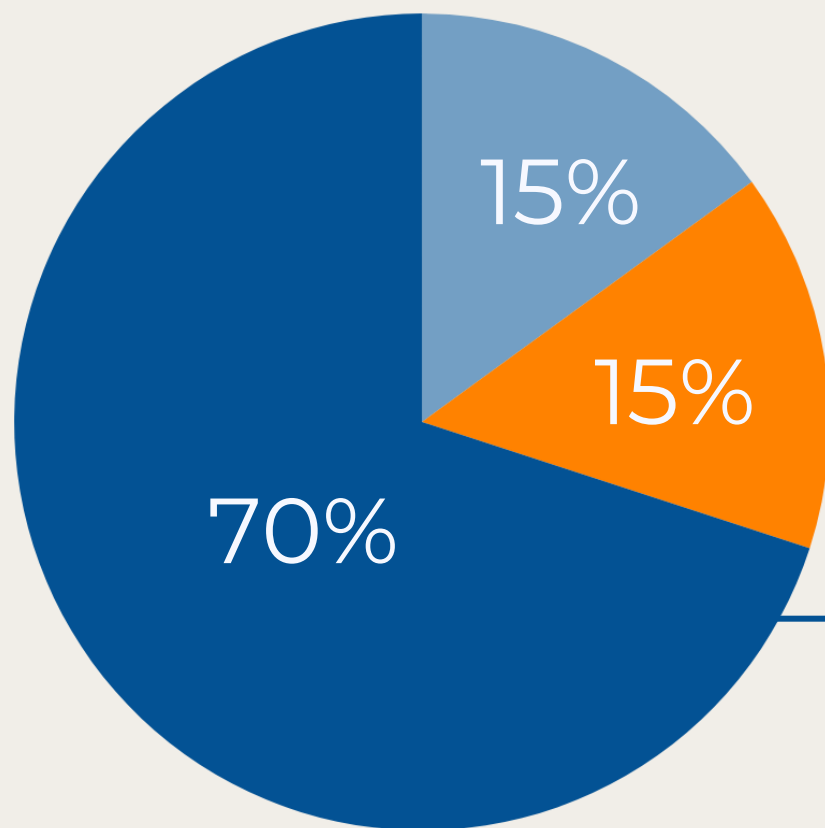


The Three “Buckets”



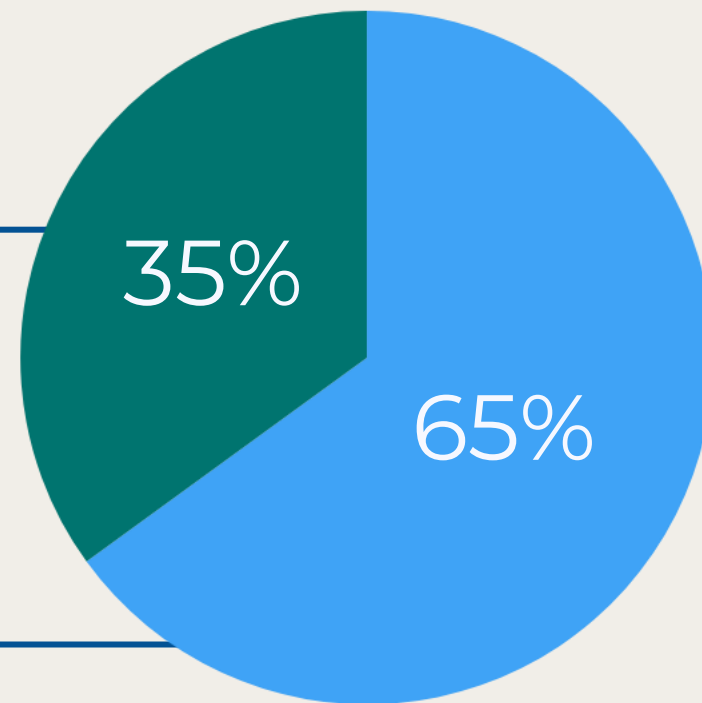
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● TN OAC Community Grants

● Direct County Opioid Abatement Payments

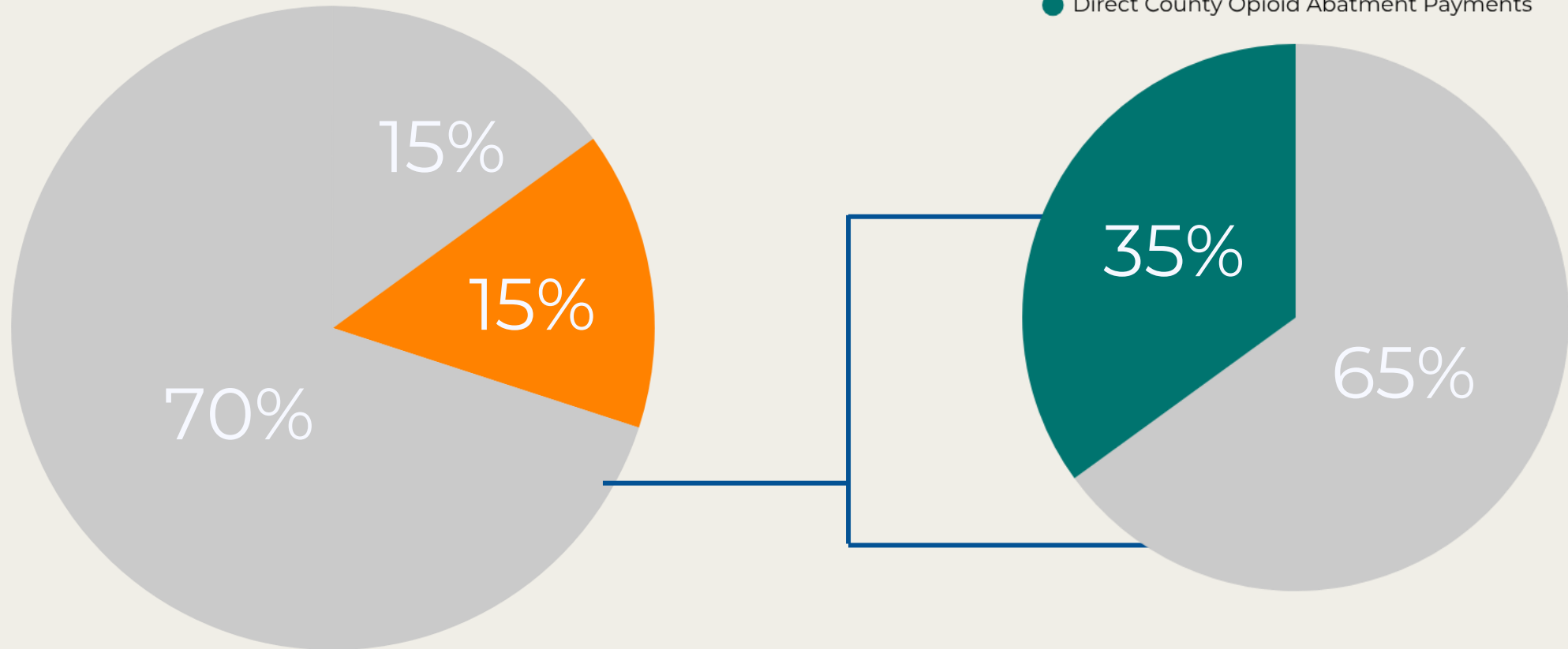


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Funds Distributed to Counties

	Subdivision Funds	TN OAC County Abatement Funds
Overseeing Body		 Opioid Abatement Council
Use of Funds	Past or future opioid remediation.	Future opioid remediation only.
Spending Timeframe	No allocation or spending deadline.	Each payment received must be allocated in 2 years and spent within 4 years.
Reporting Requirements	Semiannual reports only if funds were not used for opioid remediation, will only ask for amount.	Annual reports that must include amount allocated or spent and strategy addressed.
Reporting Due Dates	Every March and September.	July 31st of every year.

OAC - County Letter of Agreement



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FY26 LETTER OF AGREEMENT: OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY ENTITIES

Date: *January 30, 2026*

To:

From: Dr. Stephen Loyd, Chair of the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council
Mary Shelton, Executive Director of the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council

On May 24, 2021, the Tennessee General Assembly passed Public Chapter No. 491 establishing the Opioid Abatement Fund ("Fund") and the Opioid Abatement Council ("Council").

The Fund is the designated repository of funds that are either dedicated to opioid abatement or remediation or are otherwise directed to abatement or remediation and that are received by the State pursuant to a judgment on opioid-related claims, a recovery in bankruptcy on opioid-related claims, or a settlement of opioid-related claims. *See* Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-4-1304.

The Council is responsible for disbursing funds from the Fund. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-11-103(p), for proceeds from the statewide opioid settlement agreements with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Allergan Finance, LLC, CVS Health Corporation, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Walgreen Co., Walmart Inc., K-VA-T Food Stores, Inc., or The Kroger Co., among other entities or their affiliates, subsidiaries, or other affiliated entities that are deposited in the Fund, the Council shall disburse thirty-five percent (35%) of these proceeds to counties that join the settlement.

Funds allocated to counties *must be spent on opioid abatement and remediation purposes* that are specifically approved by the Council or included on a list of approved programs created by the Council. *See* Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-11-103(r), (s). Please see Attachment A for a list of these approved abatement and remediation activities.

In accordance with the above, the Council is disbursing **\$44,061.68** (the "Disbursement") to
If your county chooses to accept the Disbursement, sign this Letter of Agreement ("Agreement") (include your taxpayer identification number and requested contact information) in the space provided below. Your signature serves as your county's acceptance of the following terms and conditions:

- a) Your county agrees to utilize the Disbursement only for approved opioid abatement and remediation activities outlined in Attachment A or otherwise approved by the Council. By signing below, you, as the representative for your county, certify that your county will only use the Disbursement for the approved opioid abatement and remediation activities listed in Attachment A or otherwise approved by the Council.
- b) Your county agrees to report on an annual basis to the Council requested information. This requested information may include, but not be limited to, the following:

Attachment A or otherwise
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Approved Remediation Strategies

Categories Developed by the TN OAC

Treatment

Recovery Support

Primary Prevention

Education and Training

Lifesaving Overdose Prevention Services

Research and Evaluation

Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Remediation Uses

Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council
Revised & Adopted September 30, 2022

Revised June 2, 2026

EXHIBIT E

Tennessee's Opioid Abatement
Remediation Uses

Schedule A
Core Strategies

A. NALOXONE OR OTHER FDA-APPROVED DRUG TO REVERSE
OPIOID OVERDOSES

1. Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; and
2. Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service.

B. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT ("MAT"),
DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER OPIOID-RELATED
TREATMENT

1. Increase distribution of MAT to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service;
2. Provide education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage or prevent misuse;
3. Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders; and
4. 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.

C. PREGNANT & POSTPARTUM WOMEN

1. Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment ("SBIRT") services to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured pregnant women;

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OR NEONATAL ABSTINENCE

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EE PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY

and on-call teams to begin MAT in

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include co-occurring SUD or mental

services to individuals in recovery,
placement/training, and childcare; and
behavioral health workers to facilitate

POPULATION

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Internal Processes Across TN



County government provides oversight



A multisector committee is established to make recommendations to county officials

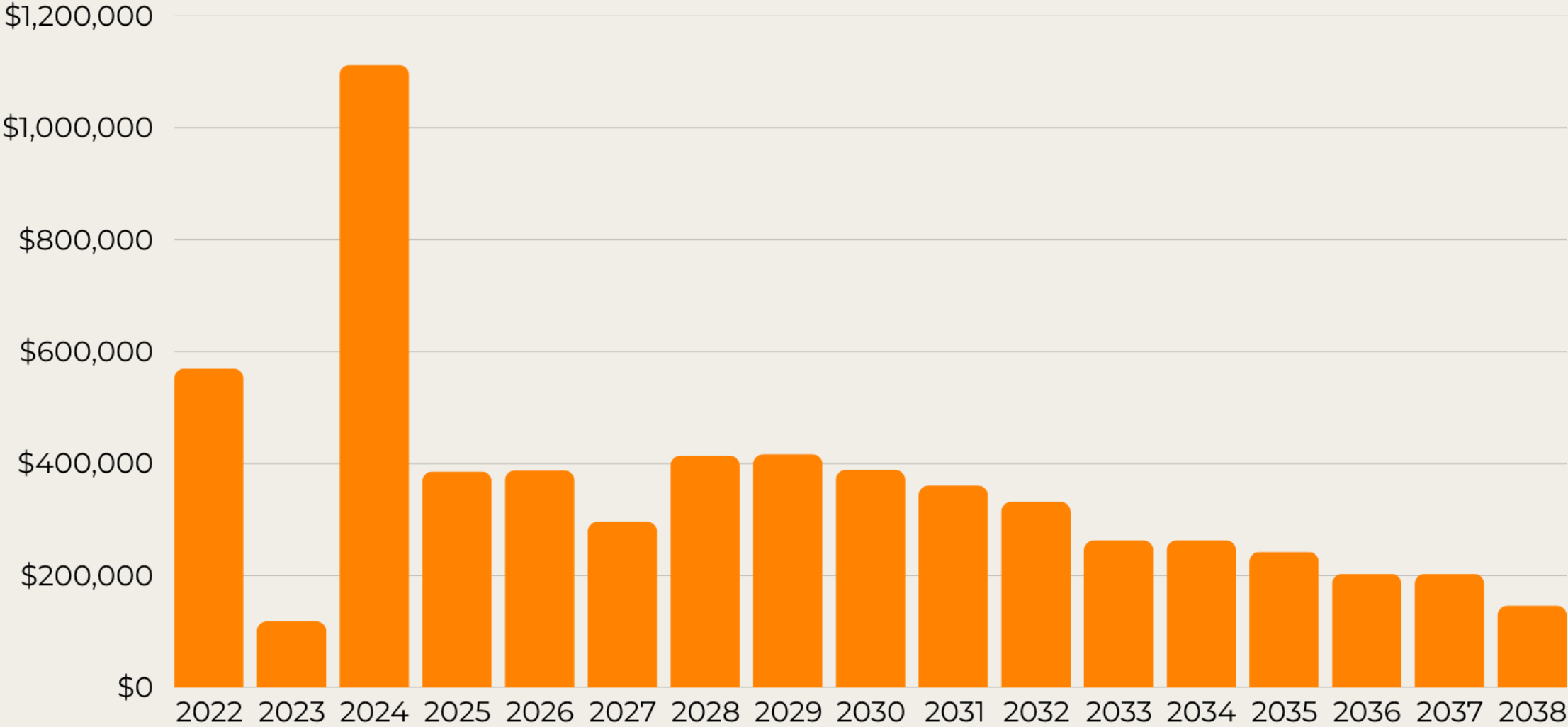


Government contracts with external organization/consulting companies



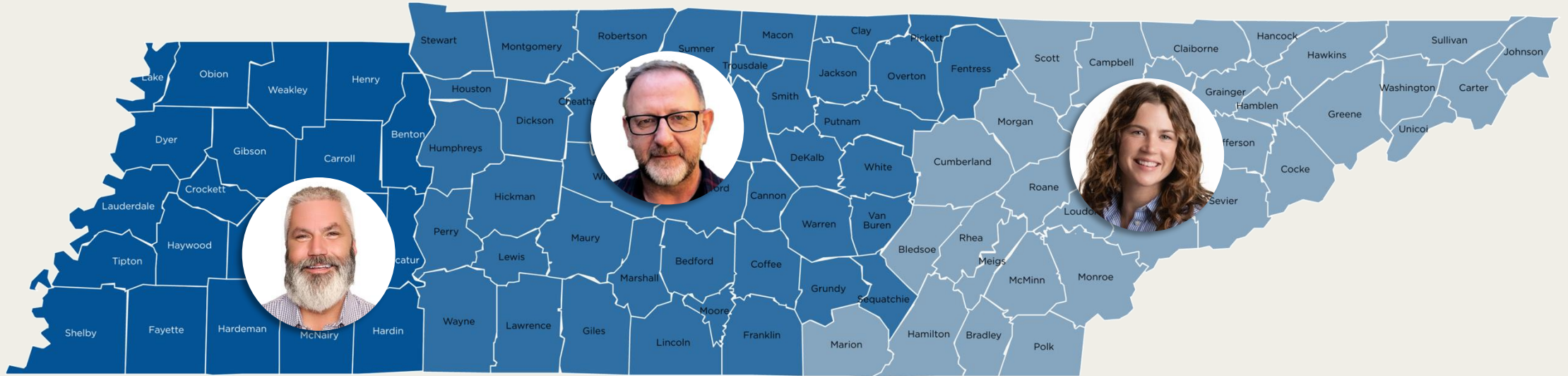
Government hires a specific position to identify spending priorities and provide program oversight

Subdivision Projected Payments



Example of Subdivision Funds for Shelby County

Service Areas & Team



Statewide
Support:



Contact us!



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