



# **Opioid Settlement Committee**

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## Five Principles for the Use of Funds from Opioid Litigation

Adhere to the five principles for the use of funds from opioid litigation (Johns Hopkins):

1. Spend the money on the crisis-supplement, not supplant, don't spend all at once.
2. Use evidence to guide spending.
3. Invest in youth prevention.
4. Focus on (racial) equity – especially geographic
5. Public health leadership should guide a fair and transparent process to decide spending – actively engage key groups and lived experience.

# Use of 2023 Opioid Settlement Monies

## Harm Reduction

- Naloxone distribution expansion - \$1,980,000
- Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips - \$200,000
- Wound care telehealth consultation pilot - \$100,000
- Contingency management for stimulant use disorder - \$840,000
- Drug-checking service - \$700,000

## Enhanced Access to the Treatment System

- Opioid medication dosing units (satellites) - \$2,000,000
- Outreach workers - \$1,976,000