

# Weber County, Utah

## **Opioid Settlement Plan**

May 2025 Report

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## Executive Summary

On March 25, 2022, the State of Utah entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the terms and conditions of opioid litigation settlements with pharmaceutical supply chain participants. As part of this agreement, Weber County will receive **9.883%** of the state's county-level allocation.

These funds are intended strictly for **opioid remediation purposes**, as detailed in the MOU. Weber County has the authority to allocate its portion of the funds in any manner that complies with the settlement requirements and supports approved strategies for opioid abatement.

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## Use of Funds

Weber County is committed to using opioid settlement funds to support programs that deliver meaningful, measurable outcomes in preventing and treating opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring conditions. Funded initiatives must be **evidence-based** or **evidence-informed** and targeted toward underfunded needs identified in the community.

## Approved Programs

The following programs have been approved for funding as part of the initial disbursement of the opioid settlement:

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## Weber-Morgan Health Department

**Total Funding: \$540,000** (\$180,000 per year for 3 years)

This funding supports a comprehensive public health approach to addressing the opioid crisis, including:

- Hosting annual community conferences to strengthen partner engagement and increase awareness.
- Conducting listening sessions to improve participation in the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP).
- Building strategic partnerships to address opioid-related issues in high-need areas.

The program framework emphasizes:

1. Community collaboration
  2. Data-driven decision-making
  3. Science-based strategies and best practices
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## **Weber Human Services**

**Total Funding: \$1,500,000**

### **1. Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Therapist**

**Funding: \$150,000/year for 3 years**

- **Purpose:** Hire a full-time therapist within the Integrated Medical Clinic to support 80–100 clients per year in engaging with MAT and participating in individual and group therapy.
- **Goal:** Improve treatment outcomes and reduce recidivism through comprehensive engagement.
- **MOU Reference:** Schedule B, Section A.1 – expanding treatment for OUD and co-occurring mental health/substance use conditions.

### **2. New Men's Residential Treatment Facility**

**Funding: \$350,000/year for 3 years**

- **Purpose:** Construct an on-site treatment center at the Stepping Stones facility to eliminate the need for offsite transportation.
- **Goal:** Improve continuity of care and treatment outcomes for approximately 100 male clients per year.
- **MOU Reference:**
  - Schedule B, Section B.3 – supports residential treatment with medication access and support services.
  - Schedule B, Section D.5 – serves justice-involved individuals, aiding re-entry and reducing recidivism.

**Estimated Total Clients Served Annually: 180–200**

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## Public Defender's Office

**Total Funding: \$426,000** (\$142,000 per year for 3 years)

- **Position Funded:** Director, Forensic Social Work Division
- **Purpose:** Provide legal and social support services to individuals with OUD, aiding diversion from incarceration and supporting long-term recovery.
- **MOU Reference:** Schedule B, Section B.5 – Community support services, including legal and social aid to support deinstitutionalization.

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## Community Engagement and Future Planning

Weber County recognizes that addressing the opioid crisis requires broad input and collaboration. The County is actively engaging with stakeholders—including healthcare professionals, service providers, and community members—to assess local needs and identify gaps in existing resources.

To ensure transparency and accountability:

- A **grant application process** will be established, allowing organizations to apply for funding.
- Applications will be evaluated based on alignment with Weber County's strategic framework.
- Initial funding will likely be allocated over a **1–3 year period**, with progress and impact reviewed prior to continued investment.

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Weber County remains committed to utilizing these settlement funds to make a lasting impact in the fight against opioid addiction, enhance public health outcomes, and support affected individuals and families throughout our community.