

Opioid Settlement Update

January 16th, 2024

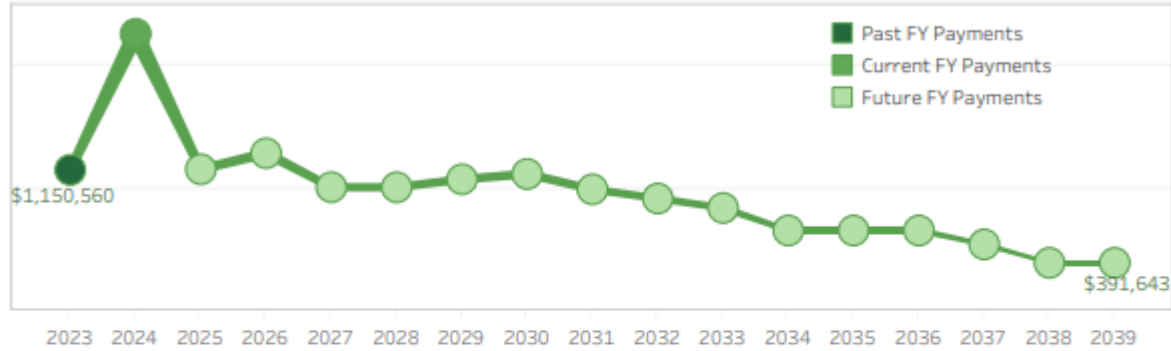
Quick Updates:

- ▶ Since our last annual meeting on March 20th, 2023 the amount of settlement funds Alamance County is anticipated to receive increased from \$8,874,733 to \$16,105,082.
- ▶ As of November 30th, 2023 we have received \$1,813,736.29 in settlement payments and \$64,919.11 in interest earned; a total of \$1,878,655.40.
- ▶ Alamance County anticipates receiving \$1,589,025.86 by the end of fiscal year 23-24.
- ▶ Fiscal year 23-24 is the highest annual payment for our county. Annual payment amounts decline over the next 16 years.

18 Year Payment to Alamance during 2022-2038:

\$16,105,082

Payments Over Time - Alamance



Payment Table - Alamance

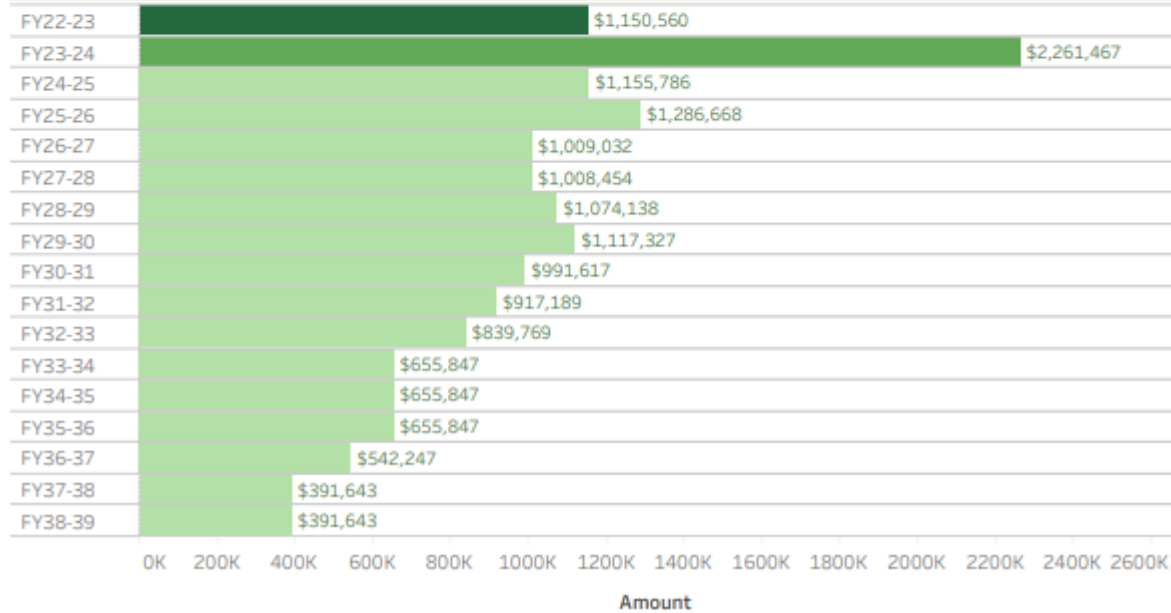


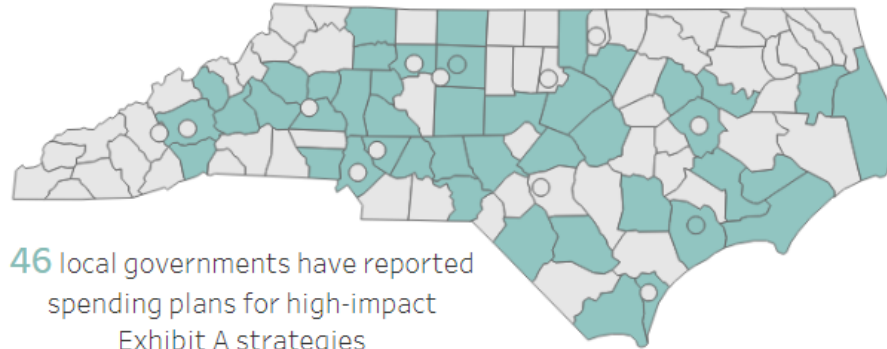
Exhibit A Strategies (High-Impact Abatement Strategies)

- ▶ 1. **Collaborative strategic planning:** to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose, or related issues
- ▶ 2. **Evidence-based addiction treatment:** defined by the American Society of Addiction Medicine as pharmacotherapy (medication) and/or psychosocial treatment (counseling)
- ▶ 3. **Recovery support services:** peer support specialist (PSS) or care navigator in community-based organizations (health departments, detention facilities) to support people in treatment or recovery to care connections that improve their health and well-being
- ▶ 4. **Recovery housing support:** assist with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to people on Medication-Assisted Treatment for OUD
- ▶ 5. **Employment-related services:** such as job training, job skills, job placement, interview coaching, or courses at community colleges or vocational schools as well as transportation vouchers to facilitate these activities
- ▶ 6. **Early Intervention:** a program or service that encourages early identification and intervention for children and adolescents who are struggling with problematic use of drugs

Exhibit A Strategies Continued...

- ▶ 7. **Naloxone distribution:** to persons at risk of overdose or their social supports. Narcan/Naloxone is the MOST effective way to reverse an opioid overdose.
- ▶ 8. **Post-overdose response team:** connect individuals who have experienced non-fatal overdose to treatment, recovery, or other services to support their well-being
- ▶ 9. **Syringe service programs:** provide syringes, naloxone, or other harm reduction supplies and connect clients to prevention, treatment, or other supports
- ▶ 10. **Criminal justice diversion programs:** pre-arrest or post-arrest diversion programs, or pre-trial service programs that connect individuals involved or at risk of criminal justice involvement to treatment, recovery, or other services that support their well-being
- ▶ 11. **Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons:** evidence-based addiction treatment, including Medication-Assisted Treatment for individuals incarcerated
- ▶ 12. **Reentry programs:** connect incarcerated individuals to addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction, or other services that support their well-being

What Exhibit A strategies are other counties funding?



46 local governments have reported spending plans for high-impact Exhibit A strategies

Which Exhibit A strategies do they plan to fund?



Exhibit B Strategies Additional Opioid Remediation Activities

- ▶ A. Treat opioid use disorder (OUD): expand availability of MAT and telehealth treatment for OUD
- ▶ B. Treatment and Recovery: comprehensive wrap-around services
- ▶ C. Connections to Care: Fund Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) programs
- ▶ D. Support criminal-justice-involved persons: Active outreach strategies such as the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) model, pre-trial services, and recovery courts
- ▶ E. Support Women, Families, and Babies: Child and family support for women with OUD, including supporting evidence-based medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- ▶ F. Appropriate opioid prescribing and dispensing: Continuing Medical Education (CME) on appropriate prescribing of opioids
- ▶ G. Prevent Misuse of Opioids: media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse and drug take-back disposal programs

Exhibit B Strategies Continued...

- ▶ H. **Harm Reduction:** Increase availability and distribution of Narcan/naloxone; Enable school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with Narcan/naloxone training and support
- ▶ I. **First Responders:** Educate law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs; wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with opioid-related emergency events
- ▶ J. **Leadership, Planning, and Coordination:** Funding for staff training to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis
- ▶ K. **Training:** Funding for staff training to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis
- ▶ L. **Research:** Monitoring, surveillance, data collection, and evaluation of programs and strategies

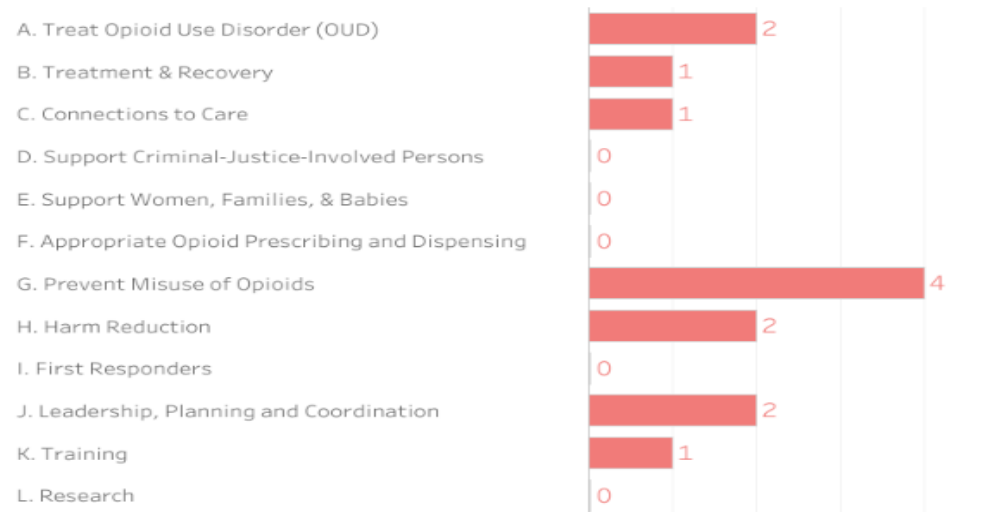
What Exhibit B strategies are other counties funding?

Which local governments have reported plans to fund strategies in Exhibit B?

Exhibit B strategies are activities from the National Settlement Agreement available to local governments only after engaging in a collaborative strategic planning process.



Which Exhibit B strategies do they plan to fund?



Where is Alamance County now?

- The Health Department is currently in the planning and assessment phase.
- We are considering:
 - What does success look like for Alamance County?
 - What are our needs?
 - Where are there gaps in services?
 - What organizations/agencies are already doing this work?
- Collecting feedback from community stakeholders, municipalities, people who use drugs, and individuals in recovery.
- Exploring current and future initiatives and programming.
- Participating in monthly meetings to learn what strategies other counties are implementing and learning from the opioid settlement technical assistance team.
- Attend the annual Opioid Summit hosted by the NCACC
- Visiting other counties to learn from their current and future programming (Surry and Forsyth)
- Collecting opioid and substance-specific data in Alamance County.

What's Next?

- ▶ Continued data collection and summarization to determine prioritized strategies.
- ▶ The Health Department will develop a proposal for the Board of Commissioners consideration.
- ▶ Our proposal will define goals, current services available, service gaps and needs, and recommended prioritized strategies to fund.
- ▶ We anticipate having a proposal before the board in Spring of 2024.