

# Issue Brief



# **Opioid Settlement Funds**

### **Background**

National litigation with companies that manufactured, distributed, marketed and dispensed prescription opioids has resulted in numerous national opioid settlements. Michigan expects to see \$1.5 billion, over an 18-year period, flow into the state from these lawsuits. Most settlements have resulted in a 50/50 split of funds between state and local governments.

Settlements with each company are unique and may have different allowable uses for funds and distinct reporting requirements. All settlements do prioritize use of funds for purposes of opioid remediation, addressing the impact of the opioid crisis with a focus on prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery strategies, with avoidance of spending that further harms individuals and communities most profoundly impacted by the crisis.





# Opioid Settlement Resource Center

https://micounties.org/opioidsettlement-resource-center/

#### **MAC's Efforts**

- MAC has created numerous resources and support mechanisms for counties receiving settlement dollars.
- MAC is providing no-cost technical assistance to all interested counties for purposes of planning and spending of these funds.
- MAC also created an Opioid Settlement Resource Center and Resource Library websites. These websites include a dashboard with funds by county, guide for local spending, tools and templates for county use.
- MAC has partnered with the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Townships Association to host a Local Government Learning Community for peer-to-peer learning on the topic.

## **Technical Assistance and Support**

The MAC Opioid Settlement Resource Center includes a technical assistance request form.

- Technical assistance includes, but is not limited to:
  - o General Settlement Questions
  - Settlement Landscape Assistance
  - Strategic Planning
  - o Advising on Allowable Uses
  - Administrative Support

- o Spending Plan Development and Review
- o Request for Proposals Development and Scoring
- o Policy Analysis
- Resource Linkage
- Reporting