

The City *of* Worcester

Opioid Settlement Funds

Info Session

October 16, 2026
1:00pm-2:00pm

Division of Public Health

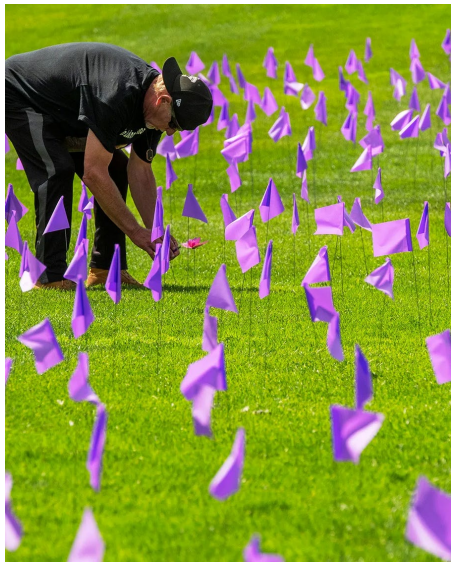
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Part I. RFP Information and Guidelines

Purpose

The City of Worcester seeks proposals from nonprofit organizations committed to addressing the opioid crisis through prevention, harm reduction, treatment access, recovery support, and other evidence-based strategies. Funding is intended to support programs and services that reduce overdose deaths, improve health outcomes, strengthen recovery supports, and improve the overall well-being of Worcester residents impacted by substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD).

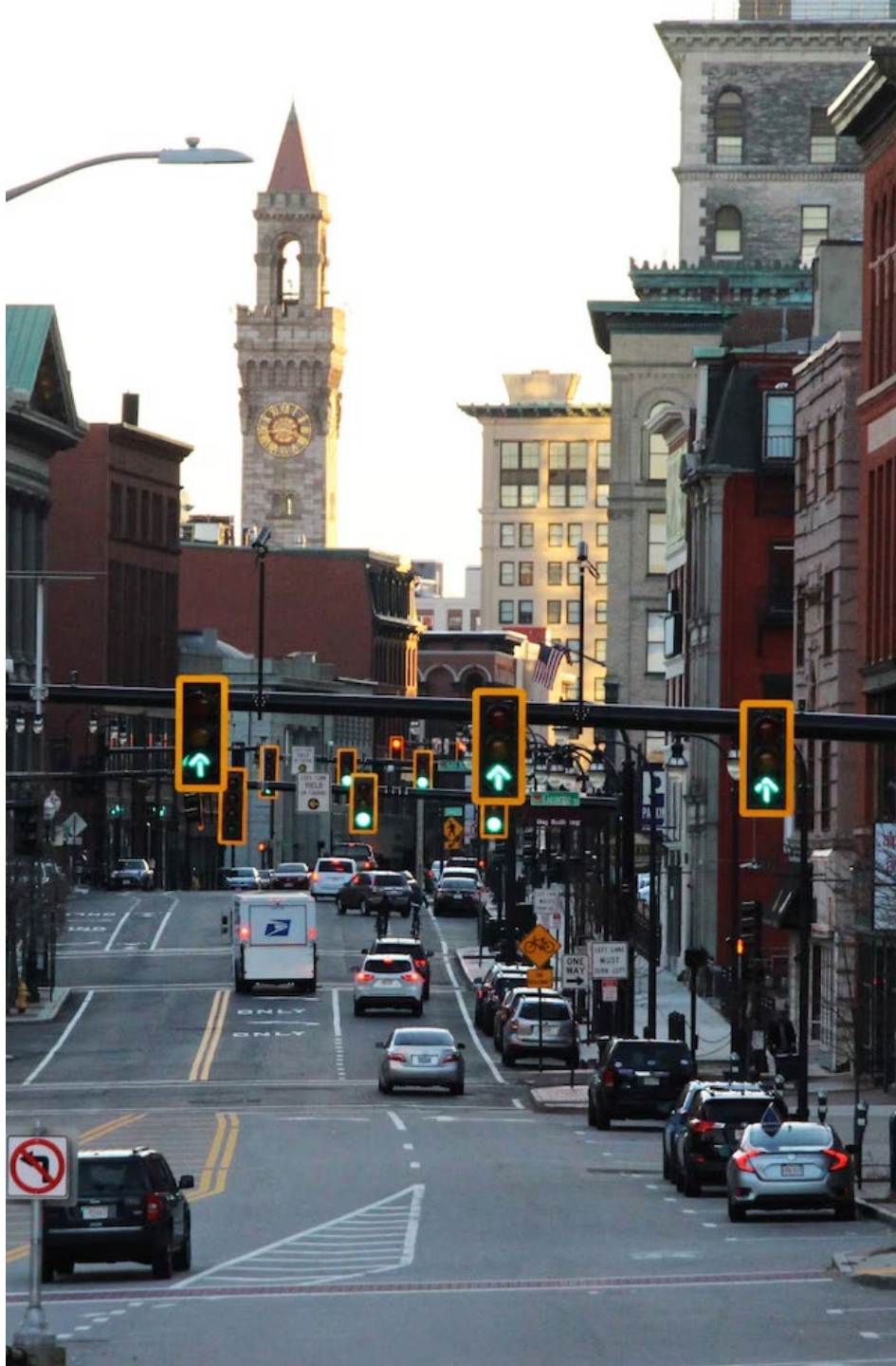
The City is committed to investing opioid settlement funds in initiatives that align with evidence-based practices, address identified community needs, and support populations disproportionately impacted by the opioid overdose crisis.

Expectations for Webinar

- Slides used to support answers provided during the webinar.
- Please write your questions in the chat.
- We will provide the slides to the webinar attendees.
- The webinar will be recorded. The link will be shared.
- Additional information will add to the website worcesterma.gov/public-health/opioid-settlement-funding
- If you have more questions after the webinar, please contact health@worcesterma.gov

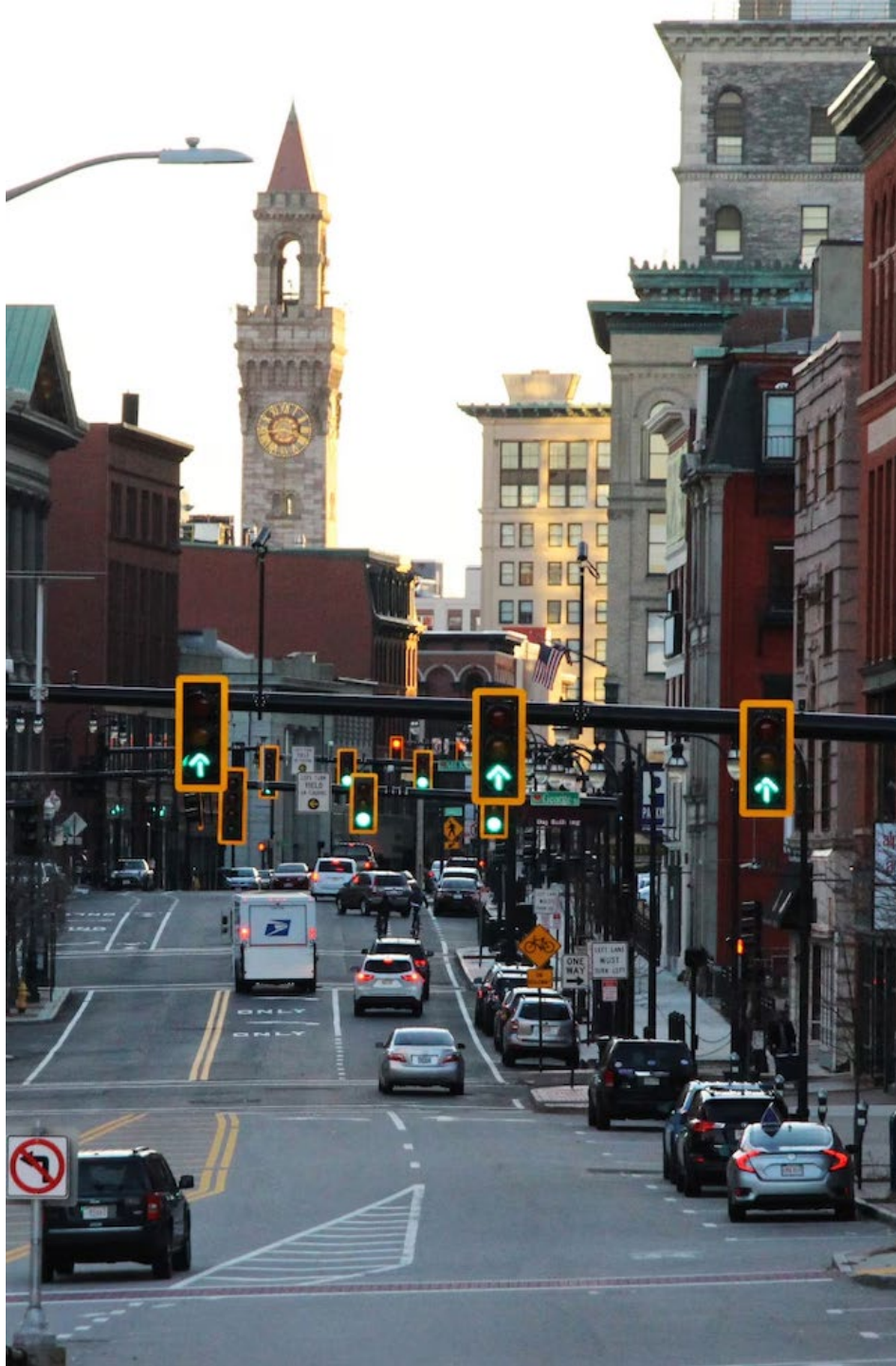
Eligibility Requirements

- Be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or have a qualified fiscal sponsor
- Serve City of Worcester residents
- Demonstrate experience serving individuals impacted by substance use disorder and/or opioid use disorder
- Be in good standing with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements
- Be current on all financial obligations to the City of Worcester



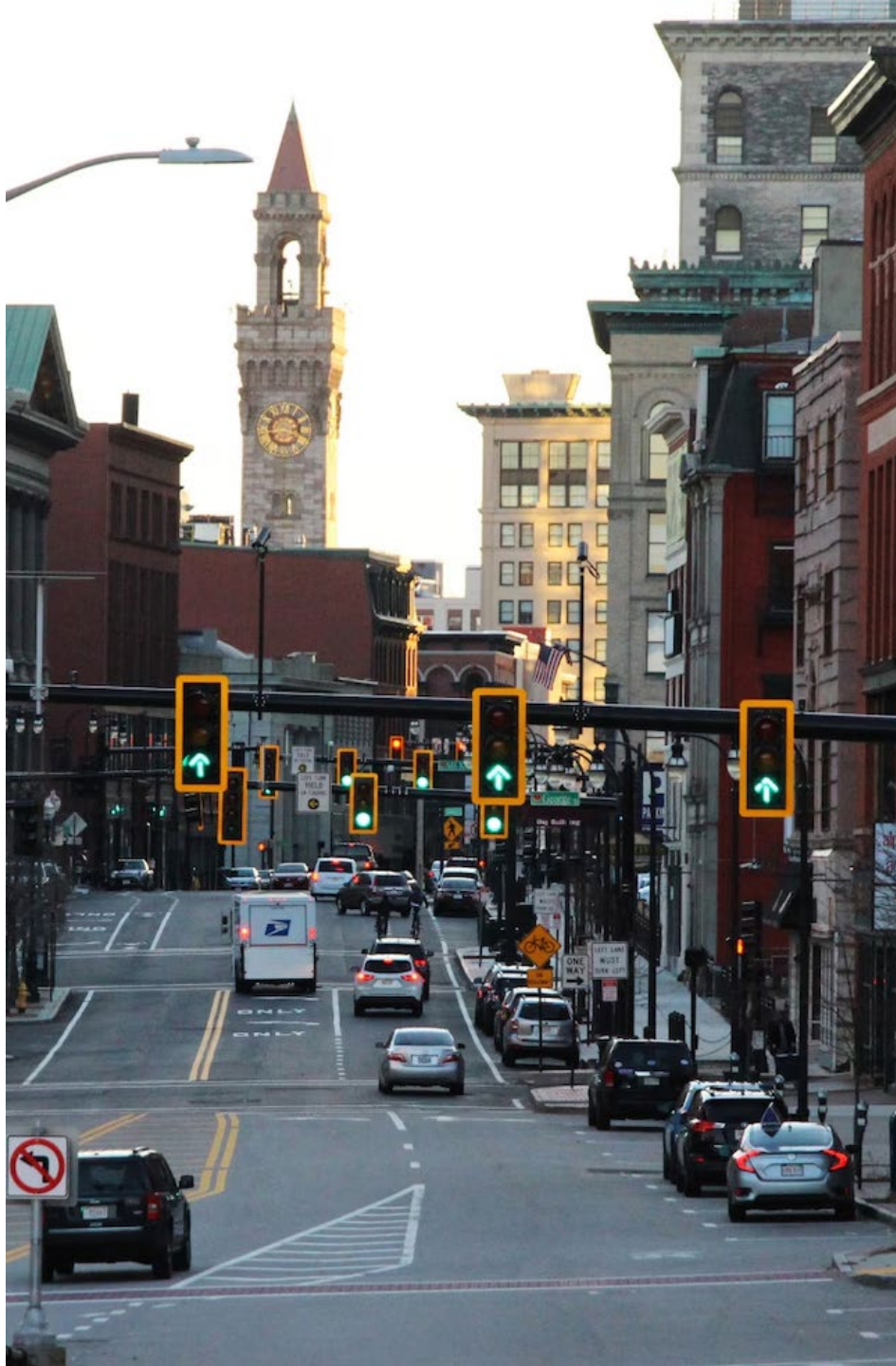
Eligibility Requirements

- Municipal abatement funds should not be used to fund services already reimbursed by the state, including through MassHealth and BSAS.
- Agencies that provide state-reimbursed services are eligible to receive funds for other work.
- Organizations must adhere to the allowable and unallowable costs provided by Care Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- All project costs may be subject to additional approval.



Funding Information

- **Maximum Award Amount**: Allocated per priority focus area
- **Funding Source:** Opioid Settlement Funds
- **Funding Period**
    - Initial period of at least one year,
    - Opportunity for renewal for up to a total of three years.
    - Renewal and continuation of funding will be based:
        - ✓ Contract performance
        - ✓ Local and national data
        - ✓ Evidence-based practices
        - ✓ Service outcomes and needs
        - ✓ Availability of funding.



Priority Focus Area

Focus Area	Description	Recommended Maximum per Award	Anticipated Number of Awards
Support People in Treatment and Recovery	Support and promote programs that are necessary for treatment and recovery processes	Up to $300,000	up to 6
Harm Reduction	Support efforts to prevent overdose deaths or other opioid-related harms		
Connections to Care	Provide connections to care for people who have or are at risk of developing opioid use disorder		
Opioid Use Disorder Treatment	Support and promote treatment of persons with opioid use disorder	Up to $150,000	up to 3
Prevent Misuse of Opioids / Implement Prevention Education	Support efforts to prevent misuse of opioids	Up to $75,000	up to 2
Support Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome	Support pregnant or parenting women with opioid use disorder and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, through programs and strategies that provide family supports or childcare services for parents with opioid use disorder	Up to $60,000	up to 2
Address the Needs of Criminal Justice Involved Persons	Support diversion and deflection programs and strategies for criminal justice-involved persons with opioid disorder	Up to $50,000	up to 2

For a full definition of each specific strategy category, please refer to pages 4-8 of the Massachusetts State Subdivision Agreement.

Project Requirements

- Use of Best Practices
- Community Need and Data
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Lived Experience
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Learn more:
    - mosaic.rizema.org
    - mass.gov/fighting-the-opioid-crisis



Reporting and Evaluation Requirements

- Submit midpoint and final reports
- Participate in evaluation activities coordinated by the City and/or external evaluators
- Provide performance and outcome data
- Participate in technical assistance opportunities, learning convenings, stakeholder meetings, and other activities designed to strengthen project outcomes



Submission Requirements

- Completed online application form
- Document Uploads
    - Budget narrative and supporting budget documentation
    - Two letters of support from collaborating organizations, coalitions, healthcare providers, municipalities, or other project partners.
- Any additional documentation requested by the City



Submission Instructions

- Submit through the City's online application portal.
- Open from 4:59 PM on October 2, 2026, to 11:59 PM on November 4, 2026.
- Contact Health@worcesterma.gov with the subject line "Attn: Opioid Settlement Funding".



Grant Agreements

- All chosen applicants must be able to enter a grant agreement with the City of Worcester.
- Requirements and expectations around:
    - Grantee's liability and workers insurance
    - Grant draws
    - Reporting
    - Federal and state regulations, citations, and provisions





Part II. Question & Answer



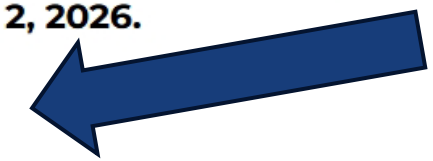
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Next Steps

- Application deadline is November 4th
- Applicants selected for this round of disbursement will tentatively be notified by December 18th.
- Formation of the review committee will be inclusive of people with lived experience and providers.
- Application for the Community Review Committee will tentatively open on October 20th.
- If you have further questions Contact Health@worcesterma.gov with the subject line “Attn: Opioid Settlement Funding”.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete and submit their applications through the application link. **The online application will be of business on October 2, 2026.**



Apply Online

2026 Opioid Settlement RFP Guidelines & Application Questions

Applicants should carefully review the full RFP guidelines before beginning an application and allow sufficient time to complete all require submit supporting materials before the deadline.