



# Opioid Recovery and Remediation Funds

March 14, 2024

# Nationwide Opioid Settlement



**\$1B**

New Jersey will receive **more than \$1 billion** from nationwide opioid settlements.

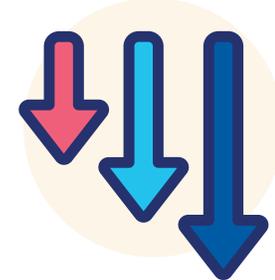


**50/50**

The abatement funds will be divided **50/50** between state and local municipalities.



These funds may be used for programs that focus on **treatment, prevention, and other strategies** to combat the substance use and opioid epidemic.

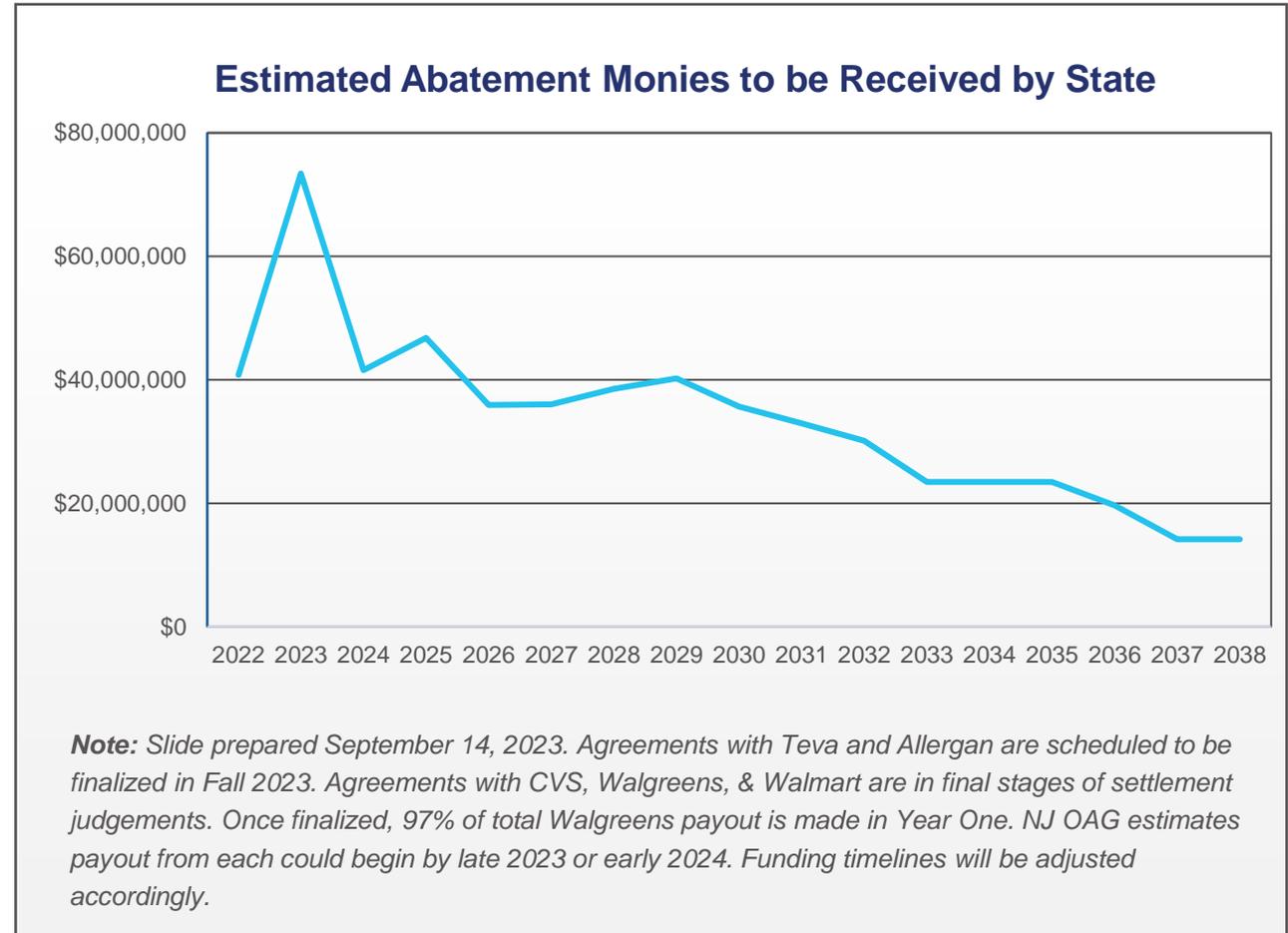


These funds may also be spent on strategies to reduce the substance use opioid epidemic's **ongoing harms to residents and communities.**

# New Jersey's Abatement Share in All Settlements

Company	New Jersey Share	Payment Period
Allergan	\$59.4 million	7 Payments - Ending in 2029
CVS	\$131.5 million	10 Payments - Ending in 2032
Distributors	\$511.2 million	18 payments - Ending in 2038
J&J	\$117.5 million	11 Payments - Ending in 2032
Teva	\$99.8 million	13 Payments - Ending in 2035
Walgreens	\$143 million	15 Payments - Ending in 2036
Walmart	\$74.4 million	6 Payments - Ending in 2028
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.14 billion</b>	

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# Allowable Uses: Opioid Abatement Funds

- Naloxone or other FDA-approved drugs to reverse opioid overdoses
- Medication-Assisted Treatment and other opioid-related treatment; Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Address needs for pregnant & post-partum persons
- Expanding prevention programs and recovery services; Warm Hand-off programs
- Address needs for incarcerated population

# NALOXONE

CAN REVERSE AN  
OPIOID OVERDOSE.



NO COST  
ASSOCIATED



NO PRESCRIPTION  
NEEDED



NO NAME  
REQUIRED



LEARN HOW TO GET IT FREE AT  
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# LA NALOXONA

SALVÓ A MI PADRE DE UNA  
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PARA APRENDER CÓMO OBTENERLO GRATIS

# Allowable Uses: Opioid Abatement Funds

<b>Harm Reduction</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
<b>Long-Term Resiliency</b>	<b>Education, Awareness and Training</b>
<b>Workforce Development</b>	<b>Prevention and Recovery Supports</b>
<b>Leadership, Planning and Coordination</b>	<b>Research and Education</b>
<b>Serving Specialty Populations</b> Pregnant and Postpartum; Justice-Involved; Underserved Persons	

# Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council

# Opioid Advisory Council Members

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# Opioid Advisory Council Responsibilities

- Review proposals, data, and analysis and **engage with stakeholders and community members** to develop and provide recommendations;
- Gather and evaluate data regarding **the availability of, gaps in, and barriers** to substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and services to prevent overdose deaths, provide wraparound supports, and to expand harm reduction efforts;
- **Solicit feedback** from stakeholders, providers, advocates, those with lived experience with opioid use, and other subject matter experts regarding services and programs needed;
- Review & evaluate recommendations **submitted by the public via the online portal**; and
- **Evaluate approaches taken by New Jersey** and other states in administering proceeds from national opioid litigation resolutions.

# Opioid Advisory Council – Activities

- The Council meets monthly, with the first meeting in March 2023.
- The Council conducted a detailed review of ongoing state spending (from state, federal, and other funding sources) related to harm reduction, opioid use disorder and addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery supports and services.
- In May 2023, the Advisory Council received a briefing from Dr. Falzon, then NJ's Chief State Medical Examiner, providing an overview of the devastating impact the opioid overdose crisis has had on New Jersey families.
- Over the spring and early summer, the Advisory Council convened five public listening sessions, including two virtual and three in-person sessions across the state.
- In late summer, the Advisory Council discussed the feedback, testimony, and proposals shared during those listening sessions.
- In the fall, the Advisory Council deliberated on, ranked, and finalized this cycle of spending recommendations.

# Public Input

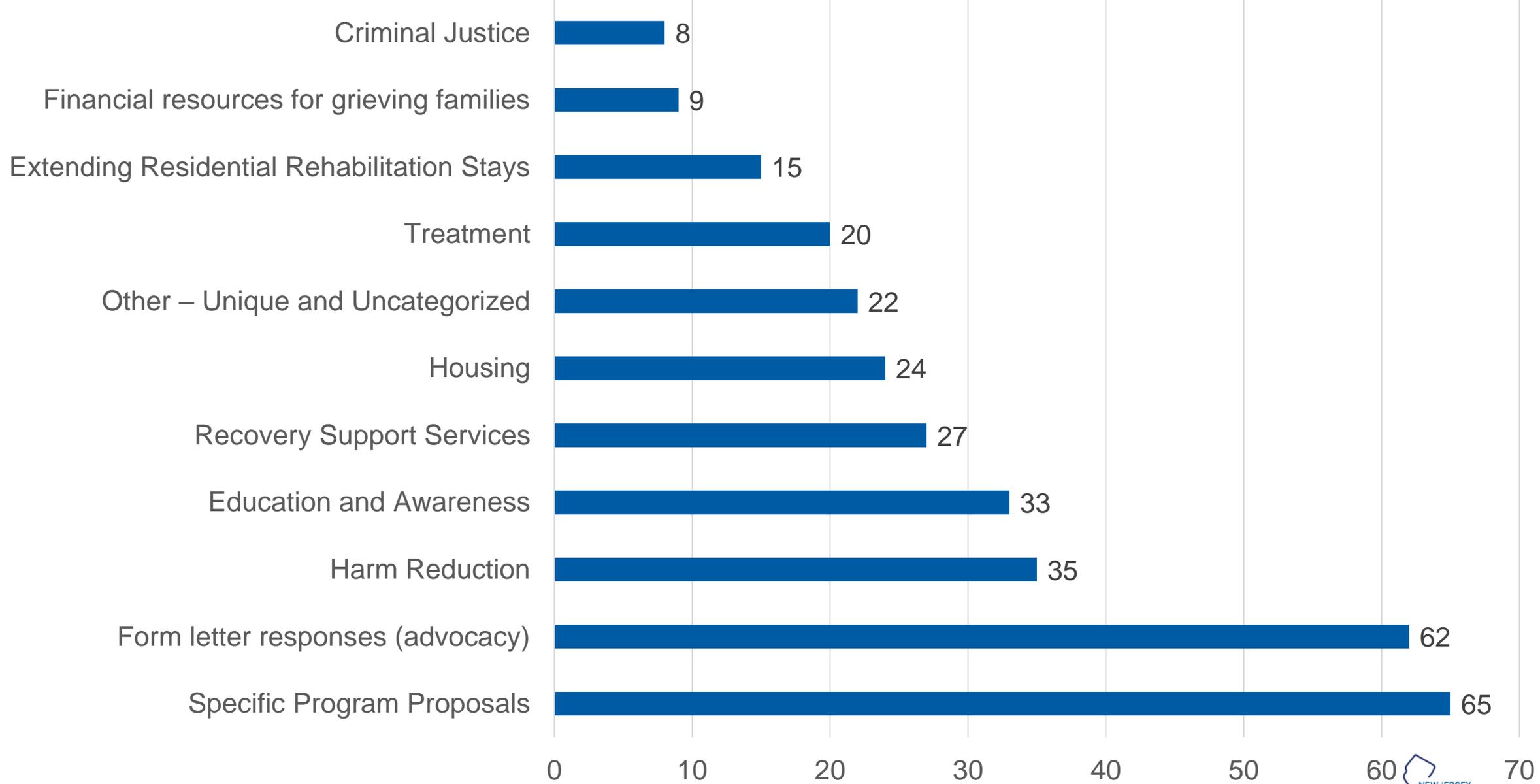
# Opioid Settlements - Public Input

New Jersey established multiple methods through the public and stakeholders can provide input on the best use this funding

- An **online portal** was used in the Fall 2022, providing any member of the public the opportunity to weigh in on how these funds should be used to help those most impacted by the opioid crisis.
  - More than 500 responses were received
- A series of **public listening sessions**
  - Five sessions (two virtual; three in-person)
  - Listening sessions included nearly 100 total speakers and written submissions.



# Public Portal Submissions – August 31 – October 31, 2022



# Public Listening Session Findings

- Expansion of Harm Reduction Services – Harm Reduction Centers, Naloxone distribution, SSPs, Harm Reduction Vending Machines, Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips
- Treatment services
- Development of a ‘No Wrong Door’ approach to harm reduction, treatment and recovery services
- Recovery Support Services
- Housing – Transitional housing, sober living facilities
- Transportation
- Integrated services – connecting medical needs, mental health services, and OUD prevention and treatment
- Increasing the funding to CPRCs from \$100,000 to \$300,000
- Workforce Development
- Legal support
- Family support services





# Subdivision and State Reports

# State Cannot Provide Legal Advice to Subdivisions

- The **State cannot provide legal advice, nor approve or deny proposals** for subdivision settlement funds.
- Exhibit E of the national agreements sets forth approved uses for opioid settlement funds that are **intended to be very broad.**
- Subdivisions are advised to review the national agreements, as well as the State Subdivision Agreement, for restrictions on how the opioid settlement funds can be spent.

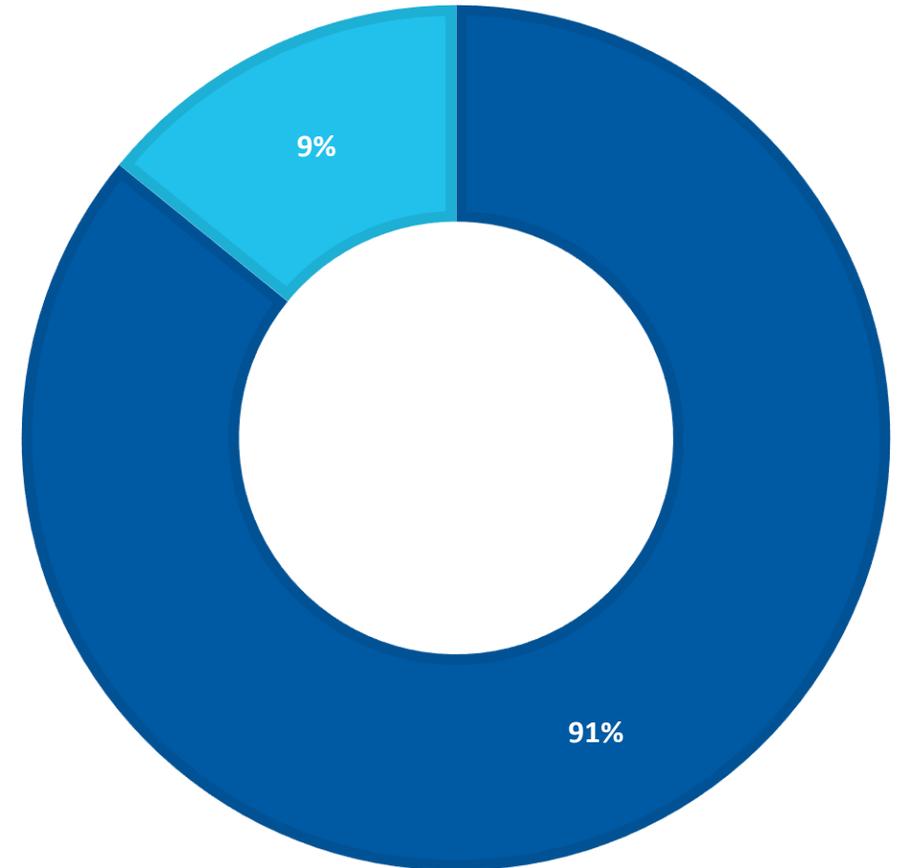
# Subdivision Reporting

According to the NJ State Settlement Agreement, each subdivision has to provide a report detailing:

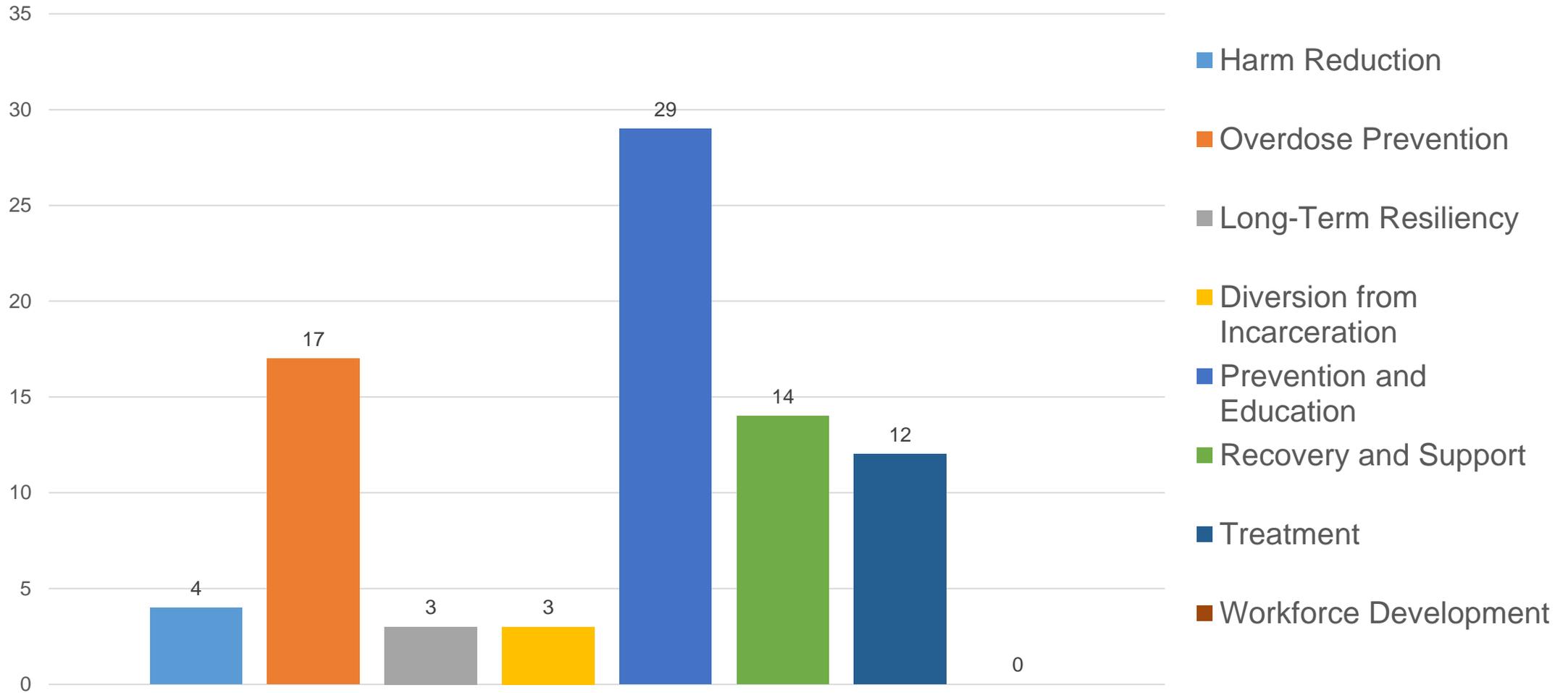
- **Total amount received**
- Itemized **allocation of any awards approved** (listing the recipient, the amount awarded, the program to be funded, and disbursement terms)
- **Total amounts disbursed** on Approved Purposes, and
- Total amounts spent on **administrative expenses**.

# Subdivision Reporting

- Received 239 reports out of 262 subdivisions as of 9/30/2023
  - **43 subdivisions** had spent a portion of opioid abatement funds as of June 30, 2023 to fund a total of **82 programs**
  - 5 subdivisions provided strategic plans for DHS to share online



# Subdivision Reporting – Year One Spending



*43 subdivisions reported spending across 82 programs*

# Opioid Settlement Money

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- **Opioid Crisis Emergency Response**

- \$500,000 one-time funding
- These resources will be set aside for rapid deployment in the opioid crisis response for specific emergencies where the funding and a response cannot wait for the next state funding cycle. In 2024, the state will use these funds to address the emerging threat of Xylazine in the drug supply. The funds will be used to purchase testing kits, wound care kits and hygiene kits.

- **Opioid Recovery and Remediation Advisory Council Strategic Plan**

- \$291,800 one-time funding
- NJ contracted with Montclair State University's Center for Research and Evaluation on Education and Human Services (CREEHS) to develop a strategic plan outline NJ's opioid-related needs and assets as well as identifying ways forward for distributing these funds and evaluating the outcomes of those efforts.

# Opioid Settlement Money

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- **Harm Reduction Expansion Activities**

- \$24 million over two years
- Funds will support core harm reduction services in a three-pronged approach: (1) expansion of authorized **Harm Reduction Centers** across New Jersey; (2) expansion of **mobile or community outreach** for high risk or vulnerable populations; and (3) **integration** of harm reduction into existing health care infrastructure.

- **Community Peer Recovery Center Expansion**

- \$17.5 million over three years
- Expand both **operating hours** and **overall capacity** of the CPRCs to ensure adequate staffing, facility costs, outreach activities, participant assistance, and robust social/recreational and mutual aid offerings at each center.

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- **Mobile Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) Expansion**
  - \$9.025 million over three years
  - Fund the replacement of existing buses and the expansion of **three new mobile units** across the state funding **medication and treatment services** to the community. Funds could also be used to bring **mobile MAT onsite at jails** and to hire and train **interpreters** for mobile units.
- **Rapid Referral Platform for Low Threshold Medication Access for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)**
  - \$19.5 million over three years
  - Establish a **statewide rapid referral electronic platform** and a collection of resources to facilitate expedited access to a vetted network of MOUD providers and harm reduction supplies.

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- **NJ Keeping Families Together (KFT) Expansion**
  - \$8.1 million over three years
  - Leverages the Housing First approach to provide **comprehensive support** to parents with OUD, including access to housing (through vouchers and rental subsidies), case management, linkage to community services, and therapeutic services.
- **Housing Continuum for Individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**
  - \$17 million over three years
  - Emergency shelter beds, Oxford housing, rental subsidies, and assistance with finding and maintaining permanent housing.

# Reports and Recommendations

- Reports and spending recommendations have been published on the website – [www.nj.gov/opioidfunds](http://www.nj.gov/opioidfunds)
- Questions? Email us at [opioidsettlement@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:opioidsettlement@dhs.nj.gov)