



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Ana P. Novais, Acting Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services  
**FROM:** Carrie Bridges Feliz, Chair, Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee  
**CC:** Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Members  
**DATE:** July 25, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Official SFY2023 Recommendations  
**ATTACHMENT(S):** 1. Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee: State Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Recommendations  
2. Record of Committee Vote at the July 21, 2022 Meeting

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In accordance with the Rhode Island Memorandum of Understanding Between The State and Cities and Towns Receiving Opioid Settlement Funds, Section V.F.1, I am reporting the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee's formal recommendations for the use of the State Fiscal Year 2023 \$20M statewide abatement share.

At the July 21, 2022, meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the attached State Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Recommendations, with two caveats:

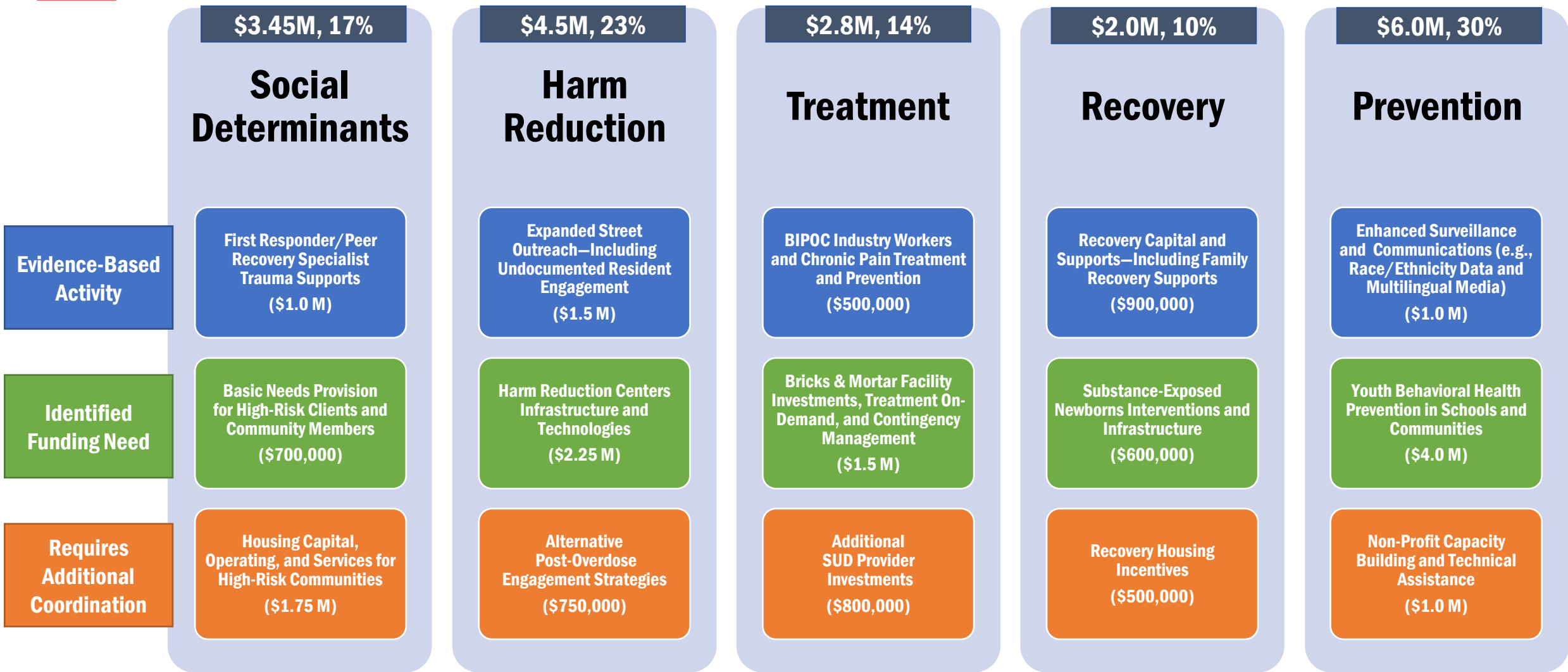
1. The Committee recommends that all procurements are explicit about our collective focus on equity. To ensure we serve a diverse population, whenever possible, settlement fund awardees must collect and report demographic information like race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, geographic location, etc.
2. The Committee also amended the initial phrasing of the Funding Recommendations to expand prevention activities to include both schools and community-based or grassroots organizations, to ensure that all Rhode Island youth (not just those in school) are better served.

To reach these recommendations, the Committee reviewed input from the Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force (GOTF), the GOTF working groups, the June 8<sup>th</sup> GOTF meeting, the Community Engagement Survey issued by EOHHS, open letters from community partners, presentations from Committee members with subject matter expertise, public comment, presentations from the EOHHS team, and your July 18<sup>th</sup> letter to Committee members. [All of our reference materials can be found on the EOHHS website.](#)

You will find a copy of the Committee's recommendations and a record of members' votes attached.

# Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee: State Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Recommendations

\$18.75M Allocated below + \$1.25M for Governance = \$20M Total





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**RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTE:**

Thursday, July 21, 2022

**Item Presented for Committee Vote:** Recommended Draft Funding Approach for State Fiscal Year 2023 Opioid Settlement Funds Submitted for Committee Approval, with the following edits:

- I. Ensure all RFPs are explicit about our focus on equity. To ensure we serve a diverse population, awardees must collect and report demographic information like race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, geographic location, etc.
- II. Re: “Project Success Expansion for School Mental Health (\$4.0 M)”: Broaden the targeted prevention entities as both school and community based and including grass roots organizations to ensure that all Rhode Island youth (not just those in school) are better served.

- **Chair (Non-Voting):** Carrie Bridges Feliz (Present)
- **Voting Members Required for a Quorum:** 9 / Simple Majority
- **Voting Members Present:** 14

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	MEMBER NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>State Representatives</b>	Deputy Attorney General Adi Goldstein	X			
	Julie Hamil	X			
	Director Richard Charest	X			
	Dr. Philip A. Chan				X
	Senator Josh Miller	X			
	Representative John Edwards				X
<b>County Representatives</b>	Laurie Moïse Sears				X
	Kate Michaud	X			
	Robert Houghtaling	X			
	Joseph Pratt	X			
	Todd Manni	X			
	Chief Matthew Moynihan	X			
<b>Expert Representatives</b>	Dennis Bailer	X			
	Dr. Justin Berk	X			
	Dr. Brandon Marshall	X			
<b>Community Representatives</b>	Angela Ankoma	X			
	Ernesto Figueroa	X			
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

**Final Decision:**     Approved     Rejected     Changes or Additional Review Required

**Recorded By:** Gering, Catherine (EOHHS)