

# Opioid Settlement Funds

## Award Update

El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency  
Behavioral Health Division

June 23, 2026



# Background

## Where the Funds Come From



- National class action lawsuits settled against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies
- California stands to receive up to ~\$4 billion distributed through DHCS
- El Dorado County is a participating subdivision receiving a share of those settlements
- Payments vary by defendant and year; this award cycle covers FY 2026–2029
- 100% state settlement funds; no General Fund impact to the County

# Strategic Framework

Board of Supervisors Adopted — September 10, 2024



- DHCS requires at least 50% of settlement funds be spent on High Impact Abatement Activities (HIAA)
- Framework informed by: stakeholder survey (157 respondents), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Child Welfare Services Comprehensive Prevention Plan, and CalEQRO External Quality Review
- Board selected priority HIAA categories aligned with local community need and values
- Locally approved strategies to reduce immediate death due to opioid overdose and poisoning: naloxone distribution, fentanyl test strips, and referrals to treatment. Strategies are non-invasive and exclude needle exchanges
- Framework guides competitive procurement and fund disbursement across 3-year cycles

# Board-Approved Priority Focus Areas

## High Impact Abatement Activities (HIAA)

### HIAA 2

#### Expand SUD Treatment Infrastructure

New or expanded physical and programmatic SUD treatment capacity, including co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders

### HIAA 4

#### Justice System Diversion

Divert individuals with SUD into treatment; training for first responders; restorative justice and harm reduction best practices

### HIAA 5

#### Youth-Focused Prevention

Targeted strategies and programs to prevent substance use among vulnerable youth populations

### HIAA 6

#### Naloxone Access

Purchase and distribution of naloxone for local entities; expand access for opioid overdose reversal

# Procurement Process

Competitive, County-Administered Process

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## RFQ Issued

June 16, 2025  
CAO  
Procurement &  
Contracts  
Division

## Submissions Received

July 23, 2025  
Open to all  
qualified  
providers

## Evaluation

Cross-  
departmental  
panel scored on  
qualifications &  
plan

## Qualified List Published

October 2025  
Vendors  
meeting  
threshold  
criteria selected

## Awards Recommended

Based on HIAA  
alignment, local  
capacity, and  
Strategic  
Framework

# Proposed Awards

FY 2026–2029 | 100% Opioid Settlement Funds — No General Fund Impact

Grantee	Program	HIAA	Total 3-year Award
El Dorado County Sheriff's Office	SCHIELD: school-based youth substance use education, joint efforts on One Pill Can Kill presentations	5	\$606,000
El Dorado County District Attorney & Public Defender	Prop 36 collaborative courts, restorative justice, One Pill Can Kill presentations	4, 5	\$972,627
Marshall Medical Center	Breaking Cycles: MAT, same-day access, Substance Use Navigators, Prop 36 support	2, 4	\$750,000
Tahoe Alliance for Safe Kids (TASK)	Youth prevention education: presentations, campaigns, peer outreach	5	\$248,700
El Dorado Community Health Center	STEPS in BH Urgent Care, buprenorphine via Mobile Medication Unit, youth peer outreach	2, 5	\$1,050,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		6 of 7	<b>\$3,627,327</b>

# HHSA-Directed Funding

## County-Retained Allocation



- Per the BOS-approved Strategic Framework, HHSA retains a portion of funds for county-operated programming and administrative costs
- HHSA-directed funding has expanded client access to urgent inpatient and residential treatment, providing greater flexibility to meet community needs
- Supports Proposition 36 obligations in connecting justice-involved individuals to treatment across both community and county-operated pathways
- Funds will be used to support capital development for the future housing site on Forni Road
- Plans to support an outpatient DMC-ODS SUD provider for youth located in El Dorado County