

Chatham County Opioid Settlement Funding

Updates and FY 26–28 Proposal

April 21, 2025

Sheriff's Prevention Partnership on Controlled Substances



- Founded in 2017 to work collaboratively to address mental health issues and prevent controlled substance abuse
- Cross-sector collaboration including public health, law enforcement, Chatham Drug Free, Diversion & Advocacy programs, providers, non-profits, and others
 - Brought together by a singular aim: **To prevent and eliminate the harmful consequences of drug use in Chatham County.**
- Serves as the planning body for all substance use abatement work
- Plays a coordinating role with Opioid Settlement funding for Chatham County

Quick Refresher – What we are doing & why



- Pursuing Option A of the NC-MOA
 - We can select from a menu of twelve high-impact opioid abatement strategies
- Five current strategies
 - Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment*
 - Recovery Support Services*
 - Early Intervention & Prevention*
 - Naloxone Distribution*

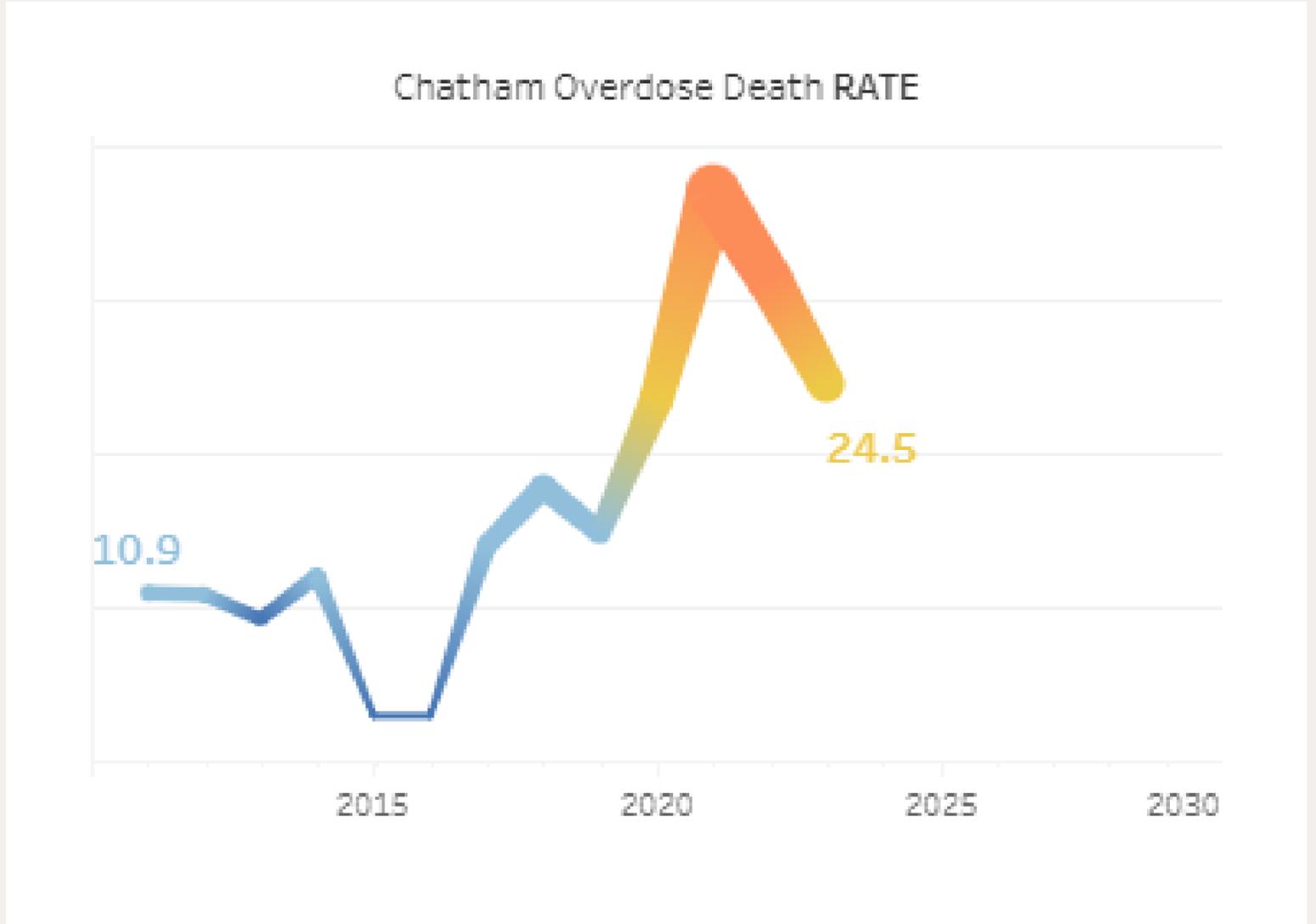
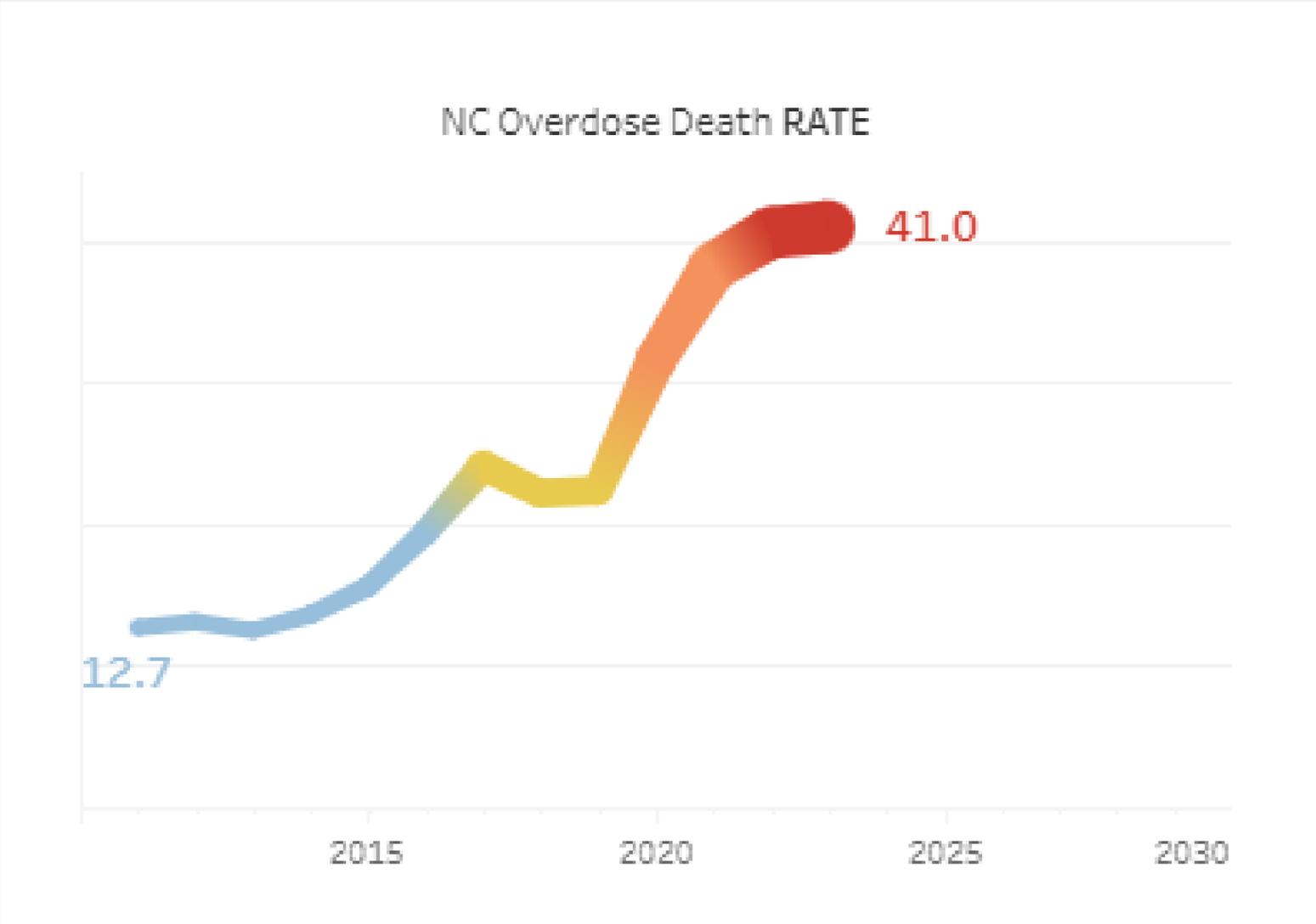
*Subcommittee dedicated to this strategy

Quick Refresher – What we are doing & why



- From 2002-2023, more than 41,500 North Carolinians lost their lives to a drug overdose
- Each day in 2023, **12** North Carolinians died from a drug overdose
 - Estimated **8** North Carolinians died from a drug overdose every day in 2024

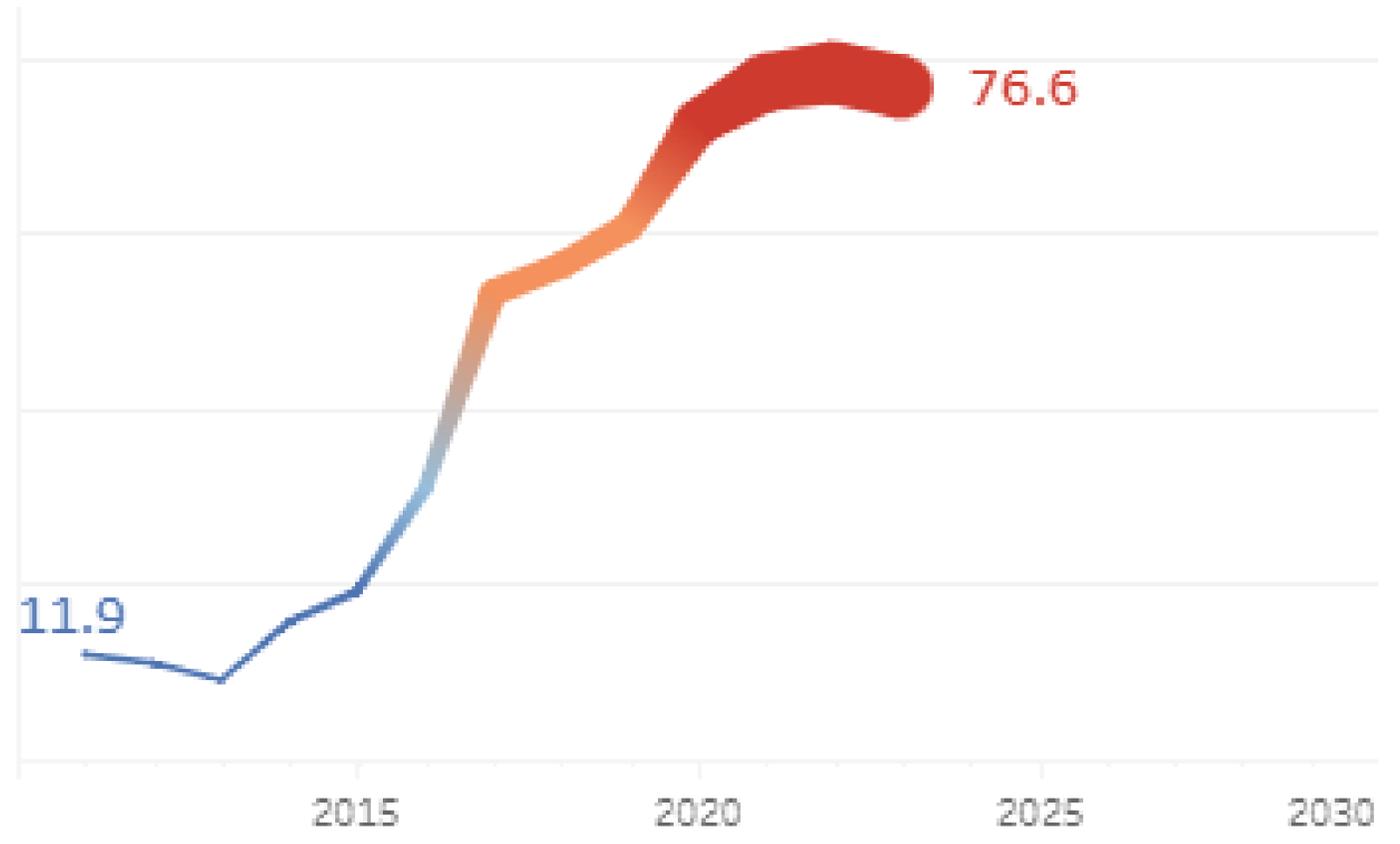
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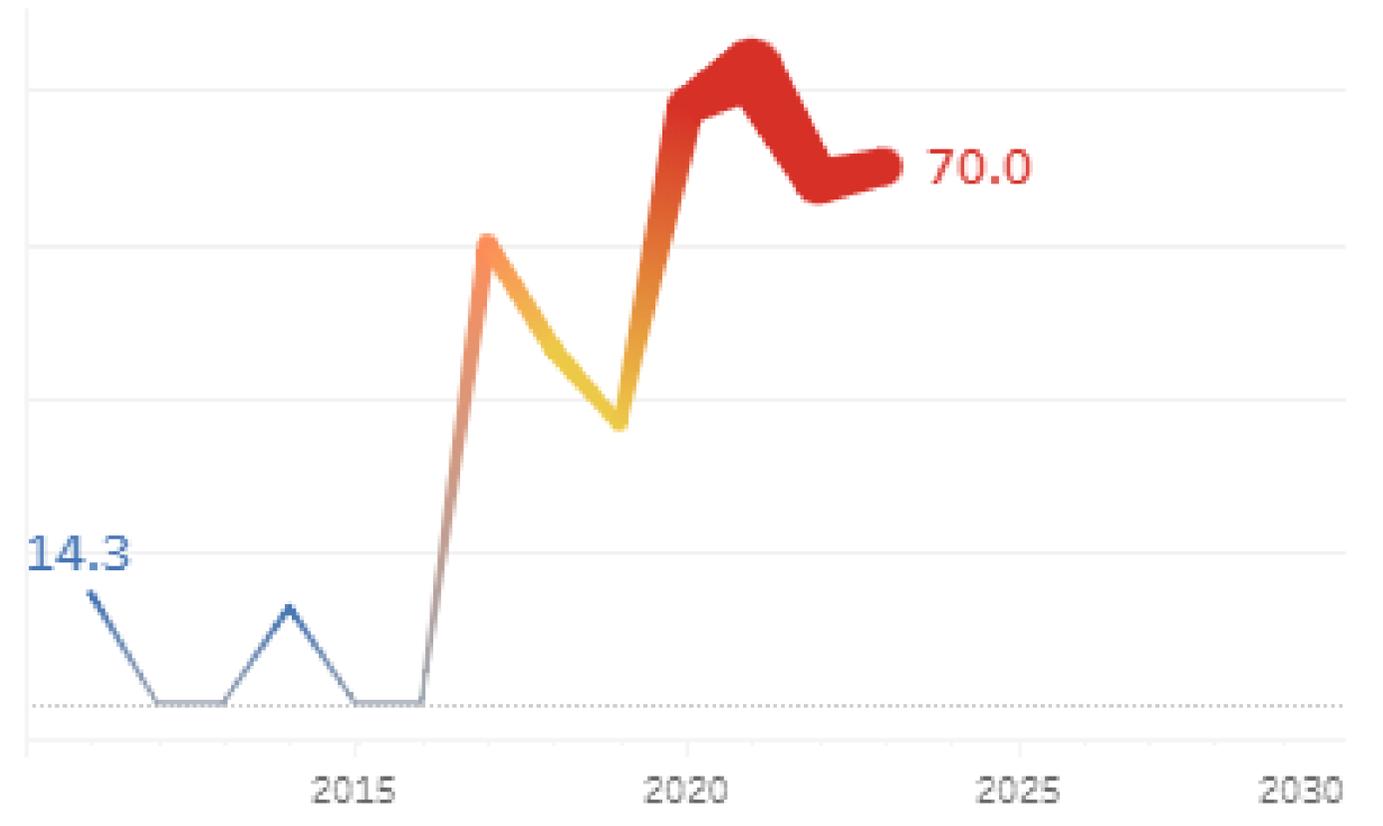
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NC Illicit Opioid Overdose RATE



Chatham Illicit Opioid Overdose RATE

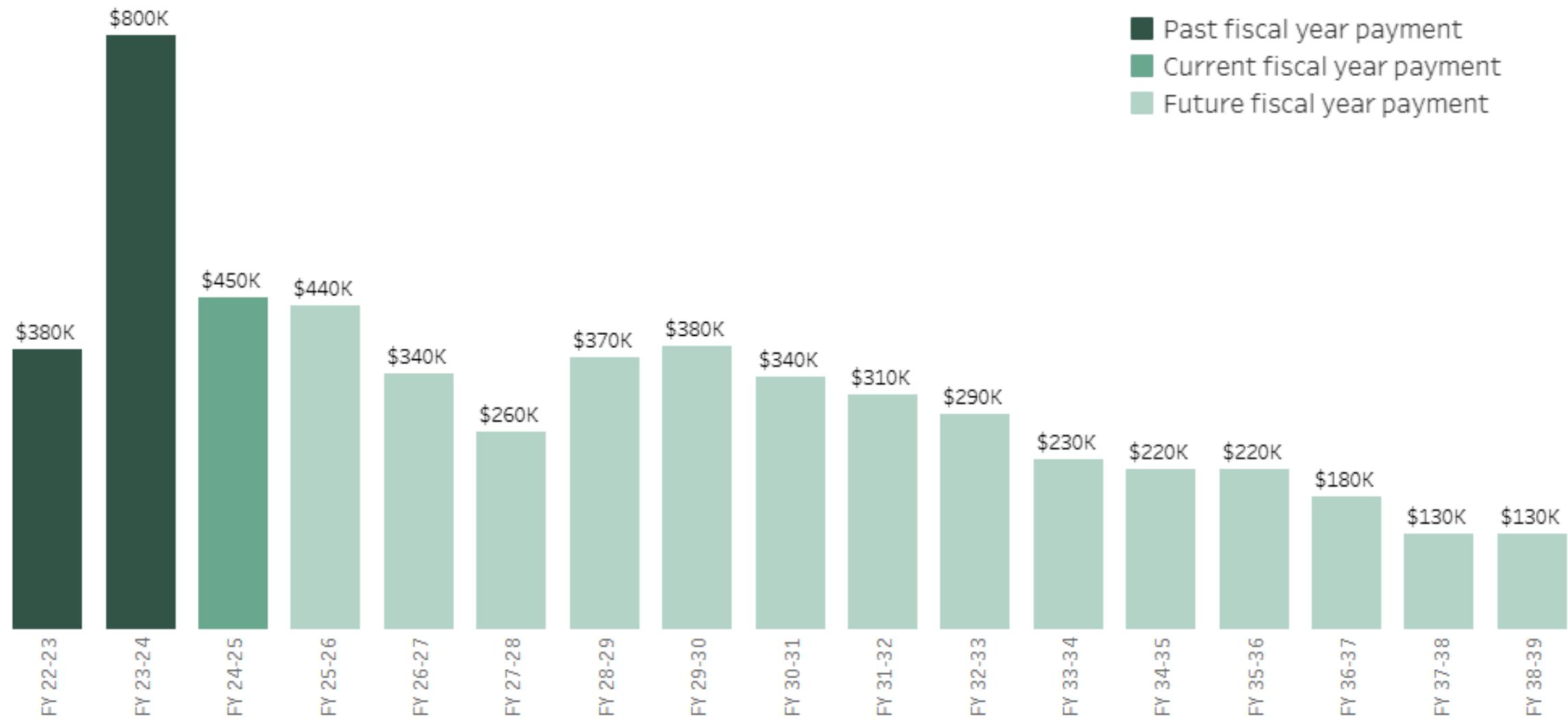




Select a Local or State Government

Chatham County

Chatham County is receiving **\$5,451,758** in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2038.



Budget Process

Calculated average annual spending across 16 years based on payment schedule



OSTAT input on Opioid Settlement payments & spending



Report from County Finance



Subcommittee budget proposals for each strategy

Additional Settlement Money



Purdue-Sackler Settlement

- Currently wrapped up in bankruptcy law, still going through finalization steps with the judge.
- Should be finalized by early next fiscal year, not expecting payments until maybe the end of next fiscal year
- Amount of money going to each local government
 - \$150 million to the State of North Carolina
 - Amount to each local gov based on 3-part formula (population, # of pills dispensed, and # of opioid deaths) then it is divvied up based on that percentage
 - We estimate around \$575,400 will be paid to Chatham County

Funding Received to Date (inc. interest)	\$1,613,346
Estimated Spend through June 2025	\$400,660
Pending Payments FY26-FY28	\$1,100,000
Total Estimated Funding Available FY26-FY28	\$2,312,686
Total Cost FY26-FY28 Budget	\$1,290,000
Average Annual Cost FY26-FY28 Budget	\$430,000
Total Estimated Funding Available FY29-FY39	\$4,627,875
Average Annual Estimated Funding Available FY29-FY39	\$420,716

Opioid Settlement Strategies

FY 24-25 Approved Strategies	Approved Amount
Collaborative Strategic Planning	\$139,500
Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment	\$55,000
Recovery Support Services	\$50,000
Early Intervention	\$20,000
Naloxone Distribution	\$100,000

FY 25-26 Proposed Strategies	Proposed Amount
Collaborative Strategic Planning	\$110,000
Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment	\$110,000
Recovery Support Services	\$50,000
Early Intervention	\$40,000
Naloxone Distribution	\$70,000
Recovery Housing	\$50,000

Opioid Settlement Strategies

FY 25-26 Proposed Strategies	Proposed Amount	Proposed 3-Year Request
Collaborative Strategic Planning	\$110,000/year	\$330,000
Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment	\$110,000/year	\$330,000
Recovery Support Services	\$50,000/year	\$150,000
Early Intervention	\$40,000/year	\$120,000
Naloxone Distribution	\$70,000/year	\$210,000
Recovery Housing	\$50,000/year	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$430,000/year	\$1,290,000



Collaborative Strategic Planning

Proposal: \$330,000 for FY 26-28

Purpose: Support collaborative strategic planning to address opioid issues, including staff support, facilitation services, or any activity or combination of activities in support of collaborative strategic planning (as listed in Exhibit C to the MOA).

Collaborative Strategic Planning

Proposal: \$330,000 for FY 26-28

FY 24-25 Updates:

- CCPHD hired a new Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator
- Established RFP process
 - Managing invoicing & reporting for subrecipients
- **28** Subcommittee meetings held this FY

Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment



Proposal: \$330,000 for FY 26-28

Purpose: Support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine's national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder through Opioid Treatment Programs, qualified providers of Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence-based addiction treatment. This may include partial or full capital expenditures for facilities that offer evidence-based treatment for OUD. This includes Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with any medication approved for this purpose by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment



Proposal: \$330,000 for FY 26-28

FY 24-25 Updates:

- Contracting with two service-providers offering evidence-based addiction treatment to uninsured/underinsured Chatham residents with Opioid Use Disorder

Recovery Support Services



Proposal: \$150,000 for FY 26-28

Purpose: Fund evidence-based recovery support services, including peer support specialists or care navigators based in local health departments, social service offices, detention facilities, community-based organizations, or other settings that support people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being.

Recovery Support Services



Proposal: \$150,000 for FY 26-28

FY 24-25 Updates:

- Peer Support Specialist course
- Chatham Transit Fare Cards
- Stipends for persons with lived experience participating in advisory group meetings



Early Intervention

Proposal: \$120,000 for FY 26-28

Purpose: Fund programs, services, or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions, including Youth Mental Health First Aid, peer-based programs, or similar approaches. Training programs may target parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human services professionals, or others in contact with children or adolescents.

Early Intervention



Proposal: \$120,000 for FY 26-28

FY 24-25 Updates:

- Interest in funding for programming focused on youth who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions
- Prevention work:
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - Educating community & retailers about vaping and cannabis
 - T21 Legislation

Naloxone Distribution



Proposal: \$210,000 for FY 26-28

Purpose: Support programs or organizations that distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks, such as Syringe Service Programs, post-overdose response teams, programs that provide naloxone to persons upon release from jail or prison, emergency medical service providers or hospital emergency departments that provide naloxone to persons at risk of overdose, or community-based organizations that provide services to people who use drugs. Programs or organizations involved in community distribution of naloxone may, in addition, provide naloxone to first responders.

Naloxone Distribution



Proposal: \$210,000 for FY 26-28

FY 24-25 Updates:

- Naloxone Distribution: ~**1,500 kits** distributed
- **8** overdose response trainings held
- Post-Overdose Leave Behind bags
- Vending Machine
- Naloxone Chatham Transit Ads



Recovery Housing Support

Proposal: \$150,000 for FY 26-28

Purpose: Fund programs offering recovery housing support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to individuals receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder.

- Rent, application fees, move-in deposits, utilities help, recovery housing for MAT, landlord incentive programs, eviction prevention programs, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing

Recovery Housing Support



Proposal: \$150,000 for FY 26-28

FY 24-25 Updates:

- New strategy
- Currently in exploratory phase
 - Researching evidence-based practices
 - Exploring opportunities for collaboration with other organizations implementing housing efforts throughout the county

Opioid Settlement Funding

Authorization Request FY 26-28

Recommendation: Motion to adopt a resolution by the County of Chatham to direct the expenditure of **\$1.29 million** in Opioid Settlement Funds during fiscal years 2026-2028 to support the following strategies: 1) Collaborative Strategic Planning, 2) Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment, 3) Recovery Support Services, 4) Early Intervention, 5) Naloxone Distribution, 6) Recovery Housing Support

Start Date: July 1, 2025

End Date: June 30, 2028



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