

What's the Deal with Kentucky's Opioid Abatement Dollars?

Kentucky will receive more than \$1 billion in opioid abatement funds. Local governments must spend at least 85% of these funds to address substance use disorder, support recovery, and reduce the future harms associated with the overdose crisis.

\$1 Billion in Funds for KY



**50% of funds go to
counties & local
governments**



**50% of funds are
controlled by state
& KYOAAC**



***Today, we'll talk
about this portion
of the funds***

So How Should Counties Spend Abatement Funds?

We Know What Works & What Doesn't Work!

- ***Reject Funding Systems and Policies that Advance the Drug War***
- ***Provide Full Access to Public Health and Harm Reduction Programs***
- ***Fund Housing and Supportive Services***
- ***Repair Racial and Economic Harms***

**It's not enough
to spend the
money —
we need
receipts and
transparency!**

Opioid settlement dollars
were won on the backs of
people who died of overdose
and the communities
devastated by both drugs
and our punitive response
to them.

**They're not a
state slush fund!**

How is Your County Spending Your Opioid Abatement Dollars?

Six Questions to Help You Figure It Out!

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-  **Does your county have a committee or council dedicated to disbursing funds?**
 -  **Has your county spent any of its abatement funds? If so, how much?**
 -  **What has your county spent abatement funds on?**
 -  **Has your county used funds for arrests, jails, or more policing?**
 -  **How can local groups access these funds and what are the requirements?**
 -  **Are people who use drugs and people directly impacted by the Drug War involved in your county's spending decisions?**