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Fall River Opioid Settlement Funds Request for Proposals

(FALL RIVER, MA – MAY 1, 2024) – The City of Fall River is pleased to release the Fall River Opioid Settlement Funds Request for Proposals (RFP).

Massachusetts has participated in nationwide financial settlements as part of the historic legal efforts to demand abatement of the harms caused by the opioid epidemic. These settlements combined will bring over \$900 million into Massachusetts for substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support. Municipalities receive funding geographically and the City of Fall River expects to receive nearly \$8 million over the next 15 years. As of March 26, 2024, Fall River has received payments totaling \$1,854,547.31.

The Fall River opioid settlement funding will be used to save lives by reducing Fall River's burden of opioid-related morbidity and mortality. This will be accomplished by awarding local partners and municipal departments with necessary funding to address this burden. This RFP will be the City of Fall River's first funding cycle using opioid settlement funds. Proposals will be judged by the Fall River Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Committee and submitted to Mayor Paul Coogan with a funding recommendation.

Registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and government entities that provide opioid-related services to Fall River residents are eligible to apply for funding through this selective grant program. The City of Fall River has reserved up to \$1.2 million for this initial funding cycle.

The RFP application is open now until June 16th, 2024 at 11:59 pm EST. The application is [available for download on the City's website](#). For more information and to access the RFP application, visit tinyurl.com/FROpioidFunds.

For any further questions, please email opioidfunds@fallriverma.gov.