

Department Name	Opioid Settlement Funds
Account(s)	4320

Department Function
To allocate, manage and oversee community and county initiatives funded with Opiate Settlement Funds received through multiple national corporate settlements and distributed to counties via the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) and the New York State Attorney General’s Office. Uses of opioid settlement funds in Albany County are determined by assessment of community needs, opioid use and overdose trends, and identification of additional emerging gaps in the service continuum of prevention, treatment and recovery.

Current Year Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued to monitor and track 13 community-based, multi-year OSF-funded initiatives (\$2,260,499); and, 4 Albany County department-based, multi-year OSF-funded initiatives (\$1,516,042). In coordination with the Albany County Public Defender’s Office, developed and released an RFP to provide supervised visitation services for clients in Family Court to promote family reunification, strengthen long-term recovery outcomes, and reduce overall costs associated with family separation and child welfare interventions. (\$150,000) Launched a Recovery Support Program Grant Initiative to support Albany County’s three standalone recovery support programs (non-competitive) to enhance programming for residents living in recovery. Developed and released an RFP for a Recovery Support App to support individuals in treatment or in recovery when treatment programs and/or recovery centers are closed or inaccessible. Developed and released an RFP for Treatment Provider Mini-Grants (up to 10 grants/\$15,000 each) to kick-start a new project; fill a budget gap; or pilot an innovative idea. In coordination with the Albany County Department of Health, developed and released an RFP to provide targeted media/public education addressing substance use prevention. Developed and released an RFP for school-based substance use/mental health education and prevention.

Next Year Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor and track OSF initiatives previously funded in the community and within Albany County departments. Continue to monitor and track OSF received from national settlements and distributed through NYS OASAS and NYS AG’s Office. Continue to assess community need and develop and fund new initiatives, projects and programs that address gaps in the continuum of care in Albany County.

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