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## Morgan County – Mooresville Opioid Settlement Grants

### What are opioid settlement funds?

The State of Indiana has reached multiple settlements with major pharmaceutical companies, distributors, and related firms as part of the State's ongoing commitment to accountability in addressing substance use. The settlements will provide Indiana with more than \$1 billion over an 18-year period. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/recovery/settlement/>.

### Why are opioids an issue statewide and locally?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of opioid-involved deaths increased substantially from 1999 to 2023, but 2023 marked the first annual decline since 2018. Nationally, approximately 105,000 people died from drug overdose in 2023 and nearly 80,000 of those deaths involved opioids (about 76%). The number of people who died from an opioid overdose in 2023 was nearly 10 times the number in 1999; however, the opioid overdose death rate declined 4% from 2022 to 2023. Deaths involving various types of opioids are declining at different rates.

### How much will Morgan County and the Town of Mooresville receive?

Go to <https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/home/opioid-settlement/> to download settlement fund distribution estimates for Morgan County, Mooresville, and all Indiana municipalities.

### How are Morgan County and the Town of Mooresville planning to distribute their local opioid settlement funds?

The Morgan County Mental Health Task Force (MCMHTF), on behalf of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners and Mooresville Town Council, is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) to solicit responses from any Morgan County service providers (and those providing services to Morgan County residents), including but not limited to:

- substance use and mental health treatment providers



- collaboratives and coalitions
- schools
- law enforcement agencies
- nonprofit organizations
- hospitals and healthcare entities
- public health organizations
- businesses
- agencies focused upon promoting long-term recovery

Respondents should be embedded in, and working with, their communities and interested in submitting effective proposals for services that build upon efforts already made, including but not limited to the expansion of and access to treatment for substance use disorder, stronger connections to recovery supports, development and implementation of prevention practices, expansion of harm reduction efforts, and substance-related criminal justice interventions.

### **Why are Morgan County and the Town of Mooresville both named as providing funds for this grant opportunity?**

On May 6, 2024, the Morgan County Commissioners approved the MCMHTF to develop and oversee a competitive grant process for the distribution of Morgan County's National Opioid Settlement Funds. On November 18, 2025, the Mooresville Town Council voted to collaborate with Morgan County in this effort, contributing \$15,000 toward the nearly \$190,000 available in grant funding for the 2026 cycle.

### **What is the MCMHTF? Who are its members?**

As part of the [Better Communities Coalition](#), the MCMHTF is comprised of more than 100 individual members representing over 50 organizations. The task force envisions a community where all individuals are supported and equipped to achieve mental health wellbeing. Since its inception in November 2021, leaders have focused efforts on implementation of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Strategic Prevention Framework.



## **Who is overseeing the RFP and disbursements?**

The MCMHTF has formed a Local Opioid Settlement Workgroup to manage the RFP process.

The MCMHTF is issuing the RFP on behalf of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners and the Mooresville Town Council.

## **How many grants will be awarded?**

The number of grants awarded will depend on the number of applications received, the quality of the proposals and potential for impact, and the amount of funding available.

## **How much funding is available through the RFP?**

The total funding amount available through this RFP is about \$190,000: \$90,000 for approved abatement uses and \$100,000 unrestricted.

## **What are the key dates in the RFP timeline?**

- January 7, 2026: RFP opens at 9 a.m. (EST)
- January 15, 2026: Virtual information session at 10 a.m. (EST)  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87015738868?pwd=Va3hthUUqpQ3lDhX2Z74hnKxc2duoD.1>  
(Meeting ID: 870 1573 8868 Passcode: 886619 )
- February 25, 2026: RFP closes at 4 p.m. (EST)
- February 25 to March 18, 2026: Application evaluations
- April 7, 2026: In-person interviews (if requested) and follow-up questions
- April 20 or May 4, 2026: Recommendations for funding shared at the Board of Commissioners' meeting
- May 2026: Notices of award sent via email
- June or July 2026: Awardees announced via the media and recognized at the MCMHTF meeting
- July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027: Project period



## **Can members of the MCMHTF apply for settlement funds? If so, how will those applications be handled?**

Yes. We expect MCMHTF members to apply. Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the task force's Local Opioid Settlement Workgroup and will be scored based on the criteria as outlined in the RFP. If any of the workgroup member organizations apply, they will abstain from reviewing, evaluating, and voting on their organizations' applications.

## **Who do I contact for more information about the RFP?**

Please send questions regarding the RFP to [mcmentalhealthtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:mcmentalhealthtaskforce@gmail.com).

## **Are letters of support (LOS) required for the application?**

No, LOS are not required for the application, but they are allowed. They will be reviewed by the workgroup, but they will not be scored like the rest of the application elements. Additionally, members of the workgroup, and employees of workgroup member organizations, may not provide LOS for grant applications.