

Unallowable Expenses under Opioid Settlement/MFAF

Funds from the opioid settlements including the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund (MFAF), are generally limited to expenses for substance use disorder abatement and remediation projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction.

The opioids crisis can be viewed as including both a supply side (the individuals and organizations providing legal and illicit opioids and other products) and a demand side (the individuals dealing with substance use disorder, their families, and their communities). The opioid settlement dollars are meant to address issues on the demand side of the equation, focusing on treatment, recovery, prevention, and other strategies that seek to address the underlying causes for substance use disorder. These dollars are not intended for supply side efforts, such as drug interdiction or criminal law enforcement. To evaluate whether a proposed use is acceptable, a subdivision should determine whether the purpose of the expense is to address the demand side or the supply side of the crisis.

The following are examples of unallowable expenses under MFAF:

- Guns
- Canine units
- Police vehicles
- Drones
- Campaign contributions
- Non-abatement activities
- Equipment expenses unrelated to substance use abatement or remediation