

Opioid Recovery & Remediation Fund (ORRF) Advisory Council

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

September 10, 2024

Today's Agenda



06/13/24 Meeting
Minutes



Important
Announcements



ORRF Strategic
Framework



Updates on
Strategic
Priorities



Initiative
Spotlight: Mosaic
Grant Program

Vote on 06/13/24 Minutes

Important Announcements



Annual Municipal
Expenditures Report
(FY24)

Massachusetts
Municipal Opioid
Abatement Report



Annual ORRF Report
(FY24)

ORRF Mission & Vision

*Mission**

The purpose of the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Trust Fund (Fund) is to mitigate the effects of the opioid epidemic on individuals and families, particularly in historically underserved communities, which have experienced disproportionately high rate of opioid related overdose deaths.



*Vision**

The Fund will finance activities across the full continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, services and supports for an individual's recovery from opioid addiction and in support of their loved ones.

*See ORRF Strategic Framework:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/orrf-advisory-council-meeting-presentation-12622/download>

ORRF Guiding Principles

01

Focus on historically underserved populations suffering from and/or impacted by opioid use disorder

02

Incorporate health equity and community engagement principles into each funded program

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Prioritize localized, community-focused efforts where possible

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Drive funding decisions based on current data and evidence-based research

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Focus on sustainability concepts for funded efforts from the beginning

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Prioritize innovative and nontraditional solutions

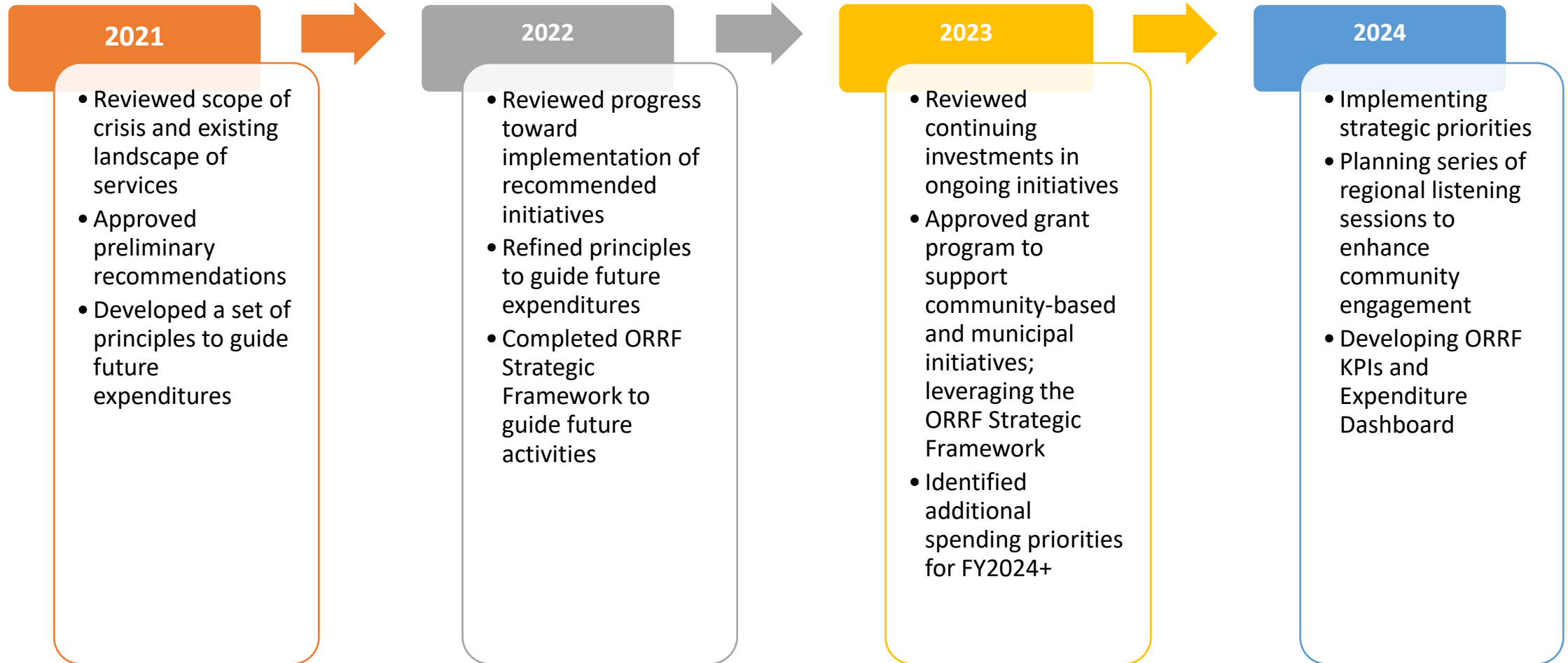
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Fund solutions and programs that do not have alternative funding sources

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Timeline of Council Activities



Overview of Strategic Priorities & Initiatives

Equity		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redefining Community Wellness• BIPOC and Women's Re-Entry• School of Re-Entry
Service Expansion/ Enhancement		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harm Reduction Expansion• Access to MOUD• Hospital-Based SUD Services
Workforce Development		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Loan Forgiveness
Supporting Families		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanding Access to Evidence-Based Practices for Families• Grief Support
Social Determinants of Health		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low Threshold Housing and Housing Supports• Community "Mosaic" Grant Program
Data Collection/Analysis		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BSAS Community Profile Dashboard• ORRF KPIs & Expenditure Dashboard

Initiative Updates

Equity

- Completed three-year evaluation for Black and Latino Men's Re-entry program with the intention of updating program based on findings before reopening procurement
- Final stages of posting Women's Re-entry RFR and awaiting approval to go live on Commbuys

Service Expansion & Enhancement

- Hospital-based SUD programs are in the process of establishing data collection systems and have begun serving patients. BSAS procured clinical and fiscal TTA to support hospitals in delivering EB and PP for the maximization of third-party reimbursement
- Released joint application w/ SOR to fund existing OTPs to enhance services and increase access to medications for OUD and stimulant use disorder for underserved and/or high need populations based on available data and promising practices. Awardees to be announced in late September

Workforce

- As part of MA-Repay, loan repayment awards were offered to SUD professionals across the Commonwealth. Round one awarded all eligible applicants with \$2M remaining to support a second round for professionals hired after the first application closed on 1/30/2023. The second round opened on 8/28/2024 and is scheduled to close on 9/25/2024. Award notifications will be sent directly to applicants in Spring 2025

Supporting Families

- Co-hosting Design Lab with RIZE aimed at assessing the ecosystem of family supports in MA, identifying strengths and gaps, and prioritizing areas of need
- Contracted with SADOD to provide resources, information, and assistance to individuals and families who have lost a loved one due to drugs/alcohol

Social Determinants of Health

- Low threshold housing has served 640 individuals; 585 have been sheltered across seven sites, 200 of whom have been placed in permanent housing through a housing navigation program or have been housed through reunification with friends or family

Data Collection & Analysis

- Added new features and functionality to the SUD Community Profiles Dashboard, including: the Overview tab now features a statewide view along with several new metrics; the Deaths tab has been redesigned to allow detailed analysis of deaths by race/ethnicity, age, and gender; a new Data to Action tab offers communities recommendations on how to apply the data found in the dashboard

ORRF Revenue and Expenditures

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25 YTD
Funds Received	\$12.97 million	\$62.76 million	\$92.6 million	\$27.22 million
Funds Committed/ Expended	\$9.25 million	\$27.93 million	\$23.84 million	\$55.10 million
Annual Commitments by Strategic Priority				
Equity			\$4.38 million	\$16 million
Service Expansion & Enhancement	\$6.5 million	\$6.5 million	\$10.5 million	\$24.5 million
Workforce		\$15 million		TBD
Family Supports			\$500,000	\$3.5 million
Social Determinants of Health	\$2.0 million	\$6.0 million	\$6.65 million	\$8.0 million
Data Collection & Analysis	\$750,000	\$432,700	\$500,000	\$2.0 million
Municipal Capacity- Building & Support			\$1.1 million	\$1.1 million



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Initiative Spotlight



Welcome

In this presentation, we will review the **Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership's Community-based Opioid Response Efforts (CORE)** grant program and introduce the next rounds of efforts.

Agenda:

- Overview
- How we got here
- Review process
- Grantees
- Technical assistance & evaluation
- Coming up
- Q & A



The goal of the **Mosaic Opioid Recovery Partnership** is to create a pathway of access to apply for funds for both municipalities and community-based organizations, particularly those based in communities that are historically underserved and have experienced a disproportionately high rate of opioid-related overdose deaths.



Funded by MA Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance
Addiction Services and Powered by RIZE

Guiding principles

CENTER

THE VOICES OF PEOPLE
WITH LIVED AND LIVING
EXPERIENCE

ENSURE

EFFORTS ARE INFORMED BY
COMMITMENTS TO EQUITY,
INCLUSION, AND COMPASSION

WORK

TO REDUCE STIGMA

ADVOCATE

FOR APPROACHES THAT SUPPORT
PEOPLE IN UNDERSTANDING AND
ACHIEVING THEIR OWN GOALS
REGARDING HARM REDUCTION,
TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY



Mosaic Website Memory Wall

Remembering Those We've Lost

Mosaic is grounded in hope, optimism, and opportunity. It is also grounded in the recognition that the settlement funding results from the loss of life and devastation our communities have experienced because of the opioid overdose crisis. In every action we take and every decision we make, we carry the memories of those who have been affected, ensuring their stories guide our work.

[Memory Wall](#)



\$15 million in grants across three rounds

Round One: Community-based Opioid Response Efforts (CORE)

Timeline: August 2024-2027

- RIZE awarded \$3,750,000 to 18 organizations through CORE

Round Two: Matching Municipal Grants

Timeline: Application to be posted 9/23/24 with awards January 2025

- \$1,250,000 one-year funding for three years (2025, 2026, 2027): total \$3,750,000

Round Three: Population-based or Program-specific Opioid Response Efforts

Timeline: Application to be posted in early 2025

- \$2,500,000 three-year grants 2025-2027: total \$7,500,000

Round 1: Community-based Opioid Response Efforts (CORE)

The primary goal of CORE, Mosaic's first round of grantmaking, is to help organizations deepen their impact, bring their work to scale, and build a strong and sustainable infrastructure to meet the needs of the populations they serve.

CORE community process

- Landscape review of other states
- Focus groups with PWLLE
 - Together in Recovery Advisory Committee, HEALing Communities Study CAB
- Info sessions with key stakeholders
 - JSI/Care Mass, the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, Metropolitan Area Planning Council

CORE guidelines

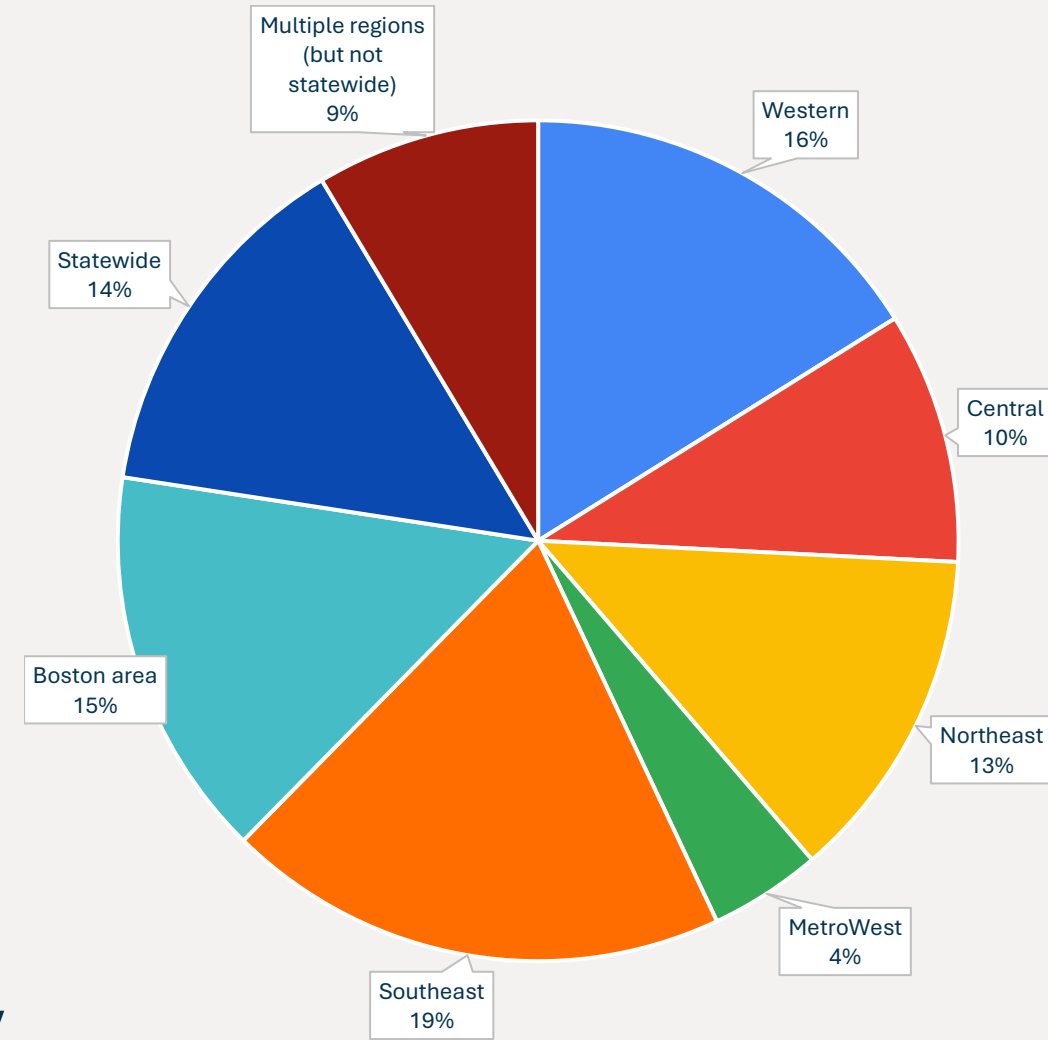
- \$3,750,000 over three years
- The three-year grants range from \$16,000 to \$150,000 annually, depending on the organization's size and budget
- The grants will provide **general operating support** with a focus on:
 - stabilizing operations
 - addressing urgent and emerging issues
 - building capacity to deliver services
 - investing in organizational infrastructure

CORE application process

- Simple online form
 - Available in English and Spanish
 - 8 questions designed to capture
 - the mission and core activities of the applicant
 - how the applicant operationalizes equity, access, and inclusion
 - the organization's goals and how CORE funding would help achieve them
- Webinar: 64 attendees
- Office hours (3 one-hour virtual sessions): 39 organizations attended

CORE applicant pool

- **97 applications** submitted
- Relatively evenly distributed on the size of operating budgets
- **Nearly half** of the applicant organizations work in **recovery support services**, followed by **prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and trauma/grief/family supports**
- Applicants serve priority populations:
 - **91%** reach **PWLLE**
 - **74%** reach **BIPOC** communities
 - **73%** reach people experiencing **housing insecurity**



CORE applicant survey results

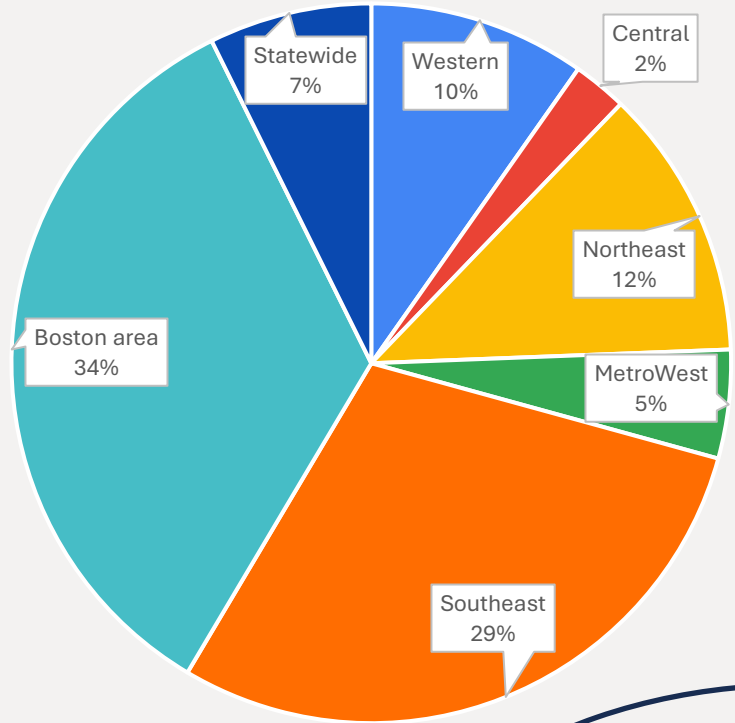
- **97%** of respondents found the **application process** “somewhat” or “very” **easy**
- **89%** “strongly” or “somewhat” agreed that the application process **empowered small community organizations** to apply
- **85%** of applicants “strongly” or “somewhat” agreed that they **felt confident** that organizations/groups like theirs would be **evaluated fairly** for this program

“The application process was extremely easy and supportive. As a president of a local nonprofit, it is comforting and refreshing to see an opportunity like this be open and attainable for us little guys, allowing us to make an even bigger impact on our SUD recovery community.”

“The fact that it covers operational expenses and organizational capacity building. This is what we need funds for most, but have the most difficulty finding funding for. Also, the application process was simple and provided a lot of support.”

CORE community review

- 11 teams * 3 reviewers
- Each team included PWLLE, family members, subject matter, and equity and inclusion experts
 - 81% PWLLE (self or family member)
 - 73% subject matter expertise
 - 54% understood health equity principles
 - 54% previous experience reviewing grants
- Reviewers found RIZE resources helpful
 - 1:1 discussions with the RIZE team
 - Virtual Mosaic CORE grant reviewer training
 - Mosaic-bias one-pager
 - Recognizing bias video



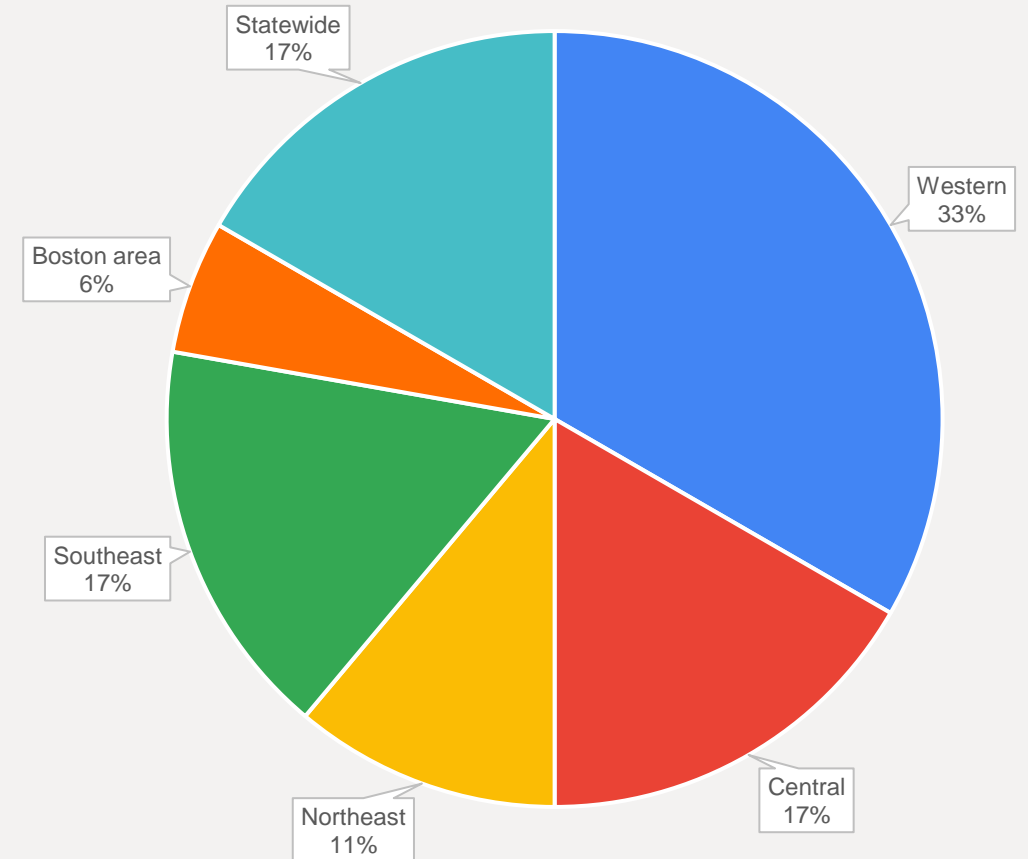
“I would welcome an opportunity to continue to review grant applications for the next two rounds. Following the process established by RIZE was impressive and allowed fair representation of all applicants.”

CORE scoring process

- Scores for each application = average of the 3 community reviews
- Additional review process focused on county-level need was applied to all applications:
 - opioid overdose burden
 - underserved communities
- Applicants were then grouped by continuum of care category and the top 50% were moved forward as finalists
- RIZE then reviewed each application for equitable distribution by:
 - geography
 - organizational size
 - continuum of care category

CORE grantee demographics

- Awardees are relatively evenly distributed along the continuum of care
- Almost every county in the Commonwealth represented
- 72% of awardees have operating budgets below \$1 million
- CORE grants could have a positive impact on health equity
 - 89% reach **BIPOC** communities
 - 83% reach **PWLLE**
 - 67% reach people **experiencing housing insecurity**



CORE grantees

Organization	Recommended Amount (3 year)	County	Care Continuum
Access Hope	\$255,000.00	Barnstable	Harm Reduction
AIDS Project Worcester	\$400,000.00	Worcester	Prevention
Black Behavioral Health Network	\$50,000.00	Hampden	Connections to Care
Camp Happy Place	\$65,000.00	Berkshire	Trauma, Grief, and Family Supports
Centro De Ayuda Y Esperanza Latina	\$135,000.00	Bristol	Prevention
Choice Recovery Coaching Inc.	\$222,500.00	Hampden	Recovery Supports
Extreme Kid, Inc.	\$100,000.00	Hampden	Prevention
Fishing Partnership Health Plan (DBA: Fishing Partnership Support Services)	\$450,000.00	Bristol	Connections to Care
Hilltown Youth Recovery Theater	\$100,000.00	Franklin	Connections to Care
HRH413	\$115,000.00	Hampshire	Harm Reduction
Safe Exit Initiative	\$380,000.00	Worcester	Harm Reduction
South Shore Peer Recovery	\$222,500.00	Plymouth	Recovery Supports
The Commission on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Massachusetts	\$275,000.00	Suffolk	Trauma, Grief, and Family Supports
The Psychological Center	\$150,000.00	Essex	Connections to Care
The Sun Will Rise	\$150,000.00	Norfolk	Trauma, Grief, and Family Supports
Torch Light Recovery	\$222,500.00	Suffolk	Recovery Supports
Troubled Waters Inc. d/b/a Bridge Club of Greater Lowell	\$332,500.00	Middlesex	Recovery Supports
Uhai for Health Inc.	\$125,000.00	Worcester	Prevention



Evaluation plan

- The evaluation plan includes guiding questions and approaches for evaluating
 - the grantmaking process
 - grant implementation
 - outcomes over the course of the program
- It aligns with the ORRF strategic plan and draws on best practices from equitable evaluation and trust-based philanthropy
- The primary data sources for the evaluation will be:
 - annual grantee reports
 - surveys for grantees and other stakeholders
 - qualitative interviews and focus groups with grantees and other stakeholders
 - participant observation

Training & technical assistance

- Technical assistance (TA) is available to Mosaic CORE grantees, through multiple methods, to support capacity building:
 - 1) Opt-in Mosaic Coaching
 - 2) Grantee Webinars and Learning Communities
 - Bootcamp for executive directors (leadership development, budgeting)
 - Network building
 - Stigma and bias
 - 3) On-demand TA Requests
 - Creating a strategic or business plan
 - Evaluation and data management
 - Marketing and communications
 - Promoting equity in service access and delivery



Round 2: Municipal Matching Grants

- The program will **match municipal opioid settlement funds** in cities and towns that are 1) using best practices to end the overdose crisis, 2) utilizing Care Mass resources, 3) conducting community outreach and needs assessments, and 4) collaborating with others.
- Projects and initiatives should be developed with input from public health experts, municipal leaders, families affected by the crisis, and people with lived and living experience.
- Proposed projects must align with the Massachusetts State Sub-Division Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements and advance non-punitive, health-centered approaches to substance use disorder-related harms and challenges.

Round 2: Municipal Matching Grants

- RIZE will award \$1,250,000 in one-year grants for 2025, with two additional grant rounds in 2026 and 2027, totaling a \$3.75 million ORRF investment to municipalities across the Commonwealth.

Date	Activity
Application Released	September 23, 2024
Webinar	September 30, 2024
Application Due	October 25, 2024 @ 11:59 pm
Notifications	Early January 2025
Grantees Announced	February 1, 2025

Local media highlights grantees

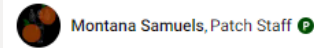
“This grant is going to be life changing for our program, because it’s going to open things up to legitimize us... Funding like this [means] the state believes in me... They believe in the work I’m doing. They’re advocating more for people who use drugs. They believe that I’m worth it, my team is worth it and we’re worth it.”

Kim Powers, E.D. & Founder of Access Hope
The Enterprise Mashpee, 8/29/24

Politics & Government

Braintree Nonprofit Gets Funding For Opioid Crisis Work

Braintree's The Sun Will Rise is one of 18 nonprofits to receive funding through a new state program looking to address the opioid crisis.



Montana Samuels, Patch Staff

Posted Fri, Aug 23, 2024 at 3:34 pm ET

Harm Reduction Hedgehogs to use state grant to expand work focusing on marginalized communities



Albie Park and Jess Tilley, co-founders of Harm Reduction Hedgehogs 413, put together safe supplies and wound packets for the outreach team in this 2021 photo. The organization last week secured a \$115,000 grant from the state that it will use over the next three years to add leadership roles focusing on marginalized communities. GAZETTE FILE PHOTO



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Thank You!

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Questions & Answers

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Next Meeting

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, December 3, 2024	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Virtual (Zoom)