

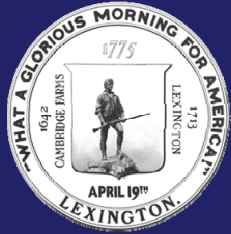
Opioid Settlement

2022 STM-3, Article 9



What is the Opioid Settlement?

- In 2021 the Massachusetts Attorney General reached a settlement agreement with opioid industry participants.
- Massachusetts will receive over \$500M in payments from opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson and 3 opioid distributors.
- 40% of the settlement will be sub-divided and distributed to Massachusetts cities and towns that signed the agreement, including Lexington.



How much will Lexington receive?

Lexington will receive separate payments from J&J and distributors over a period of 10 and 18 years, respectively.

Payments by Fiscal Year

	FY2023*	FY2024	FY2025- FY2028	FY2029-2031	FY3032- FY2039	Total
Distributor Payments	\$ 76,256	\$ 39,075	\$ 195,633	\$ 172,566	\$ 386,827	\$ 870,356
J&J Payment	\$ 148,852	\$ -	\$ 22,524	\$ 28,677	\$ -	\$ 200,050
Total Settlement	\$ 225,108	\$ 39,075	\$ 218,157	\$ 201,243	\$ 386,827	\$1,070,406

*Distributor payments received as of 10/20/2022; J&J payments for FY2023-2025 will be accelerated to Fall 2022 (not yet received).



How will the funds be spent?

- Per the settlement agreement, funds will be used to **mitigate the impact of the opioid crisis, including for prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs.**
- Under direction of the Town Manager, Lexington's Health and Human Services department will develop a plans and programs for utilizing Lexington's settlement payment.
- Funds will be appropriated in the general fund annually and reserved for designated purposes until spent.



Other Resources

Additional information on the statewide Opioid Settlement, payments and eligible uses of mitigation funds can be found on the Mass.gov website:

- <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/learn-about-the-agc-statewide-opioid-settlements-with-opioid-industry-defendants>
- <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/guidance-for-municipalities-utilizing-opioid-settlement-abatement-payments>