

California Opioid Settlement/Bankruptcy Technical Assistance

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) offers technical assistance to Participating Subdivisions interested in reviewing eligible opioid remediation activities¹, expense tracking and reporting requirements under the California Opioid Settlements and California Opioid Bankruptcies. Participating Subdivisions interested in receiving guidance from DHCS must complete and submit this form. Any guidance provided by DHCS does not indicate approval of expenditures or expense bookkeeping under the opioid settlements and bankruptcies.²

All documentation, including quotes of the item(s) to be purchased (if applicable), should be emailed to the DHCS Opioid Settlements Team at OSF@dhcs.ca.gov. Please include in the email subject “**CA Opioid Settlement/Bankruptcy Technical Assistance Form – [name of your Subdivision]**”.³

Organization: City of Orange **Request Date:** _____
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Subdivision/Local Government Name (e.g., San Bernardino County or City of Los Angeles):

If you are an entity funded by a Participating Subdivision/Local Government, please have your Participating Subdivision/Local Government submit this form.

Technical Assistance Requested (select all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allowable expenditures Expense | <input type="checkbox"/> Expense tracking and record keeping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting (reporting tool) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please indicate which fund source will be used for the proposed activity:

- ☐ CA Bankruptcy (Mallinckrodt – NOAT II)
- ☒ CA Abatement Accounts Fund
- ☐ CA Subdivision Fund*

* If you are unsure if your city or county is a Plaintiff Subdivision, please contact the California Attorney General's Office at OpioidSettlement-LocalGovernment@doj.ca.gov to confirm before submitting this form.

If you are a Plaintiff Subdivision, have you consulted with your city/county counsel or outside counsel regarding the use of CA Subdivision Funds on the proposed activity or expense?

☐ Yes ☐ No

¹ Participating Subdivisions are not required to indicate their planned expenditures to DHCS.

² Pursuant to the provisions established in the California State Subdivision Agreements, a State Subdivision Agreement may be revised, supplemented, or refined if it meets the requirements established in the relevant agreement(s).

³ This form may not be used to satisfy DHCS annual reporting requirements for the opioid settlements or opioid bankruptcies.

Please describe the project(s) that will be funded:

The City of Orange will allocate a portion of its National Opioid Settlement funds to support program costs for two (2) Navigation Centers located in the cities of Buena Park and Placentia. These centers serve as critical access points for individuals experiencing street homelessness to appropriately link to opioid use disorder (OUD), substance use disorder (SUD), and care for those in recovery who are especially vulnerable.

Operating as interim housing facilities, the centers provide comprehensive wraparound services including case management, employment assistance, behavioral health counseling, and substance use treatment. Each client is supported by a dedicated case manager who works to connect them with permanent housing, stable income, and long-term treatment options aimed at achieving self-sufficiency.

The Navigation Centers also partner closely with the HOPE Center of Orange County to provide transportation to the facilities, ensuring individuals in need can safely access temporary housing and services. For individuals with mental health needs, the centers link clients to a broader system of care through the County's behavioral health services.

Notably, the Buena Park Navigation Center features an on-site medical clinic that offers treatment services, including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), directly within the facility. The need for this service is evident-between February and August 2024, 22 individuals (2 being unsheltered) from the City of Orange received MAT services through KCS clinics.

The average length of stay at the Navigation Center(s) is approximately 90 days, during which clients are stabilized physically and emotionally. A gamut of services includes establishing vital documents such as birth certificate, social security card and CA Real ID along with health care linkages, counseling, job training, and social skill development including maintaining personal hygiene care.

By addressing immediate basic needs, the centers help to reduce the number of individuals to mitigate the risks associated with OUD, SUD, and untreated mental illness.

Please describe how these expenses relate to the [List of Opioid Remediation Uses – Core Strategies and Approved Uses](#) (including section/activity number):

The Buena Park and Placentia Navigation Centers directly align with the National Opioid Settlement's Core Strategies and Approved Uses, particularly in expanding access to MAT, wrap-around care, housing, and navigation services for vulnerable populations.

#. Expense/Service (Core Strategies and Approved Uses)

1. Case management, wrap-around services including housing, employment assistance, health and counseling services (Schedule A - E.4 and Schedule B - B.1)
2. Embedded MAT clinic at Buena Park site (Schedule A - B.4 and Schedule B - A.1, A.2)
3. Navigation and social work services (Schedule A - E.1, E.5 and Schedule B - B.2)
4. Partnership with HOPE Center for transportation to treatment (Schedule A - E.4 and Schedule B - B.7)
5. Mental health linkage and support (Schedule A - E.3 and Schedule B - A.1, B.2)
6. Services supporting self-sufficiency: job training, family reunification, life skills (Schedule A - E.4 and Schedule B - B.8)

Please see detailed chart ATT. 1

If applicable to the project and using funds from the CA Abatement Accounts Fund, please describe how these expenses relate to California’s High Impact Abatement Activities (including activity number):

Num.	Activity
1	Provision of matching funds or operating costs for substance use disorder facilities with an approved project within the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)
2	Creating new or expanded substance use disorder (SUD) treatment infrastructure ⁴
3	Addressing the needs of communities of color and vulnerable populations (including sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations) that are disproportionately impacted by SUD
4	Diversion of people with SUD from the justice system into treatment, including by providing training and resources to first and early responders (sworn and non-sworn) and implementing best practices for outreach, diversion and deflection, employability, restorative justice, and harm reduction
5	Interventions to prevent drug addiction in vulnerable youth
6	The purchase of naloxone for distribution and efforts to expand access to naloxone for opioid overdose reversals.

The use of funds for the two (2) Navigation Centers qualifies under multiple High Impact Abatement Activities, specifically HIAA #2 (treatment infrastructure), HIAA #3 (vulnerable populations including homeless), and HIAA #4 (diversion from justice system). These investments support both immediate recovery and long-term stabilization, key goals of the opioid settlement funding strategy.

#. Expense/Service (Applicable HIAA #)

1. Case management, wrap-around services including housing, employment assistance, health and counseling services (HIAA #3)
2. Embedded MAT clinic at Buena Park site (HIAA #2)
3. Navigation and social work services (HIAA #4)
4. Partnership with HOPE Center for transportation to treatment (HIAA #3)
5. Mental health linkage and support (HIAA #3)
6. Services supporting self-sufficiency: job training, family reunification, life skills (HIAA #3)

Please see detailed chart ATT. 2

⁴ May include cost overrun for BHCIP programs as needed.

If applicable, please include information pertaining to questions about expense reporting, expense tracking and record keeping, or other issues in the box below:

Subdivision Representative Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Expense/Service	Core Strategy (Schedule A)	Approved Use (Schedule B)	High Impact Abatement Activity (HIAA)
Case management, wrap-around services (housing, employment assistance, health and counseling services)	E.4 – Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery	B.1 – Provide wrap-around services including housing, transportation, job placement, training, and childcare	HIAA #3 – Addressing the needs of vulnerable populations including sheltered/unsheltered homeless
Embedded MAT clinic at Buena Park site	B.4 – Provide treatment and recovery support services that allow/integrate MAT	A.1 – Expand availability of treatment for OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH using MAT A.2 – Support evidence-based ASAM continuum care including residential services	HIAA #2 – Expanding SUD treatment infrastructure
Navigation and social work services	E.1 and E.5 – Expand navigator services and behavioral health workers	B.2 – Provide the full continuum of care including case management and community-based services	HIAA #4 – Diversion and deflection services including early response coordination
Partnership with HOPE Center for transportation to treatment	E.4 – Provide transportation as part of wrap-around services	B.7 – Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs	HIAA #3 – Focus on access for disproportionately impacted populations
Mental health linkage and support	E.3 – Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD/MH	A.1 and B.2 – Support integrated OUD and MH treatment, and peer support services	HIAA #3 – Services for individuals with mental illness, a vulnerable group
Services supporting self-sufficiency (job training, family reunification, life skills)	E.4 – Job placement/training and childcare as wrap-around	B.8 – Employment training or educational services for those in treatment	HIAA #3 – Promoting recovery among vulnerable populations

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(including activity number):

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Expense/Service	High Impact Abatement Activity (HIAA)
Case management, wrap-around services (housing, employment assistance, health and counseling services)	HIAA #3 – Addressing the needs of vulnerable populations including sheltered/unsheltered homeless
Embedded MAT clinic at Buena Park site	HIAA #2 – Expanding SUD treatment infrastructure
Navigation and social work services	HIAA #4 – Diversion and deflection services including early response coordination
Partnership with HOPE Center for transportation to treatment	HIAA #3 – Focus on access for disproportionately impacted populations
Mental health linkage and support	HIAA #3 – Services for individuals with mental illness, a vulnerable group
Services supporting self-sufficiency (job training, family reunification, life skills)	HIAA #3 – Promoting recovery among vulnerable populations