



**FISCAL YEAR 2022 (July 2021 through June 2022)  
Report to the Governor and Legislature**

***Rhode Island Opioid Stewardship Fund Account  
January 31, 2023***

**Background:**

From the law: "In accordance with the Opioid Stewardship Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.10-10) There is hereby established, in the custody of the executive office, a restricted-receipt account to be known as the "opioid stewardship fund." Monies in the opioid stewardship fund shall be kept separate and shall not be commingled with any other monies in the custody of the executive office. The opioid stewardship fund shall consist of monies appropriated for the purpose of such account; monies transferred to such account pursuant to law; contributions consisting of promises or grants of any money or property of any kind or value, or any other thing of value, including grants or other financial assistance from any agency of government; and monies required by the provisions of this chapter or any other law to be paid into or credited to this account. Monies of the opioid stewardship fund shall be available to provide opioid treatment, recovery, prevention, education services, and other related programs, subject to appropriation by the general assembly.

"By January of each calendar year, the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH), the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS), the department of children, youth and families (DCYF), the Rhode Island department of education (RIDE), the Rhode Island office of veterans' services, the department of corrections (DOC), and the department of labor and training (DLT) shall report annually to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the senate president which programs in their respective departments were funded using monies from the opioid stewardship fund and the total amount of funds spent on each program."

**Financial Report:**

For FY22, Opioid Stewardship Dollars were allocated through the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) for programs managed by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals (BHDDH), the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (RIDOC), and RIDOH as follows:

Agency	FY22 Budgeted Amount	FY22 Spent (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)
BHDDH	\$1,980,000	\$1,229,846.61
RIDOC	\$2,274,537	\$2,053,594.70
RIDOH	\$306,066	\$162,775.05
Total	4,560,603	\$3,446,216.36

RIDOH also had responsibility for billing the opioid manufacturers for the Stewardship dollars.

As of July 1, 2022, the oversight of the Opioid Stewardship Fund has transferred to EOHHS. EOHHS is providing this report on behalf of all state agencies who were funded with Stewardship dollars in FY22.

Agency/Program	FY22 Budget Enacted	Total FY22 Spent
<b>BHDDH</b>		
Expansion: MAT for uninsured/undocumented	\$500,000	\$277,015
Expansion: Recovery Friendly Workplace	\$200,000	\$193,942
Expansion: Recovery Housing - Alcohol Use Disorder/SUD	\$780,000	\$505,760
Regional Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force	\$500,000	\$253,129
<b>Total BHDDH</b>	<b>\$1,980,000</b>	<b>\$1,229,847</b>
<b>RIDOC</b>		
Individualized Treatment/Recovery Services	\$713,909	\$713,909
MAT Expansion	\$846,628	\$625,686
Medication Assisted Program	\$714,000	\$714,000
<b>Total RIDOC</b>	<b>\$2,274,537</b>	<b>\$2,053,595</b>
<b>RIDOH</b>		
Prescription Drug Monitoring and Administration	\$251,366	\$162,775
Shift Needle Exchange/Harm Reduction program	\$54,700	\$0
<b>Total RIDOH</b>	<b>\$306,066</b>	<b>\$162,775</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,560,603</b>	<b>\$3,446,216</b>

EOHHS is currently working with its state agency partners with funding responsibility and monitoring the allocation and procurement of the dollars to ensure that money is spent effectively and on time – and that Opioid Stewardship Fund spending decisions are aligned with the state’s process for spending Opioid Settlement dollars. To that end, Secretary Novais has agreed to bring Stewardship Fund spending updates to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee.

EOHHS will continue to submit these reports to the Governor and Legislature, and suggests including a specific report deadline of January 31 for reports for the prior fiscal year into legislature language. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.