



Opioid Settlement Funding

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

Study Session
June 3, 2025



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AGENDA



- Overview of Funding
- Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Updates
- 2025-2026 Opioid Abatement Programs
- Understanding Opioid Impacts in Washington State and Pierce County
- Strategy and Issue Statement Development
- Next Steps

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FUNDING OVERVIEW



Source

- Funds come from national legal settlements related to the opioid crisis.
- Funds were distributed to national and local government

Purpose

- Funding is designated for opioid remediation and response efforts.

Amount

- The City of Tacoma anticipates receiving \$14.7 million in settlement funds
 - \$5.2 million received to date
 - \$9.5 million in projected future payments over the next 14 years
- The City of Tacoma is monitoring any additional funds through additional settlements

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ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMING



Treatment

Support comprehensive treatment and recovery services for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD), including care coordination, justice-involved populations, and specialized support for pregnant women and families.

Prevention

Promote safe opioid use by preventing over-prescribing, reducing misuse, and minimizing overdose deaths and related harms.

Other Strategies

Invest in systems-level support through training, strategic planning, equipping first responders and researching best practices to improve opioid response outcomes.

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OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL



Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council

- The Pierce County Opioid Abatement Council is led by Pierce County and composed of 11 jurisdictions
- Responsible for regional reporting of disbursement and expenditures and provides auditing functions to the State
- Meets annually and produces an annual report

Updates from May 1, 2025 Annual Meeting

- Updated Pooling Agreement Services with Pierce County Human Services Division
- Established Behavioral Health Opioid Committee (BHOC) established
- Reported internal expenditures by only two jurisdictions (Pierce County and Gig Harbor) to hire staff support
- No reported external expenditures by jurisdictions for 2024.

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2025-2026 CITY OF TACOMA OPIOID ABATEMENT PROGRAMS



City funded opioid abatement services \$1.46M in 2025-2026:

Crisis and treatment services

- 5 programs - approximately \$330k per year
- Outcomes: individual improvement in behavioral health, mental health, and/or substance use disorder
- Programs are projected to serve 341 individuals in 2025.

Housing with support services

- 2 programs – approximately \$398k per year
- Outcomes: individuals who exit homelessness into housing, maintain permanent housing, and reduce barriers.
- Programs are projected to serve 85 individuals in 2025.

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UNDERSTANDING OPIOID IMPACTS IN WASHINGTON STATE & PIERCE COUNTY

Using data to better understand local condition and impacts and how to strategically use funds

- Consider Tacoma-specific data, when available

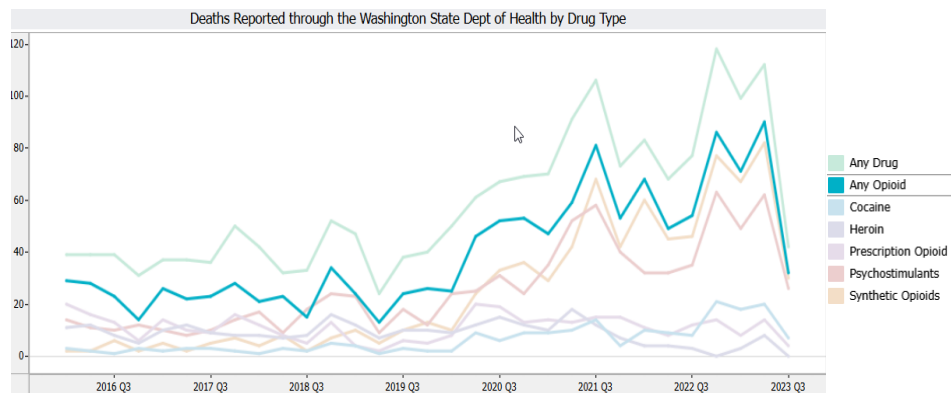
Researching and using existing State and Regional plans

- State Opioid and Overdose Response (SOOR) Plan
- Pierce County Opioid Settlement Fund Spending Plan

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OVERDOSE DEATHS (PIERCE COUNTY)



Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. (2025, May 23). Tracking the Overdose Crisis in Pierce County. <https://tpchd.org/info/data/overdose>

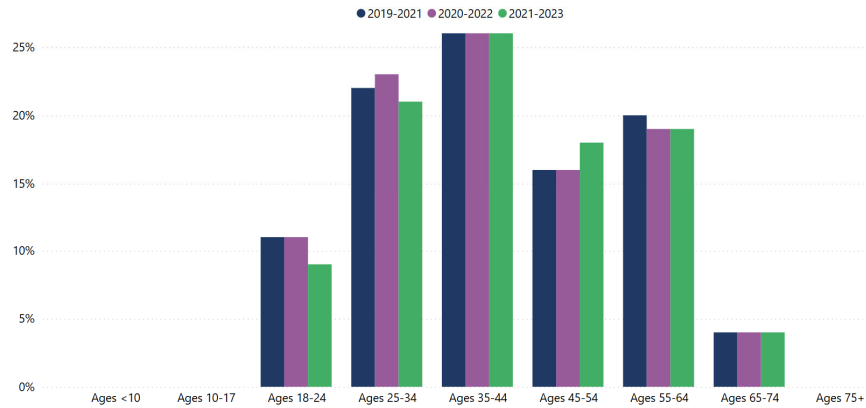
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OVERDOSE DEATHS BY AGE GROUP (PIERCE COUNTY)



Pierce County Percent of Any Opioid Overdose Deaths by Age Group



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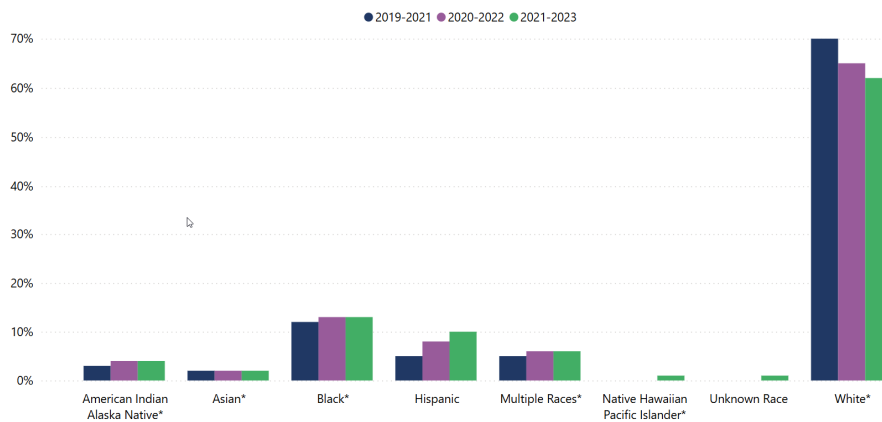
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OVERDOSE DEATHS BY RACE & ETHNICITY (PIERCE COUNTY)



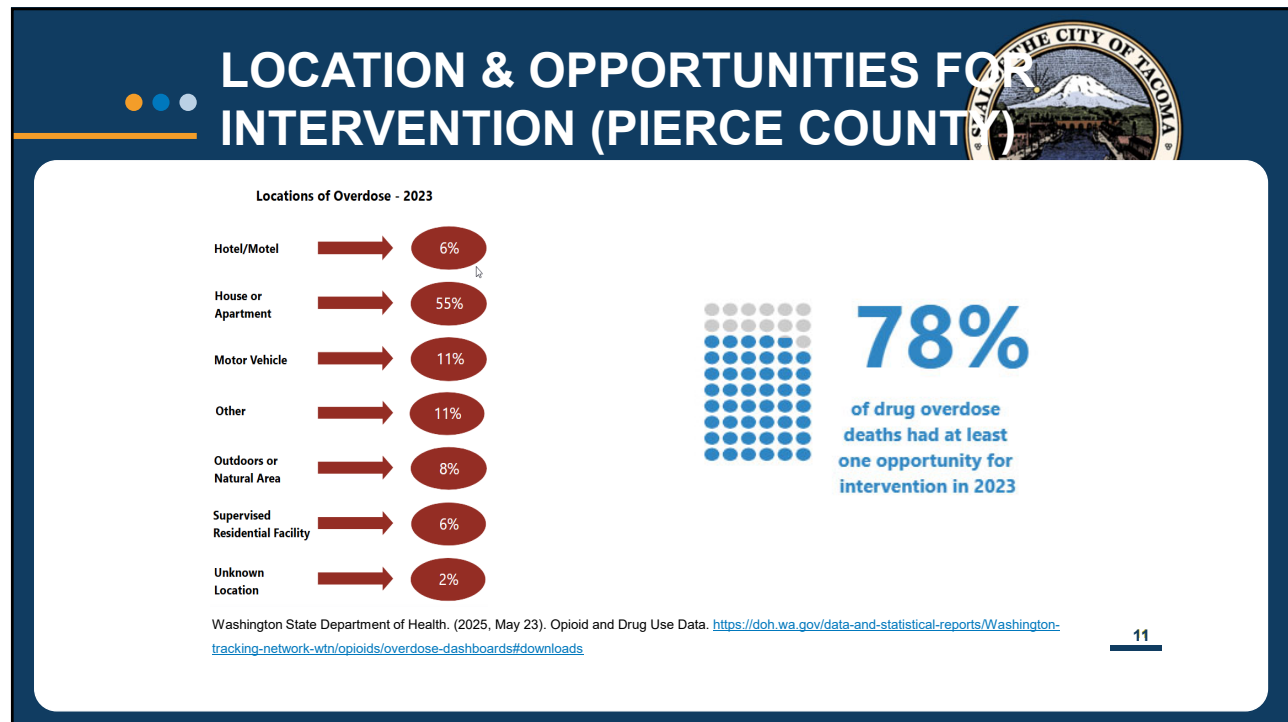
Pierce County Percent of Any Opioid Overdose Deaths by Race and Ethnicity



Washington State Department of Health. (2025, May 23). Opioid and Drug Use Data. <https://doh.wa.gov/data-and-statistical-reports/Washington-tracking-network-wtn/opioids/overdose-dashboards>

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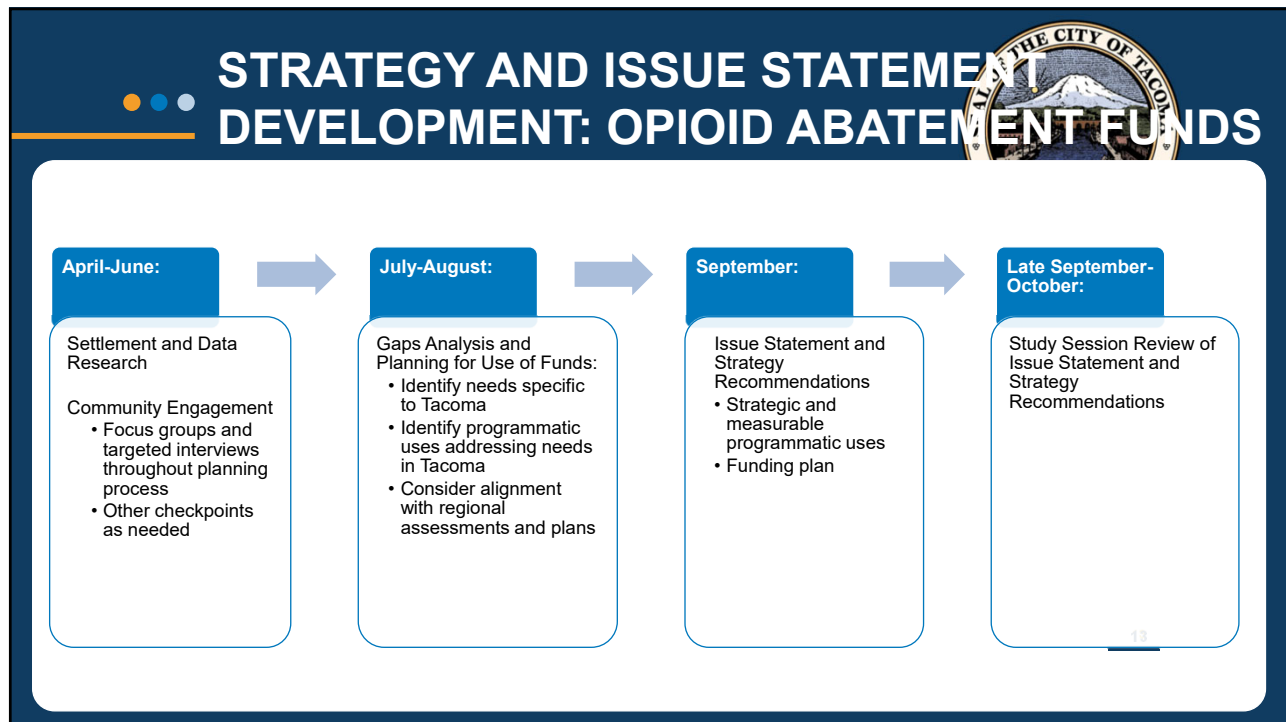


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STRATEGY AND ISSUE STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT

- Issue Statements are used to guide the competitive funding processes of Neighborhood and Community Services
- Developed in advance of the biennial competitive process, next planned to begin in May 2026 for funding in 2027-2028
- Issues Statements are reviewed with CVS ahead of the launch of the competitive funding process

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