AG Fitch Announces 2025 Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Application Period

Applications Due September 19



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(Jackson, Mississippi) Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced that starting today, August 11, 2025, applications for funding from the Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund are available through the Office of the Attorney General, and qualified applicants are welcome to begin the process.

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The Mississippi Attorney General's Office was the first state in the country to file suit against opioid manufacturers for their part in the epidemic. Since then, the Attorney General has successfully negotiated settlement agreements with over a dozen manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, retail pharmacies, and marketers of opioids. Settlement payments are deposited into the Opioid Settlement Fund created by the Legislature in 2024.

Created during the 2025 Legislative Session, the <u>Opioid Settlement Fund</u> <u>Advisory Council</u> ensures that settlement funds are allocated and spent in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreements, including abatement requirements, and to ensure public involvement, accountability, and transparency in allocating and accounting for the funds. Attorney General Fitch chairs the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council.

Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. CT on September 19, 2025. Information about the Advisory Council, as well as the Request for Grant Applications, Application Form, and other materials related to the application process can be found here. All applications and required attachments should be emailed to OpioidCouncil@ago.ms.gov.

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