

## The Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act Funding Estimates

The estimates in the following fact sheets are calculated by applying the funding formula established by the Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act to publicly available drug overdose and mortality rate data. Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Representative Jamie Raskin, Representative Ann McLane Kuster, Representative David Trone, and Representative Brittany Pettersen are leading the reintroduction in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

County-level drug overdose death numbers and mortality rates are drawn from County Health Rankings' "2023 County Health Rankings National Data."<sup>1</sup> Where available, county-level drug overdose totals and associated mortality rates reflect the sum total of overdose deaths in these counties from 2019 to 2021. Notably, 1,345 of 3,142 counties nationwide do not have data available for 2019 to 2021 and were not included in this analysis. The addition of data from these counties would enhance funding estimates.

State-level drug overdose data are drawn from the CDC's Drug Overdose Death Database.<sup>2</sup> State-level drug overdose totals reflect the sum total of overdose deaths in each state from 2019 to 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, "Rankings Data & Documentation," <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/explore-health-rankings/rankings-data-documentation>.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Drug Overdose Mortality by State," [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/sosmap/drug\\_poisoning\\_mortality/drug\\_poisoning.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/sosmap/drug_poisoning_mortality/drug_poisoning.htm).

## CARE ACT FUNDING IN MASSACHUSETTS

*Total Estimated Formula Funding: \$131.3 million*

Under the CARE Act, **Massachusetts would receive an estimated \$63.5 million per year in state formula grants** to fight substance use disorder with the opportunity to apply for additional funding from a \$1.84 billion competitive grant program.

**Clinics and nonprofits in Massachusetts could receive a share of \$1.5 billion in annual grants** available under the CARE Act. These federal grants would support organizations focused on prevention, treatment and recovery, outreach, support, and harm reduction services for people with substance use disorders and their families. Meanwhile, **state first responders, public health departments, and other stakeholders could access \$1 billion in overdose reversal drugs.**

Under the CARE Act, **any city or county in Massachusetts could apply for grants from a \$1.22 billion local competitive grant program.**

Meanwhile, **the hardest-hit communities in Massachusetts would receive an estimated \$67.8 million in annual funding** through the bill's local formula grants.

Estimates based on recent data indicate that 11 **counties in Massachusetts would likely be eligible for these formula grants**, including Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, Suffolk, Bristol, Hampden, Plymouth, Norfolk, Barnstable, Berkshire, and Franklin. For example:

- **Middlesex County**, with 1,041 drug overdose deaths from 2019 to 2021, could receive as much as **\$10.7 million** per year.
- **Worcester County**, with 908 drug overdose deaths from 2019 to 2021, could receive as much as **\$9.3 million** per year.
- **Essex County**, with 855 drug overdose deaths from 2019 to 2021, could receive as much as **\$8.8 million** per year.