

U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Announces new federal funding to help Wisconsin combat the opioid epidemic

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Wisconsin receives \$6,253,212

Senator Baldwin worked to secure federal funding that invests in prevention, treatment and recovery in local communities

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin today announced that an additional \$6.25 million in federal grant funding was awarded to help Wisconsin combat the opioid epidemic.

“I have worked in a bipartisan way to make sure local communities in Wisconsin have the federal resources they need to support local prevention, treatment and recovery efforts,” **said Senator Baldwin.** “Washington needs to do more to address the opioid epidemic and a strong partnership with state and local officials is essential to an effective response. I’m confident that Governor Evers will act immediately to put these federal investments to work in Wisconsin to support our continued fight against this deadly crisis.”

The \$6.25 million in federal funding for Wisconsin will be distributed through the *State Targeted Response Grants* program administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Senator Baldwin authored the *Opioid Response Enhancement Act* to expand and

extend the State Targeted Response Grant program to provide states and tribal communities more resources to address the epidemic. The grant program was established as part of the bipartisan *21st Century Cures Act* that Senator Baldwin worked to pass in Congress.

A number of Senator Baldwin's bipartisan reforms to combat the opioid crisis in Wisconsin have been [signed into law](#), including provisions that will help prevent the flow of illegal fentanyl, opioids and methamphetamine from other countries; extending and expanding investments in local prevention, treatment and recovery efforts; and providing more resources to combat the growing methamphetamine problem in Wisconsin.