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Alabama receives federal funding for opioid crisis

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (WIAT) - On Wednesday, April 18, Human and Health Services (HHS) announced the release of the second year of Opioid State Targeted Response (STR) grants.

The State of Alabama received \$7,967,873 along with 50 states, four U.S. territories, and the free associated states of Palau and Micronesia, totaling \$485 million to continue the nation's efforts to combat the opioid crisis, according to the release.

"The Trump Administration is partnering with states and territories to accelerate the deployment of this historic level of resources provided by the Congress to fight the epidemic," according to HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "These funds will help support evidence-based efforts at the state level to prevent misuse of opioids in the first place, expand access to effective treatment options for people in need, and support recovery for those who have prevailed."

According to the release, within the next few months, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service (SAMHSA) will release details of a separate \$1 billion grant funding opportunity for states, territories, and tribes hardest hit by the crisis. This new funding is expected to be awarded in September 2018.

More information on HHS work to combat the opioid crisis can be viewed at <https://www.hhs.gov/opioids>

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