



OPIOID SETTLEMENT REPORT 2025



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Introduction

The opioid epidemic has hit the nation hard. Wood County is not immune to this epidemic and sees the impact opioids have on our community. Wood County is addressing the opioid epidemic head on and is implementing various strategies at the local level to address the needs of those facing challenges with substance use and addiction. This report summarizes the Wood County Request for Proposals (RFP) process, projects that were funded in 2025, and the project outcomes.

Background

In 2017, Wisconsin counties worked together to launch a litigation effort against companies and individuals responsible for causing the first wave of the opioid epidemic and the harm it caused Wisconsin communities. In 2024, counties finally began to see settlement payments come in from opioid distributors and manufacturers. Of the overall settlements received in Wisconsin, 30% go to the State Department of Health Services (DHS) and the remaining 70% are distributed to the 71 counties and 16 municipalities participating in the settlements.

Wood County received the following payments:

2022: \$ 397,845

2023: \$ 69,060

2024: \$ 491,217

TOTAL: \$ 958,122

Wood County Process for Allocating Funding

Wood County Health Department has taken the lead in facilitating the process of forming an Opioid Task Force to make recommendations for the best use of Wood County Opioid Settlement dollars. Several community organizations, agencies, and community residents impacted by the opioid epidemic have been invited to participate in the funding recommendation process. Individuals with lived experience are subject matter experts and provide some of the most valuable insights for directing funds based on their lived experiences as they attempted to navigate the few services and treatment options available to them. Their struggles have played an important role in identifying our county's greatest gaps in services and weaknesses for improving our local conditions.

The Opioid Task Force conducted an initial community assessment to review how various sectors within Wood County have been impacted by the opioid overdose epidemic, identify available programs and resources, and existing gaps/barriers to accessing programs and resources. The assessment was categorized into the following sections: Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, Criminal Justice, Recovery, Communication/Stigma Reduction. Evidence supports incorporating strategies in these areas can effectively improve community outcomes related to the opioid crisis.

An initial gap in services identified was the lack of treatment options in the Wisconsin Rapids area. The Opioid Task Force determined that \$550,000 of the initial settlement funding would support an estimated \$20-million-dollar project to bring a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to Wisconsin Rapids that includes primary care, dental care, behavioral health, and substance use treatment services to primarily support uninsured and underinsured individuals. The project was delayed at the federal level, but plans are moving forward with the Wisconsin Rapids facility to break ground in 2026 and anticipated to open in the fall of 2027.

Request for Proposals (RFP)

An RFP process was developed to support opioid abatement efforts by community organizations in each of the areas of focus determined both in the approved use of opioid settlement funding (known as “Exhibit E”) and through Wood County’s greatest needs identified through a community assessment. Since a large award was allocated to the construction of a FQHC, the Opioid Task Force determined that treatment would not be prioritized in the first two years of funding, but treatment projects could still receive funding.

- Prevention/Education
- Harm Reduction
- Criminal Justice
- Treatment
- Recovery
- Communication/Stigma Reduction/Data Collection
- Community Grants

The first RFP (*Appendix A*) and application (*Appendix B*) was released from July 29, 2024 – August 23, 2024 and promoted throughout the community through newsletters, press releases, emails, local radio, social media, community meeting announcements, and a webpage was added to the Wood County Wisconsin website for easier access to information about the Wood County opioid settlement process and the RFP:

<https://www.woodcountywi.gov/Departments/Health/OpioidSettlement.aspx>

Technical review criteria were developed to determine if applying agencies and proposals were eligible for funding (see Eligibility in *Appendix C*). Wood County Health Department conducted the initial technical review and brought findings to the Opioid Task Force to confirm and approve eligibility of applications. The Opioid Task Force developed scoring criteria (*Appendix D*) and determined each proposal would be reviewed and scored by 3 different members of the Opioid Task Force.

Exhibit E, List of Opioid Remediation Uses, is available at:

<https://wisopiodabatement.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/List-of-Opioid-Remediation-Uses-.pdf>

2025 Awards

Of the 14 proposals submitted for funding:

- The Opioid Task Force **recommended 11 proposals for funding** to the Wood County Board of Supervisors, and all 11 proposals were awarded.
- The Wisconsin Counties Association legal counsel for opioid abatement deemed **two proposals ineligible** for Opioid Settlement funding based on Exhibit E (see previous page for link to Exhibit E).
- **One proposal was not recommended for funding** by the Opioid Task Force as the request was not a priority identified in the community assessment.

The following proposals were ineligible for funding:

Vesper Prevention and Safety Project

Submitted by: Village of Vesper

Gateways Opioid Target Abatement Reduction Program

Submitted by: Gateways Counseling

The Opioid Task Force scored proposals that fit funding criteria, then met in September 2024 to provide recommendations for funding to the Wood County Board of Supervisors. Twelve proposals were reviewed and eleven were recommended to be awarded in full. The recommendations were sent to the Health and Human Services Committee and Operations Committee before receiving approval by the Wood County Board of Supervisors for 2025.

Summary of Funded Projects

Project Title	Agency/Organization	Award
Rent Smart: Helping tenants find and keep safe, sober, and affordable housing	UW-Madison Division of Extension Wood County	\$2,455.00
Officer Mental Wellness	Marshfield Police Department	\$12,500.00
Juvenile Justice Ministries (JJM)- Life Choices	Badgerland Youth for Christ	\$20,000.00
Employee Wellness Initiative	Wood County Sheriff's Department	\$32,020.00
Vivent Health Harm Reduction Project	Vivent Health	\$36,874.74
First Responder and Frontline Workforce Training on Opioid Prevention and Harm Reduction	Mid-State Technical College	\$48,000.00
Harm Reduction and Education for Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors	Wisconsin Rapids Family Center	\$50,000.00
Peer Support Recovery Project	Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin	\$54,320.00
Wood County Medication Assisted Recovery Program	Wood County Criminal Justice Department	\$60,500.00
Find Your Balance	Marshfield Area Coalition for Youth	\$61,950.00
Kairos Care	Hannah Center, Inc.	\$75,000.00

The following projects were fully funded in calendar year 2025:

Rent Smart: Helping tenants find and keep safe, sober, and affordable housing

Submitted by: UW-Madison Division of Extension, Wood County

Award: \$2,455

Project Overview: Rent Smart focuses on the knowledge and skills essential for a successful renting experience. It challenges participants to know and understand their rights and responsibilities as a tenant, as well as the rights and responsibilities of their landlord. Wood County Extension has been offering Rent Smart in the Wood County jail since 2022. In 2024, an effort was made to increase referrals from recovery coaches and community partners working with folks in recovery looking for safe and sober housing. With the completion of the new jail in 2025 Extension would like to expand its offerings and increase the community partnerships to continue to support safe and sober housing for individuals in recovery who face barriers to obtaining housing. This project request is to provide educational materials for the Rent Smart and WeCOPE curricula to support safe and sober housing and skills to encourage a healthy environment to support recovery.

Outcomes: No outcomes to report due to staff changes. Plans for project implementation in 2026 include supporting WeCOPE curriculum in jail and landlord Rent Smart training.

Officer Mental Wellness

Submitted by: Marshfield Police Department

Award: \$12,500

Project Overview: This project would allow Marshfield Police Department to contract with Ascent Consulting, LLC and allow an on-site Licensed Professional Counselor to meet with staff members to assess them on Mental Health/Officer Wellness, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, Relationship Concerns, Resilience Training, and Crisis Communications.

Mid-Year Outcomes: No funding spent

End of Year Outcomes: 64% of award spent by end of year reporting. Funding supported a contract with counseling service. Officers attended sessions with a counselor to bring mental wellness to protective services. Wellness sessions will continue in 2026 to use unspent funding. City of Marshfield plans to sustain these efforts once funding is exhausted.

Juvenile Justice Ministries (JJM)- Life Choices

Submitted by: Badgerland Youth for Christ

Award: \$20,000

Project Overview: Through several strategic outreach and preventative initiatives, Juvenile Justice Ministries- Life Choices will strive to educate, support, and mentor students who are suffering the ill-effects of substance abuse or are at risk for becoming involved with harmful substances, to help prevent and overcome addictions and harmful substance behaviors.

Mid-Year Outcomes: 44% of award spent. Funding supported staff position to offer weekly Life Choices class at Lincoln High School through the 24-25 school year. 10-week Life Choices class at River Cities High school. Individual mentorship of several Port Edwards students completed and launched a weekly aftercare and outreach initiative (Next Level) that is planned to continue long-term. Hosted Lifesaver Week for Wisconsin Rapids area students during spring break teaching students four different ways to save a life. It was difficult to keep contact with students who were expelled or moved to virtual, highlighting the need for Next Level program.

End of Year Outcomes: Full award spent. Life Choices offered during school years in 2025. Life Choices also launched at Pittsville High School. Over 50 students and their families from 3 different school districts reached.

Employee Wellness Initiative

Submitted by: Wood County Sheriff's Department

Award: \$32,020

Project Overview: A priority of the Wood County Sheriff's Department is employee wellness and initiatives to ensure staff are addressing the demands of the criminal justice system in a healthy way. Many employees are impacted by secondary trauma associated with opioid-related emergencies. The wellness of employees directly affects the services provided to the community. It is imperative to provide quality services to the citizens as well as the many stakeholders impacted by the Wood County Sheriff's Department. It is our goal to continue improving resources available to employees for their overall wellness. Some of the resources currently available are Peer-to-Peer Support, a Chaplain program and a mental health officer. Our goal is to implement wellness visits with a qualified Mental Health Provider, so employees are able to discuss their emotions and concerns in a healthy way. We also aim to provide a secluded area to provide employees the opportunity to meet confidentially.

Mid-Year Outcomes: 29% of award spent. Funding supported regular officer wellness visits for approximately 50 employees to address secondary trauma, ongoing mental health training, peer support training, and furnished the wellness room. This funding provided more resources and support for the Mental Health Officer.

End of Year Outcomes: Full award spent. Addressed stigma surrounding people in the helping profession getting mental health support, reaching 118 employees. Plans to sustain wellness initiatives in future years.

Vivent Health Harm Reduction Project

Submitted by: Vivent Health

Award: \$36,874.74

Project Overview: Vivent Health will provide harm reduction services in collaboration with the Wood County Health Department. The funding will support LifePoint syringe access services which provide distribution of sterile syringes, intramuscular naloxone, xylazine test strips to people who use drugs. All harm reduction encounters also include education and conversations around safer use practices, overdose prevention training, and referrals to services for treatment or other care. Vivent Health has collaborated with the Wood County Health Department and has provided LifePoint services since June 2023. As an expansion of current harm reduction services in Wood County, Vivent Health will offer free mail order-based harm reduction supplies to any resident of the county. In order to evaluate the program and client access to community resources, Vivent Health will conduct two focus groups with people who are actively using drugs in Wood County.



Mid-Year Outcomes: 58% of award spent. Supported an online depot to allow Wood County residents to receive resources directly to their home address. Hosted focus group with 5 individuals living with substance use disorder. Supported resources for Wood County LifePoint program for 23 participant encounters. Supported more resources offered through LifePoint including xylazine test strips and intramuscular naloxone.

End of Year Outcomes: Full award spent. Held additional focus group with 5 participants. Ten additional individuals supported through the LifePoint program with materials provided by settlement funding.

First Responder and Frontline Workforce Training on Opioid Prevention and Harm Reduction

Submitted by: Mid-State Technical College

Award: \$48,000

Project Overview: Mid-State Technical College will use funds to offer training to current students and incumbent workers in first responder roles and service industries. They will learn strategies around harm reduction and prevention as it relates to the work they do. This includes specialized training for law enforcement, public safety, healthcare, and the service industry. This will also include training for Mid-State faculty members and K-12 teachers in Wood County. We will also offer training to the general population, offering awareness and resources so they can work to prevent opioid dependency in our community. To sustain this initiative, Mid-State will record the training sessions as appropriate and incorporate them into the curriculum used by the program faculty. Through these funds, Mid-State will reach 275 students and community members in Wood County, further raising awareness to prevent opioid dependency, and further reducing the harm that results from increased addiction.

Mid-Year Outcomes: 0.4% of award spent. A faculty member was mentored by a professor from the University of Alabama-Birmingham that developed a tabletop opioid simulation.

End of Year Outcomes: 23% of award spent by end of year report. Planning to use all of 2026 to offer opioid awareness. College employees were trained to lead a tabletop addiction simulation. Educator training opportunities will be offered to instructors. Training simulator kits and training for 9 employees and 3 community members. Presentation by Three Bridges Recovery. Presentation by Ben's Friends.

Harm Reduction & Education for Domestic & Sexual Violence Survivors

Submitted by: Wisconsin Rapids Family Center

Award: \$50,000

Project Overview: The Wisconsin Rapids Family Center (WRFC) will utilize this grant funding to continue and enhance harm reduction and harm reduction education to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, including age-appropriate education to children who have experienced or witnessed abuse. Shelter staff, as well as Advocates, will continue harm reduction with sheltered clients and increase education and focus on positive coping skills. Throughout this grant period, WRFC will provide referral and warm hand-off services to recovery services. WRFC will invite local recovery services, such as Three Bridges Recovery, to the organization to present an overview of their services and host on site office hours to reduce the safety and transportation barriers for victims. Additionally, staff will work to create and conduct trainings for community agencies, coalitions and partners on the correlation between domestic and sexual violence and drug use to increase community awareness and reduce stigma.

Mid-Year Outcomes: 37% of award spent. Provided 2,406 services to 59 clients (5 under age 18) who identified with a substance use disorder and/or mental illness. Hosted Three Bridges Recovery to provide on-site recovery coaching. Staff attended Opioid and Stimulant 2025 Conference. Staff provided 18 community events with educational components on intersections of domestic violence/sexual assault and substance use disorder.

End of Year Outcomes: Full award expected to be spent by the end of the year. Provided total of 5,095 services to 110 clients (10 under age 18) who identified with a substance use and/or mental health disorder. Supplies purchased to support clients with positive coping skills and trauma related healing. Staff provided 29 community events with educational components on the intersections of DV/SA and SUD. Funding elevated transportation barriers to services. Addressed stigma surrounding SUD treatment.

Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin Peer Support Recovery Project

Submitted by: Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin, Inc.

Award: \$54,320

Additional award in 2025: \$25,000

Project Overview: Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin Inc (TBR) Peer Support Recovery Project will utilize community presentations, community outreach, CCAR recovery coach academy and training of our coaches to reduce stigma within the community by attending events and hosting presentations, training 20 individuals in the CCAR recovery coach academy, along with acquiring further education for our coaches to keep up to date regarding substance use disorder (SUD).



Mid-Year Outcomes: 58% of award spent. Funding supported community events, Certified Peer Specialist training, Comprehensive Community Services Training, attendance at conferences, peer support staffing, providing staff supervision, naloxone trainings, MRT and SMART facilitator Training.

End of Year Outcomes: Full award expected to be spent by the end of the year. 754 out of 820 hours used for training, events, and outreach. 70 individuals supported. Expanded outreach initiatives, training opportunities, and increased participation in community coalitions addressing substance use. Increased capacity of SMART recovery facilitators and Certified Peer Specialists. Addressed stigma and increased access to harm reduction supplies.

Wood County Medication Assisted Recovery Program

Submitted by: Wood County Criminal Justice Department

Award: \$60,500

Project Overview: The Wood County Medication Assisted Recovery Program is a jail-based program that serves Wood County Jail inmates and aims to provide early intervention by providing screening for substance use disorders, medical and clinical treatment, peer recovery support, and medication for alcohol/opioid use disorder. Inmates are supported three months prior to jail discharge and three months post-release, with goals to reduce recidivism, overdose events, and connect individuals with resources in the community to increase treatment engagement and community health.

Mid-Year Outcomes: 26% of funding spent. Supported the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Jail program, MAT Case Manager position (20 hours/week), and Nurse Practitioner. The MAT program has served over 40 people in the Wood County Jail with connections to resource navigators for improved access to support services.

End of Year Outcomes: 79% of award spent with plans to utilize remaining funds in 2026 to continue to support SMART InsideOut recovery programming in the Jail. Supported part of RSAT/OD MAT Case Manager position and SMART Recovery InsideOut programming in the Jail. Connected 142 individuals to MAT while in custody in the Wood County Jail and to post-release services. Doubled the number of participants in SMART Recovery programming and provided programming to 10 individuals.

Find Your Balance*

Submitted by: Marshfield Area Coalition for Youth (MACY)

Award: \$61,950

***Note:** Project was updated after discovering the youth prevention campaign MACY intended to use did not come to fruition. A grassroots youth-developed prevention campaign was created and implemented in its place: *Find Your Balance*.

Project Overview: Research shows that delaying the onset of youth substance use is one of the most important factors in combating the opioid epidemic. Effective prevention identifies risk and protective factors present in the community and develops data-driven strategies to reduce risks and increase protection. MACY is proposing to build upon the science that identifies “the most effective programs are those that adopt social competency and social influence approaches... such as...normalizing delaying or never initiating substance use.”

<https://www.naco.org/resource/osc-youth-prevention>. The Possibility Project will leverage existing MACY initiatives, including the Drug Task Force, Mental Health Task Force, and the Marshfield and Columbus Leadership Alliance to create a movement that increases positive mental health and reduces access to alcohol, tobacco, opioids and other drugs while changing community norms and attitudes toward substance use. The initiative will achieve community level change through formal linkages with key community partners.

Mid-Year Outcomes: 45% of award spent. Youth planning retreat to train 33 youth, develop campaign, tests components, and refine materials in order to launch the campaign during the 25-26 school year.

End of Year Outcomes: 91% of award spent with intent to spend remaining funding through the end of the 25-26 school year. Find Your Balance campaign developed by youth in the Marshfield area and promoted through numerous community channels to ensure widespread reach; held 2 Pour it Forward Events reaching roughly 12,000 at the high school; messaging at all Marshfield High School sporting events fieldhouse screens; messaging on school TVs in commons Sept-Dec; 2 Marshfield and Columbus Leadership Alliance (MCLA) Tiger Time lessons and messaging to all MHS students; 9,749 views on Instagram posts. Campaign was designed to be replicable by other communities.

Kairos Care

Submitted by: Hannah Center

Award: \$75,000

Project Overview: Kairos Care Hannah Center offers an Individual Goal Based Program for nonresidential women in crisis. Each client receives individualized care which focuses on setting and achieving long and short-term goals through guided support, advocacy, referrals, Life Skills Classes, and more. This program will assist each woman as she works to create lasting positive changes in her life as well as the lives of her children, setting them



up for a happy and healthy future. Being an individualized program, the length of Kairos Care is based upon each woman's progress and achievement of her goals. There is an intake process for acceptance into this program.

Mid-Year Outcomes: 10% of award spent. Launched new program in June and supported two part-time staff positions. Increased community collaboration with 12 community organizations to support women in crisis.

End of Year Outcomes: 29% of award spent with plans to utilize remaining funds in 2026. Challenges occurred with staff turnover but reached 14 individuals by end of 2025. Additional collaboration with local churches and Love INC.

The following proposal was not recommended for funding:

Beyond the Shadows: Embracing Opioid Recovery and Resilience

Submitted by: Rise Up of Central Wisconsin

Request: \$29,000

Project Overview: In collaboration with Wood County Human Services (Youth Diversion) and Three Bridges Recovery, Rise Up would like to head a mural project with impact in Wisconsin Rapids. We would like this project to be an education and stigma reduction campaign to fight Opioid abuse but also educate on recovery. This mural project will host an artist to express through mural mediums what it's like in recovery to reduce stigma.

Additional Awards

Additional funding needs were identified in 2025 to sustain peer support services. Peer support plays a vital role for several of our community agencies to connect individuals who are using drugs to resources and services to support individuals' wellbeing and navigate treatment pathways. As additional settlement payments were received in 2025, more opportunities allowed for these additional distribution of funds.

Wood County Health Department, Community Health Worker (CHW) Position

On April 17, 2025, the Opioid Task Force recommended \$75,000 for the Wood County Health Department to fund a Community Health Worker position. This position allows vital peer support services to continue through the Wood County Health Department.

Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin, Recovery Coaching

The Opioid Task Force recommended an additional \$25,000 for Three Bridges Recovery Wisconsin, Inc. to support existing Recovery Coach services. Three Bridges Recovery included reporting for both 2025 awards in their outcomes report.

Project Outcomes

Outcomes from the mid-year and end-of-year reporting forms were compiled. Outcomes for the 11 initial awards include:

Utilizing Award	7 projects utilized their full award in 2025 2 projects had the bulk of their award remaining: • 1 awardee had leadership transitions that prevented them from utilizing more of the award in 2025 • 1 awardee anticipates using the bulk of their funding in 2026	
Reach	688 individuals directly reached by funded projects Over 10,000 students and community residents reached through communications of projects (i.e. MACY <i>Find Your Balance</i> student campaign)	
Positions	2 new part-time positions created 5 existing part-time positions supported 5 existing full-time positions supported	
Audience	5 projects providing direct support to people who use drugs 4 projects supporting staff of agencies who interact with people who use drugs 3 projects focused on youth 2 projects focus on general community	
Program Type	3 new programs 7 expansions of existing programs 1 continuation of existing programs	

Conclusion

The first year dispersing Opioid Settlement funds in Wood County has shown the complexity of the opioid epidemic and challenges our local organizations are facing. These outcomes highlight both the significant reach of funded initiatives and the importance of adaptability in response to changing circumstances. Continued investment in peer support and community-based services remains a priority, alongside efforts to ensure timely implementation and full use of awarded funds in the coming year.

Wood County Opioid Settlement Funding Request for Proposals 2024-2025

The Wood County Board of Supervisors requested the Opioid Task Force determine appropriate uses of Wood County Opioid Settlement funds for opioid abatement purposes such as enhancing substance use treatment; evaluating and implementing community-based prevention; increasing access to harm reduction resources; and increasing implementation of best practices.

Applicants are encouraged to request no more than \$100,000 per request, with requests of smaller amounts encouraged. Requests can cover the following areas related to opioid use: Prevention, harm reduction, treatment*, recovery, criminal justice, enforcement, community programs, evaluation, communication, and stigma reduction. Examples of evidence-based strategies for each area can be found in *Attachment 1*.

**Wood County has allocated a portion of initial settlement dollars to a Federally Qualified Health Center for primary care, substance use disorder treatment, and dental care. Requests of funding for treatment strategies will not be prioritized in Year 1.*

Eligible applicants include community lead organizations and must be a Wisconsin-based organization within one or more of these categories: Nonprofit, IRS tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organization; nonprofit, IRS tax exempt, 501(c)(6) organization; nonprofit or public 4K-12 school or district; tribal, state or local government entity.

To request Wood County Opioid Settlement funds, complete the following information for project year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Funding applications are **due August 23, 2024 by 4:59 p.m. CST**. submit the completed [application](#) with an estimated budget to have the request reviewed for consideration. Late requests will not be considered.

Applicants should review the attachments prior to submitting requests to ensure appropriate use of funds ([Exhibit E](#) or [OSPRI Tool](#)). If a funding request does not meet requirements for approved use of funds, the request will be denied. To support proposals in choosing evidence-based approaches to utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds, refer to the [Strategy Briefs by Core Abatement Strategies from the National Association of Counties](#). Applicants should be familiar with [Wisconsin Department of Health Services \(DHS\) plan for Opioid Abatement](#) and not replicate state efforts that Wood County is participating in (e.g. purchasing/distributing NARCAN® and Fentanyl Test Strips, purchasing and placing Public Health Vending Machines, EMS leave-behind programs).

The Opioid Task Force will score proposals using [criteria](#) that support evidence and best practice.

Those receiving funding will be required to complete quarterly reports. A report template will be provided to recipients. Deadline for spending the award is December 31, 2025.

Questions regarding the use of funds or this funding application may be submitted to Ashley Normington (ashley.normington@woodcountywi.gov).

Letter(s) of Support are strongly encouraged, but not required. Proposals are prohibited from supplanting (using grant funds to pay for ongoing activities already budgeted or for the usual activities assigned to a position) or lobbying activities.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to work with people who use/have used substances. This will be prioritized in the scoring of applications.

Link to application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LSHMHC>

Attachment 1

Examples of evidence-based requests approved under Exhibit E include:

Prevention:

- Supporting substance use prevention coalition efforts by implementing evidence-informed prevention by following models such as the Strategic Prevention Framework developed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.

Harm reduction:

- Expansion of syringe service programs and other harm reduction supply distribution programs such as naloxone.
- Public education relating to immunity and Good Samaritan laws.
- Supporting screening for fentanyl in routine clinical toxicology testing.
- Providing training in harm reduction strategies to health care providers, students, peer recovery coaches, recovery outreach specialists, or other professionals that provide care to persons who use opioids or persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/Mental Health (MH) conditions.

Recovery:

- Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or mental health conditions.

- Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports.
- Expand [warm hand-off](#) services to transition to recovery services.
- Provide access to housing for people with opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that allow or integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services.
- Expand peer support services in new locations (e.g., worksites).

Treatment:

- Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions.
- Provide employment training or educational services for persons in treatment for or recovery from opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions.
- Create or support culturally appropriate services and programs for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including new Americans.
- Provide treatment to people who are incarcerated.
- Expand access to treatment modalities (e.g. group, Moral Reconnection Therapy (MRT), contingency management).

Law Enforcement:

- Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, such as Angel Programs of the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI), Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, or active outreach strategies such as the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) model.
- Employ substance use professional to work alongside corrections officers or deputies in the field.

Criminal Justice:

- Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
- Support pretrial services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, and related services.

Community Grants:

- Organizations using evidence-informed practices to support prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and/or recovery efforts requesting funds for approved uses.

Evaluation/Communication/Stigma reduction:

- Ensure funded programs are meeting outcomes and reaching goals.
- Anti-stigma trainings and education.

Examples of practices that lack evidence and effectiveness in preventing, changing behavior, or possibly furthering harms in the opioid crisis that are not encouraged as standalone activities include:

- One-time events/presentations/speakers
- Mock car crashes for high school students
- Campus alcohol/drug bans
- Designated driver promotion programs
- Enhanced enforcement of individuals who use substances

Wood County Opioid Settlement Funding Application 2024-2025

1. Name of applying agency/organization:

2. Address of applying agency/organization:

Include city, state, zip code

3. Indicate whether the applying agency/organization has non-profit status:

Yes

No

Other

Other (if no, please explain why your agency should be deemed eligible to apply for funding)

4. Applying agency/organization main contact:

Main contact name

Main contact phone number

Main contact email

5. Additional contact:

(optional)

Name

Phone number

Email

6. Additional contact:

(optional)

Name

Phone number

Email

7. Project Title:

What will you call this project?

8. Provide a short description of the project (150 word max):

9. This is project is:

Select one

A new project/initiative

An expanded existing project/initiative

Support for existing project/initiative

Other (please specify)

10. What percent (estimate) of your project will focus on each category you selected?

Must equal 100%

- Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Treatment
- Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement
- Recovery
- Community Awareness/Stigma Reduction
- Other (i.e. community grant, or other)

11. Provide the project goal(s):

What do you hope to accomplish with this funding?

12. Provide the project objective(s):

Do not list specific strategies, but overall concepts of how you will accomplish your goal(s) (e.g. Provide information/education on substance use disorder, reduce barriers to treatment, modify/change policy to ensure department staff have been trained in Narcan administration, etc.)

13. Which core strategy does the proposal fall within?

If the project does not fall within one of these strategies, skip to the next question.

1. Broaden access to naloxone
2. Increase use of medications to treat opioid use disorder
3. Provide treatment and support during pregnancy and the postpartum period
4. Expand services for neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome
5. Fund warm hand-off programs and recovery services
6. Improve care for opioid use disorder in the criminal justice system
7. Enrich prevention strategies
8. Expand harm reduction programs
9. Support data collection and research
- Other (please specify)

14. Which other approved uses does the project fall within?

If the project does not fall within one of these strategies, please review Exhibit E: List of Opioid Remediation Uses, or direct questions to Ashley Normington:

ashley.normington@woodcountywi.gov | 715-421-8923 before August 21, 2024.

- A. Treatment: Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- B. Treatment: Support people in Treatment and Recovery
- C. Treatment: Connect people who need help to the help they need (connections to care)
- D. Treatment: Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons
- E. Treatment: Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome
- F. Prevention: Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
- G. Prevention: Prevent misuse of opioids
- H. Prevention: Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)
- I. Other: First responders
- J. Other: Leadership, planning and coordination
- K. Other: Training
- L. Other: Research
- Other (please specify)

15. Who is the target population for the project?

Example: People who use drugs, families impacted by substance use, employees within a specific community or city, etc.

16. What geographic region will this project serve?

Examples: Wood County, City of Marshfield, rural Wood County, South Wood County, Nekoosa area, Wisconsin Rapids School District, etc.

17. What is the anticipated reach of the project?

Estimated number of people your project aims to serve.

18. What is the anticipated impact of the project? (250 word max)

How will this project affect the target population, general community, or other populations within our community?

19. How will the project be evaluated? (250 word max)

How much, how many, what difference does it make, what will the impact of the funds be, how will you know you made a difference?

20. What are some unintended or unanticipated outcomes that may come as a result of this project that could potentially negatively impact people with opioid use disorder? (50 word max)

21. Describe the sustainability plan for this project: (150 word max)

How will this project be sustained from year to year (as needed) once opioid funding is not available?

22. Describe your agency's/organization's capacity to implement this project: (50 words max)

23. List (if any) collaborations or partners supporting this project and how they are supporting it:

24. List (if any) other sources of funding that will or can be leveraged to support this project:

25. Total project budget:

May be more than amount requested if project requires more funding than this award can provide- how much will it cost to fully fund the project?

26. Total amount requested:

May be different than total project budget- how much funding are you requesting?

27. Project Budget

Provide estimated total costs associated with this request. Total should match total amount requested in question 26.

Salaries \$

Benefits \$

Supplies \$

Equipment \$

Travel \$

Contractual \$

Other \$

28. Budget Narrative

Describe how funding will be used for each funding category listed above and why you feel this is the best use of the funds.

29. Do you have any additional comments about this funding proposal?

Technical review checklist

Application requirements:

- ☐ Non-profit status verified
- ☐ Not supplanting
- ☐ Funds are to be used to support opioid abatement efforts within Wood County
 - ☐ Included contracts: contract with local agencies or justify why contracting with external service if services are available locally
- ☐ Organization is based in Wisconsin
- ☐ Project falls within the approved use of funds: see Exhibit E
- ☐ Not a duplication of efforts at local or state level (state settlement projects)
- ☐ Application meets word limits
- ☐ Application received on time

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- Comply with approved use of Settlement funds within Exhibit E
- Does not replicate the State's plan for use of Opioid Settlement funds which Wood County is already participating in (e.g. Narcan Saturation, Public Health Vending Machines, etc.) or other efforts already in place in Wood County
- Makes a community-level impact on opioid use disorder (Policy, Systems, Environmental Change)
- Low probability of causing unintentional harm to further the opioid crisis
- Applying agency has a robust plan for implementation:
 - Organizational capacity to implement the project
 - Evaluation plan
 - Collaboration with other community organizations
 - Project can be sustained (if applicable)
- Budget narrative shows how funds will be used to implement the project

Appendix A
Request for
Proposals

Appendix B
Application

Appendix C
Eligibility

Appendix D
Scoring Criteria

**Appendix E
Reporting
Form**

Attachment B

Wood County Opioid Settlement Grant Report Form

Please describe how your agency is utilizing the Opioid Settlement Funds, and plans to further the objectives identified in your proposed scope of work.

Complete this report form and submit it biannually (June 30, 2024 and Jan 31, 2025) to sue.smith@woodcountyiwi.gov

Organization Information		
Name of Organization		Address of Organization
Contact Information for Person Completing Report		
Name	Phone	Email
Date Report Completed		
Opioid Funding Awarded	\$	
Opioid Funding Spent	\$	
Opioid Funds Remaining	\$	
Please describe your plans to spend your remaining funds.		
Identify efforts supported by Opioid Settlement Grant Funding		

Identify and describe any positions created utilizing (in whole or in part) this Opioid Settlement Grant Funding

Identify capital initiatives supported by this Opioid Settlement Grant Funding

Describe other funding that supplements amounts received through this Opioid Settlement Grant Funding (if any)

Describe successes and challenges faced in your efforts to combat the impacts of the opioid epidemic

<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

