



## **Opioid Settlement Funds Request for Proposals**

## Funding

Funding will be allocated through a grant review process. Agencies may only incur eligible expenditures when the grant agreement is fully executed, and the grant has reached its effective date.

Total Funding Available	\$126,630
Primary Prevention	~ 60% of funds
Secondary Prevention	~ 30% of funds
Tertiary Prevention	~ 10% of funds

No more than 10% of the proposed budget can be indirect costs.

## Match requirements

The Opioid Settlement Funds do not have a match requirement.

## Grant Payments

All funding is on a reimbursement basis unless other arrangements are made via MOU. All grantee requests for reimbursement must correspond to the approved grant budget. The payment schedule will be quarterly.

## Project dates

Funding will be provided for one year from the date of contract execution. Applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis.

## Program Details

In April 2024 Houston County stakeholders began monthly meetings to discuss the usage of opioid settlement funds because of various lawsuits with pharmaceutical companies. These funds will be distributed over the span of 18 years and are to be used to develop an opioid crisis response within a designated jurisdiction. To decide how opioid settlement funds are spent a collaborative group of key stakeholders are required to vote on spending. Prior to voting on spending decisions our stakeholders determined that a community needs survey was necessary to determine what were the most critical responses to opioid use and/or prevention. The survey results determined the following are the target categories:

1. Primary Prevention- Interventions designed to prevent opioid use disorder from occurring. Examples:
  - a. Programs aimed at educating young people about the dangers of opioid use
  - b. Programs designed to reduce rates of adverse childhood events linked to opioid misuse later in life
  - c. Educating doctors on non-opioid medications that can be prescribed for pain management
2. Secondary Prevention- Interventions that identify opioids use disorder early to slow or stop its negative effects. Examples:
  - a. Programs to screen patients at local doctors' offices for opioid use disorder

- b. Drug testing programs to identify drugs contaminated with opioids
- c. Social programs such as assisted housing opportunities or job training programs
- 3. Tertiary Prevention- Reducing the impact of opioids. Examples:
  - a. Addiction treatment programs
  - b. Providing naloxone to those using opioids

Most of the opioid settlement funding will be allocated to primary prevention, followed by secondary and tertiary prevention.

These were the four top-rated interventions in the survey:

1. Developing programs to improve access to housing and health care (other than for substance use disorders); employment opportunities and job training; community-based services, including peer support and other resources aimed at promoting recovery
2. Support services for children and families affected by substance use disorders, including training for professionals such as teachers, law enforcement, human services staff, and others
3. Evidence-based prevention programs, including family and youth programming, as well as adult education programs and public communications campaigns
4. Funding for community development, schools, childcare, family services, and job training to combat drug use

Programs and interventions that address these top areas of concern will be prioritized for funding.

## Review Process

Funding will be allocated through a review committee representing Community Opioid Prevention Key Leaders. The review committee will evaluate all eligible and complete applications.

## Application Submission Process

All applications will be submitted either via online form [here](#) or via email to [phn@co.houston.mn.us](mailto:phn@co.houston.mn.us) with the subject line: ***Opioid Settlement Funding Application***

You must submit the following for the application to be considered complete:

1. Online form OR digital copy of the application via email
2. [Budget Narrative](#)

