

**Milwaukee County Opioid Settlement Fund**  
**Proposals Summary Chart**  
*June 2024*

Below is a summary of the projects submitted for Opioid Settlement funding FY24-26.

<b>Filling Gaps in Community Paramedic Coverage (Office of Emergency Management)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	OEM oversees the EMS care provided by the 14 municipal fire departments (FD) in the community. As the intent of this program is to regionalize and expand Mobile-Integrated Health (MIH) care in the community to enhance equity in the provision of services, we will work closely with each of these FDs to ensure seamless care transitions. While MIH has demonstrated success in the implementing communities, it has been limited in scope due to personnel and resource barriers. This program seeks to employ a county-wide resource for MIH operations.
<b>Target Population</b>	This program intends to be regional, serving the entirety of Milwaukee County and filling gaps in MIH care. As opioid use and the related comorbid conditions affect all populations, so too will this program. By its nature, this program will inherently focus on high-vulnerability and low-resourced populations.
<b>Remediation Category</b>	Treatment
<b>Collaborative Partners</b>	OEM will collaborate with our partner FDs. OEM oversees the EMS care provided by the 14 municipal FDs in the community. As the intent of this program is to regionalize and expand MIH care in the community to enhance equity in the provision of services, we will work closely with each of these FDs to ensure seamless care transitions. Each of the Fire Chiefs is supportive and enthusiastic of this proposed program. Additionally, OEM partners closely with DHHS to provide resources for MIH teams and this will be more important than ever should there be a county-wide regional MIH presence as proposed by this program.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	Goal 1: Develop OEM CORE MIH team consisting of one supervisory staff as well as four responding field personnel to start, able to double team should funding option be provided. Goal 2: Community MIH services with staffing levels to fill gaps in care and address inequities in eligible patient engagement. Goal 3: Continue operations and consider the addition of HALO procedures to address opioid-related issues such as MVCs, firearm injuries, and cardiac arrest. Seek opportunities for sustainability beyond the original three-year period.
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$2,373,988
<b>Grief Outreach and Grief-Informed Care (Department of Health and Human Services)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project, which will be a collaboration between Milwaukee County's Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Services (BHS) area, the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office (MCMEO), and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) plans to address the areas of overdose-related grief and the reduction of future overdoses by providing grief outreach to families of victims of overdose, collect vital data from next of kin to enrich understanding of and fatal overdose risk factors and reduce future overdose, expand

	collaboration between DHHS/BHS and MCMEO to identify and refer families impacted by overdose to BHS resources, provide informed training to frontline service providers and social workers, and pilot trauma and grief informed support opportunities for families impacted by overdose loss.
<b>Target Population</b>	This project will serve families who live in Milwaukee County of which, nearly 1,200 families between September 2021 and October 2023 were impacted by the death of family members in an overdose-related accident or undetermined manner. While the fatal overdose rate remained constant for white individuals, the fatal overdose rate for Black individuals rose 77%, surpassing white individuals in 2021. The fatal overdose rate rose 48% for Hispanic individuals at the same time.
<b>Remediation Category</b>	Other Strategies
<b>Collaborative Partners</b>	Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office, Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services, Medical College of Wisconsin, and the Milwaukee County Overdose Public Health and Safety Team (OD-PHAST)
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	The goal of this project is to address overdose-related grief and to reduce future overdoses.
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$630,295

**Overdose Prediction Model (Dept. of Admin. Services/Dept. of Health and Human Services)**

<b>Project Summary</b>	This project seeks to identify individuals at risk for overdose when they present at specific Milwaukee County service lines via a predictive model pilot project that would be expanded in the future. This effort offers the opportunity to serve as a proof of concept to demonstrate the value of data sharing and integration while simultaneously addressing an urgent public health issue that touches every area of Milwaukee County.
<b>Target Population</b>	This project focuses on those that are adversely affected by substance use and overdose, and importantly, recent data indicates populations are disproportionately impacted by recent trends in overdose incidents across Milwaukee County.
<b>Remediation Category</b>	Other Strategies
<b>Collaborative Partners</b>	This project will include collaborations with stakeholders internal and external to Milwaukee County. These stakeholders include different departments across the County, such as Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Enterprise Data Services team within IMSD. Externally, the County will continue to partner with the Medical College of Wisconsin for technical assistance, data acquisition and governance guidance, and methodological consultation. This project will leverage existing partnerships, such as the multi-disciplinary Overdose Public Health and Safety Team (OD-PHAST) to bring together input from key stakeholders across public health and safety including, but not limited to treatment, harm reduction, healthcare, behavioral health, first responders, and criminal justice agencies.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	Goal 1: Identify key risk factors for overdose via Milwaukee County service line data. Goal 2: Complete a proof-of-concept in matching records by client/patient/resident across various data sets and service lines to build a robust understanding of community needs that serves as a model for data matching and integration for future Milwaukee County data initiatives.

<b>Request Amount</b>	\$29,000
<b>PATH: Pre/Post Incarceration Access to Treatment and Healing (Office of Emergency Management)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	The PATH project aims to target pre-and-post incarcerated individuals who are engaged in the criminal justice system. The project will use a Mobile-Integrated Health (MIH) model to provide upstream and downstream OUD resources to pre- and post-incarcerated populations. Individuals at high-risk will be identified and referred by one of three key partners: the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, The Community Reintegration Center, and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. The referrals will go through OEM, who will share them with MCW, who will track and distribute the referred individuals to local fire departments. Fire Departments with MIH services will provide outreach via phone and in-person resources to include peer support, harm reduction supplies and training, medication-assisted treatment induction, outpatient treatment referrals, housing resources, mental health resources, and other county and local resources.
<b>Target Population</b>	Pre-and-post-incarcerated individuals who are engaged in the criminal justice system.
<b>Remediation Category</b>	Treatment
<b>Collaborative Partners</b>	Milwaukee County Executive Office, Milwaukee County Department of Human Services, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, the Community Reintegration Center, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County Fire Department, West Allis Fire Department, and Greenfield Fire Department.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	Goal 1: Complete all logistical and administrative items to allow for the efficient, professional, and reliable delivery of services from MIH teams to the participants in this project. Goal 2: Begin program implementation to serve pre- and post-incarceration from the DA, CRC, and MCSO every week to average up to 15 individuals engaged per week. Goal 3: Continue weekly referrals and opt-in participants with FD engagement as in Goal 2, while reevaluating the structure of the program to identify and implement opportunities to maximize optimal patient engagements. Goal 4: Continue weekly referrals and opt-in participants in FD engagement as modified from Goal 3, while evaluating overall program impact and potential for dissemination of findings. Goal 5: Ensure fiscal responsibility of funding source.
<b>Requested Amount</b>	\$1,066,966
<b>Prevalence of Adulterant and Opioid Overdoses in Black and Brown Communities (Department of Health and Human Services)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project will address the prevalence of adulterants and opioid overdoses in Black and Brown Communities. BHS seeks to support opioid abatement research in data collection by empowering individuals with lived and living experience and their families to share information on drug use trends and more effective prevention and harm reduction strategies which would meet their actual conditions of use. Data analysis will inform the design and content of a culturally relevant and informed media campaign, channels of communication, collateral design, media buys, and overall strategic communication plan. Expanding prevention, outreach and education regarding appropriate practices and precautions when

	dealing with fentanyl or other drugs will generate customized marketing materials for population-level engagement of Black and Brown communities. The targeted community engagement will enhance data-informed decision making about appropriate precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs.
<b>Target Population</b>	Black and Brown communities are majority populations within geographic areas of Milwaukee County that are historically underserved, with high poverty rates, high prevalence of fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses, and limited access to resources. According to 2023 Milwaukee County overdose data, there were 525 total confirmed fatal overdoses, with more than half occurring in nine-zip code geography with a majority (50%+) communities of color, and high poverty.
<b>Remediation Category</b>	Other Strategies
<b>Collaborative Partners</b>	The opioid remediation strategies of prevention, education, and research are foundationally collaborative efforts, partnering with individuals with lived and living experience and their families, trusted community leaders in Black and Brown communities, and external experts in evidence-based Community-Based Participatory Approaches and Community-Based Participatory Evaluation Research. In addition, collaboration among the BHS Opioid Prevention Coordinator, DHHS Opioid Settlement Fund Project Manager, and DHHS Opioid Settlement Fund Communications Manager is pivotal in utilizing community data to customize marketing materials and messaging for population-level engagement of Black and Brown communities.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	The goal of <b>opioid abatement research in data collection</b> is to empower individuals with lived and living experiences with substance use to play an active and pivotal role in sharing their knowledge and expertise. The goal for <b>education regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs</b> is to enhance and expand education and resources about the opioid crisis in Milwaukee County. The goal for <b>opioid abatement research through a post-marketing campaign evaluation</b> is to study the effectiveness of consumer engagement in media campaigns for historically underserved communities impacted by the opioid epidemic.
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$1,421,026

**Respite Build out Harm Reduction Beds (Department of Health and Human Services)**

*\*This is a one-time capital expense request\**

<b>Project Summary</b>	Milwaukee County Housing Services purchased the Hillview Building (1615 S. 22nd Street) in August 2023. The building holds special meaning to Housing department, as the second floor of the property has been home to the 27-bed Pathways to Permanent Housing Safe Haven program for nearly 15 years. This program serves individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness and dealing with serious and persistent mental health challenges. There has been an increase in co-occurring AODA issues including 38 percent of Safe Haven participants in the past 5 years reporting opioid use. The 3rd floor of Hillview building will be renovated to expand capacity and create dedicated harm reduction beds for people experiencing homelessness who are in active opioid addiction. The beds will provide a safe place off the street, reduce overdoses of the unsheltered homeless population, and provide a safe place for residents to practice harm reduction, work toward recovery, and end their homelessness through connections to permanent supportive housing.
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<b>Target Population</b>	Individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness and actively using opioids, will directly benefit from this one-time investment. We anticipate utilizing 20% of the total beds on the 3rd floor specifically for individuals actively using opioids (20 total beds anticipated).
<b>Remediation Category</b>	Harm Reduction
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$426,000
<b>Substance Use Disorder System Enhancement (DHHS-BHS)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	This proposal seeks to add funding to the system that can flexibly meet the needs of all people with addiction and most notably those who are historically marginalized by enhancing the provider network, increasing capacity, and making treatment services available to everyone who is in need regardless of their specific substance use diagnosis or ability to pay.
<b>Target Population</b>	the population to be served with this project is any Milwaukee County resident living with an addiction who meets diagnostic and financial eligibility for Milwaukee County BHS SUD treatment services. That said, while BHS is dedicated to serving all individuals in need, given the racial demographics of the target population described in this proposal, it is likely this project will serve a disproportionate number of historically marginalized, underserved people.
<b>Remediation Category</b>	Treatment
<b>Collaborative Partners</b>	The most significant collaboration that will impact this project is between BHS and its network of community agencies who deliver services to individuals with substance use or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. There are currently 43 network providers within the BHS substance use system of care. With an infusion of resources into the system, it is anticipated that the existing network of providers can be fortified to do their best work, while at the same time affording the opportunity to attract new vendors and grow the network to meet the growing and changing needs in our community steadily and thoughtfully.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	<p><b>Short-Term Goal (0-12 months):</b> Increase BHS and community stakeholder access to output and outcome measurement information that can help drive decision-making about the system of care needs to address the consequences of the opioid epidemic.</p> <p><b>Mid-Term Goal (12-24 months):</b> Enhance the SUD system of care to meet the growing demand and changing needs of individuals living with addiction that have been a result of the opioid epidemic.</p> <p><b>Long-Term Goal (24-30 months):</b> Engage in meaningful outcome measurement to assess the effectiveness of the goals and objectives set forth in the first 24 months of funding.</p>
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$2,565,352