

Milwaukee County Opioid Settlement Fund Proposals Summary Chart *December 2022*

Below is a summary of the projects recommended for Opioid Settlement funding.

Aging and Disabilities Services Opioid Prevention Project (Department of Health and Human Services)	
Project Summary	Aging and Disabilities Services proposed a four-pronged approach to ending the opioid epidemic by educating community partners, development of a system to capture prevalence in older adults, outreach, and collaboration with community partners to support people in treatment and recovery.
Target Population	Elders, adults with disabilities, and adults at risk for opioid addiction
Community Engagement	The proposed project is community validated and innovative as it looks to build community by bringing together community partners and governmental agencies to look at ways that we can move towards our future state supporting our mission to end racism in Milwaukee County utilizing a no wrong door approach to eliminate the effects of the opioid pandemic.
Collaborative Partners	Milwaukee County Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS), collaborates with all services provided by the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, publicly funded long-term care agencies, acute care hospitals, primary care providers, residential providers, the Medical Examiner's Office, and State Department of Health Services. ADS operates our coordinated community response, and enhanced multidisciplinary team that regularly meets, to improve coordination and care for all our Milwaukee County residents.
Intended Outcomes	Goal 1: Address the unique needs of adults at risk or older adults in Milwaukee County related to preventing and responding to opioid misuse. Goal 2: Increase Aging and Disabilities Services' ability to identify and track the prevalence of opioid misuse among older adults.
Requested Amount	\$843,661
Coordination of Opioid Prevention Services Project (Department of Health and Human Services)	
Project Summary	The proposed project seeks to address a significant unmet need in our community by providing grants to community- based organizations and collaboratives who target historically underserved, marginalized and/or adversely affected groups in Milwaukee. Public, private, nonprofit organizations, and collaboratives will have the opportunity submit proposals for consideration of the regranting funds. Selected applicants will partner with the DHHS Behavioral Health Services – Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) program, where the Integrated Prevention Program Manager will report, to implement projects which align with approved prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services/ activities outlined in the Settlement Agreement to support those at risk of and impacted by opioid use disorder.
Target Population	Community- based organizations and collaboratives who target historically underserved, marginalized and/or adversely affected groups in Milwaukee.

Community Engagement	DHHS has begun several participatory and collaborative regranting processes to promote community engagement, address public health determinants, and develop grassroots providers. This has helped DHHS achieve a provider diversity rate of 45% for Black and BIPOC led non-profits and human service agencies and included impacted persons in program design, fund allocation, and program implementation.
Collaborative Partners	DHHS service areas (Housing; Behavioral Health Services; Aging and Disability Services; Veterans' Services; Children, Youth and Family Services) will collaborate to increase access to timely, affordable, and quality services for people with opioid use disorder. This project also uplifts the work done by the City/ County Heroin, Opioid, Cocaine Task Force (CCHOCTF). The CCHOCTF includes partners such as the Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management, Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services (Behavioral Health Services), Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, United Community Center, and the City of Milwaukee Health Department.
Intended Outcomes	To reduce silos in local opiate response through targeted efforts that ensure that a variety of community organizations benefit from regranting funds, and through work that weaves prevention through DHHS in cross-service-area ways that enable new ways to serve.
Requested Amount	\$1,407,402

Harm Reduction Data Analytics (Office of Emergency Management)

Project Summary	Develop and maintain an overdose surveillance dashboard that provides a deeper level of detail and visibility to EMS calls for suspected overdoses than is currently available in public facing dashboards.
Target Population	The Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management Data Analytics team.
Community Engagement	The Office of Emergency Management – EMS Division has a peer reviewed and published model to not only identify areas of need, but also to prioritize areas that are more vulnerable with resources, education, and outreach.
Collaborative Partners	The Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management will collaborate with County Departments (IMSD, ME, DHHS, BHD) as well as HIDTA, MCW and local public health departments.
Intended Outcomes	Goal 1: Create an internal facing dashboard that deep dives into opioid data to better understand the burden on the community. Goal 2: Explore 3 additional disease pathways to dig into and analyze that are exacerbated by opioid use disorder. Goal 3: Create additional mapping tools for each project above and models to further analyze the impacted geospatial space affected by opioid use.
Request Amount	\$719,909

Harm Reduction Kits (Office of Emergency Management)

Project Summary	The purpose of this project is to get Harm Reduction Kits in the hands of emergency responders for better application of counter-opioid tactics. Kits will have items like personal protective equipment, fentanyl test strips, and naloxone medication.
Target Population	Milwaukee County EMS providers

Community Engagement	Harm reduction kits are evidence-informed to show a positive response to alternative access to treatment in a vulnerable situation
Collaborative Partners	The Office of Emergency Management would collaborate with the following agencies OEM, Milwaukee County, Medical College of Wisconsin, WI DHS, receiving healthcare facilities, and community and healthcare treatment facilities.
Intended Outcomes	Goal 1: Prepare Milwaukee County EMS providers for providing harm reduction kits. Educate Milwaukee County EMS providers on workflow and reporting requirements within one year to provide harm reduction kits to all participating EMS agencies. Goal 2: Utilize the Milwaukee County EMS CORE Team twice monthly for outreach and education to vulnerable populations or to educate trusted messengers within high-risk communities.
Request Amount	\$97,906

Harm Reduction Supplies (Department of Health and Human Services)

Project Summary	This proposal intends to utilize the settlement dollars to purchase harm reduction supplies that will reduce the number of opioid-related deaths in Milwaukee County. The Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) division of BHS will partner with Vivent Health's Lifepoint program to increase Milwaukee County residents' access to harm reduction and prevention supplies via a distribution website.
Target Population	Zip codes with the highest counts of fatal and nonfatal overdoses: 53204, 53206, 53208, 53209, 53212, 53214 and 53215.
Community Engagement	The administration of naloxone among laypersons and emergency personnel is an evidence-based strategy for reducing opioid deaths.
Collaborative Partners	Vivent Health, HRI Vending, WestCare Harm Reduction Coalition, Milwaukee County Public Health Collaborative, City/County Heroin, Opioid, Cocaine Task Force
Intended Outcomes	Increase Milwaukee County residents' access to harm reduction and prevention supplies.
Request Amount	\$392,719

Homeless Outreach Project (Department of Health and Human Services)

Project Summary	Requesting funding for two treatment and resource navigators and expand Milwaukee County Housing Services Homeless Outreach team to provide additional services to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness and dealing with substance abuse issues.
Target Population	The proposed project will support historically underserved, marginalized and/or adversely affected groups, by providing support to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness throughout Milwaukee County.
Community Engagement	The proposed project is heavily evidence informed and derives from the intersection of housing instability and harm reduction.
Collaborative Partners	Outreach Community Health Centers, 16th Street Clinic, Vivent Health, City of Milwaukee Health Department, and Community Medical Services (CMS)
Intended Outcomes	The goal of this project is to increase access to harm reduction and medically assisted treatment options for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and to ensure that every individual staying on the street has a pathway to these resources.
Request Amount	\$481,570

Autopsy Carts (Medical Examiner)	
Project Summary	This funding request is for the purchase of five (5) autopsy carts
Target Population	Death investigations in Milwaukee County serve all citizens including those in historically underserved, marginalized, and/or adversely affected groups.
Community Engagement	N/A
Collaborative Partners	The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's office has several collaborations by way of contracts with surrounding counties to provide autopsy and toxicology services for the death investigations in their jurisdiction.
Intended Outcomes	N/A
Request Amount	\$19,450
Staffing Needs (Medical Examiner)	
Project Summary	The office of the medical examiner requests funding for 3 positions (1-forensic pathologist, 1-medicolegal death investigator, 1- forensic chemist). These positions support the scope of work of the medical examiner's office and the investigation into drug-related deaths. Additionally, in order to be competitive in recruiting a forensic pathologist, funding is requested for student loan forgiveness for a forensic pathologist.
Target Population	Death investigations in Milwaukee County serve all citizens including those in historically underserved, marginalized, and/or adversely affected groups.
Community Engagement	All of the areas associated with death investigating are processes that are done by individuals. The additional positions will allow the office to perform these death investigations and provide the data associated with them to partners in a timely fashion.
Collaborative Partners	The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's office has several collaborations by way of contracts with surrounding counties to provide autopsy and toxicology services for the death investigations in their jurisdiction.
Intended Outcomes	These additional staffing positions will affect the turnaround time and capacity of investigations in the medical examiner's office.
Request Amount	\$1,904,942
Medication Assisted Treatment - Behind the Walls (Department of Health and Human Services)	
Project Summary	Medication Assisted Treatment – Behind the Walls is the use of FDA-approved medications, coupled with behavioral counseling for individuals who are incarcerated in a Milwaukee County correctional facility and are living with an opioid use disorder.
Target Population	Incarcerated individuals
Community Engagement	Medication Assisted Treatment is known to be an effective, evidence-based practice for individuals who are living with an opioid use disorder
Collaborative Partners	BHS intends to engage into a contractual agreement with Wellpath, the healthcare provider for the House of Correction and Milwaukee County Jail, who would provide case management and nursing services centered on the provision of Medication Assisted Treatment while people are incarcerated prior to release

Intended Outcomes	To reduce the risk of overdose deaths for individuals who are incarcerated at the House of Correction and Milwaukee County Jail who participate in the MAT Behind the Walls program.
Request Amount	\$2,514,909
Patrol Division Narcan Deployment and Education (Sheriff's Office)	
Project Summary	This project will provide line staff with training on the use of Narcan. It will also provide each Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Patrol Division nasal Narcan to carry during their tours of duty.
Target Population	This project will serve all of Milwaukee County.
Community Engagement	Having the proper training coupled with the additional Narcan in the field will no doubt expedite the process of getting overdose patients the lifesaving care they need to survive a potentially fatal incident.
Collaborative Partners	The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has an ongoing partnership with the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Department of Health Services with the Narcan Direct Program.
Intended Outcomes	Two specific goals of this project will be to decrease overdose deaths to citizens and mitigate the overdose potential to first responders.
Request Amount	\$66,500
Opioid Educator- EMS (Office of Emergency Management)	
Project Summary	The purpose of the Opioid EMS Educator is to establish an opioid specific first responder and public education program that will increase the level of training to those called to respond to overdose cases, family members and member of the public in targeted or heavily hit areas of the County, as well as to increase the general knowledge of the public. The intent is for first responder agencies to get more hands-on education surrounding response strategies for overdose cases. For the public and families affected by opioid use, OEM is attempting to raise the overall level of understanding about bystander response to overdoses similar to that of CPR.
Target Population	This project and educator would have contact with the first responder agencies within the county, including law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency medical services which each have an impact in all areas of the county.
Community Engagement	By educating our providers we hope to aid patients and families in finding resources during the time of crisis and providing the best possible patient care and resuscitation efforts to improve overall outcomes. Then, by educating the public, it raises awareness of the crisis, resources, and how the public can impact the outcomes of the patient through early access and administration of Narcan and early resuscitation efforts in the event that an overdose leads to cardiac arrest.
Collaborative Partners	Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services
Intended Outcomes	Goal 1: Provide education to the EMS System Goal 2: Partner with county law enforcement agencies Goal 3: Public education
Request Amount	\$407,798

Medication Assisted Treatment – EMS (Office of Emergency Management)	
Project Summary	Recently the Wisconsin DHS EMS Physicians Advisory Committee approved the pilot use of Buprenorphine in Mobile-Integrated Health, or Community Paramedicine programs to assist in tackling the severe cravings post-naloxone use. The intent of this program would be through medical direction from the Medical College of Wisconsin, a trial buprenorphine program would be established to begin field inductions of this opioid antagonist to reduce the number of secondary overdoses, and to buy time for the patient to seek medical and substance abuse treatment.
Target Population	Opioid overdose patients across Milwaukee County
Community Engagement	Field-based buprenorphine administration is an evidence-based program with proven success.
Collaborative Partners	Medical College of Wisconsin, WI DHS, receiving healthcare facilities, and community and healthcare treatment facilities.
Intended Outcomes	Goal 1: Prepare Milwaukee County EMS providers for performing inductions in the field Goal 2: Prepare Milwaukee County healthcare facilities for how to care for those induced in the field. Goal 3: Implement induction practices between EMS and dedicated ED receiving centers. Goal 4: Evaluate the effectiveness of induction programming on the community.
Request Amount	\$536,550
Portable Body Cooler (Medical Examiner)	
Project Summary	This funding request is to replace our existing portable body cooler with one with an increased capacity and does not operate with diesel.
Target Population	Death investigations in Milwaukee County serve all citizens including those in historically underserved, marginalized, and/or adversely affected groups.
Community Engagement	This project of replacing the portable body cooler will be used daily in the storage of the bodies due to increasing drug-related deaths in the county.
Collaborative Partners	The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s office has several collaborations by way of contracts with surrounding counties to provide autopsy and toxicology services for the death investigations in their jurisdiction.
Intended Outcomes	The replacement of the portable body cooler will provide an increased capacity for respectful body storage in a unit that is not operated by diesel fuel. The proper, respectful storage of the bodies is essential to the investigation in these deaths.
Request Amount	\$192,448
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity (Department of Health and Human Services)	
Project Summary	This proposal is designed to increase residential treatment capacity by making two \$175,000 start-up investments per year for three years (six different agencies total) to agencies who can develop new residential substance abuse treatment facilities and thereby significantly reduce the wait list of individuals in need of evidence-based, life-saving treatment for their opioid use disorder.
Target Population	This project proposes to address a significant unmet need in our community, including targeting adversely affected groups. According to the Milwaukee County Overdose

	Dashboard, seven zip codes have higher counts of fatal and nonfatal overdose: 53204, 53206, 53208, 53209, 53212, 53214 and 53215.
Community Engagement	Having a safe, supportive, structured facility with trained clinicians, peer support, and others who are going through the same experience is both evidence-based and powerful.
Collaborative Partners	This project will work collaboratively with community residential substance abuse treatment providers who already have an established presence in the Milwaukee County community who are interested in expanding.
Intended Outcomes	The goal of this funding would be to save more Milwaukee County residents from opioid overdose and suffering by working to ensure treatment services are available and accessible across our community.
Request Amount	\$1,071,140

Strengthening Opioid and Substance Use Education and Treatment for Justice Involved Youth (Department of Health and Human Services)

Project Summary	Milwaukee County’s Department of Health and Human Services Children, Youth, and Family Service Division (CYFS) proposes to improve education, treatment, and community-based linkages for detained young people with substance use disorders. To execute the proposed plan, CYFS would create and fund two new positions – a clinical director and one additional clinician – who would provide prevention and intervention services for young people detained in the Vel R. Phillips Juvenile Detention Center and those returning to the community following detention.
Target Population	The population served through this project are justice involved youth who have historically experienced barriers to opportunities for people of color and of lower incomes related to inequitable policies and practices across health care, childcare, education and other social determinates of health.
Community Engagement	The services provided through this project are evidence informed in that substance abuse education, specifically targeting opioid use and effects, will support the prevention of youth engaging in the activities, as well as reducing the number of youths using opioids.
Collaborative Partners	The CYFS will work with other DHHS partners, to include Behavioral Health Services, Children’s Mental Health and Wraparound Milwaukee, to ensure the needs of the youth are being met while in our care.
Intended Outcomes	Goal 1: Improve diagnosis, treatment, and services for detained and incarcerated young people in Milwaukee struggling with substance use disorders and trauma; Goal 2: Increase referrals for caregivers, siblings, and other family members of incarcerated youth to needed services and supports; and Goal 3: Strengthen and expand collaboration between CYFS and community-based agencies who provide services and supports for people with substance use disorders.
Request Amount	\$799,190