

Milwaukee County Opioid Settlement Fund Supplemental Request Summary Chart August 2023

Request For Additional Funds

The award of a second opioid settlement provided Milwaukee County with a one-time opportunity to allocate additional funds to recently funded projects. New projects will be considered through a future funding allocation process. Milwaukee County expects to receive an average of \$5.67M per year for 18 years through the two settlements. The first 15 projects have an estimated annual spend of \$3.7- \$3.9M for 2023, 2024, and 2025, which leaves a remaining balance of \$5.71M for the three years. Therefore, the total amount awarded through the Supplemental Funding Request will not exceed \$5.71M.

Milwaukee County departments with approved projects could request supplemental funds if the funds were to be used for one of the following purposes:

- expand the reach of the project or the number of participants served
- enhance a component of the project
- add complementary services, while maintaining the scope of the project

The Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance recommends approval of \$1,668,170 supplemental Opioid Settlement fund allocations for 3 proposals aimed at addressing the opioid crisis in Milwaukee County for fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Below is a summary of the projects recommended for Opioid Settlement funding.

Table A: Summary of Supplemental Requests Recommended for Opioid Funding

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.
Supplemental Request	Supplemental funds will impact the project by ensuring vending machines are properly stocked and are safer by mounting machines to the wall and installing shatterproof glass. The supplement will also expand the scope of knowledge information shared to with the community with more print materials and a media campaign.
Target Population	Zip codes with the highest counts of fatal and nonfatal overdoses: 53204, 53206, 53208, 53209, 53212, 53214 and 53215.
Community Engagement	This project complements the work done by the <u>City-County Heroin, Opioid, Cocaine Task Force</u> which was charged with investigating and making recommendations regarding ways to ensure long-term health and safety of City and county residents by reducing fatal and nonfatal overdoses from misuse of opioids, heroin, and synthetic analogs, and cocaine through data-driven public health prevention approaches.

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.
Supplemental Request Amount	\$518,170
Total Project Amount	\$910,889
Remediation Category	Harm Reduction

Staffing Needs (Medical Examiner)

Project Summary	The office of the Medical Examiner requests funding for three positions (1.0 FTE Forensic Pathologist, 1.0 FTE Medicolegal Death Investigator, 1.0 FTE 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.
Supplemental Request	Supplemental funds will cover two additional contracted forensic pathologists and two contracted forensic investigators from MCW in fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025 (estimated cost of \$563,500). These costs are offset by vacancy savings related to Medical Examiner positions funded with opioid settlement dollars as approved in File 23-114 (\$177,901 reduction due to vacancies).
Target Population	Death investigations in Milwaukee County serve all citizens including those in historically underserved, marginalized, and/or adversely affected groups.
Community Engagement	All 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.
Supplemental Request Amount	\$385,599
Total Project Amount	\$2,290,541
Remediation Category	Other Strategies

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 to six 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.
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Supplemental Request	Supplemental funds will increase funding available for the two residential treatment centers (the original \$175,000 request will increase to \$300,000 for three years with supplemental funds).
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.
Supplemental Request Amount	\$750,000
Total Project Amount	\$1,821,140
Remediation Category	Treatment