

## Milwaukee County Opioid Settlement Fund

### Summary of Projects Recommended for Funding

#### *Cohort 3 (FY26-28)*

Aging and Disabilities Services Opioid Prevention Project (Department of Health and Human Services)	
<b>Project Summary</b>	This project provides outreach to older adults in Milwaukee County at risk for opioid misuse and overdosing by using data and GIS mapping to conduct door-to-door canvassing, distribute harm reduction supplies, and engage with senior living facilities.
<b>Accomplishments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADS hired an employee dedicated to substance abuse needs among its service population.</li> <li>• Outreach workers made 2,815 resident contacts (via door-to-door canvassing, event booths, in neighborhoods, at senior living apartments, and at community events) and distributed 719 doses of Narcan and 1,906 test strips.</li> </ul>
<b>Target Population</b>	Elders, adults with disabilities, and adults at risk for opioid addiction
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	<p>Goal 1: Address the unique needs of adults at risk or older adults in Milwaukee County related to preventing and responding to opioid misuse.</p> <p>Goal 2: Increase Aging and Disabilities Services' ability to identify and track the prevalence of opioid misuse among older adults.</p>
<b>Requested Amount</b>	\$1,018,341
Community Regranting (Department of Health and Human Services)	
<b>Project Summary</b>	The project provides grants to community-based organizations and collaboratives. Selected applicants will partner with the DHHS Behavioral Health Services—Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) program to implement projects that align with approved prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction services/activities.
<b>Accomplishments</b>	Between 2023 and 2025, this project granted dollars to 15 organizations that span multiple municipalities for the first time.
<b>Target Population</b>	Community-based organizations and collaboratives that target historically underserved, marginalized, and/or adversely affected groups in Milwaukee.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	To reduce silos in local opiate response through targeted efforts that ensure that a variety of community organizations benefit from regranted funds.
<b>Requested Amount</b>	\$2,295,087
Prevention Integration (Department of Health and Human Services)	
<b>Project Summary</b>	DHHS Prevention Integration includes several components: 1. Building the capacity of prevention-related employees and progress across DHHS; 2. Supporting the implementation of DHHS's OSF-funded projects and coordinating community-level education and communication regarding harm reduction and prevention strategies.

<b>Accomplishments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback on Prevention Integration Manager (PIM) has been overwhelmingly positive, with 6 of 8 (75%) project managers rating support received by the PIM as “very helpful” or “critical to project success”.</li> <li>The PIM created the <u>Prevention Collective</u>, an interdisciplinary team that has adopted the strategic Prevention Framework across all service areas and identified universal screening tools implemented by all service areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Target Population</b>	As a primarily capacity-building project, the main individuals directly involved in the project are DHHS staff and community-based organizations that engage in opioid misuse prevention work.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	<p>Objective 1: Coordinate community-level education and communications regarding harm reduction and prevention strategies</p> <p>Objective 2: Implement the Strategic Prevention Framework across all DHHS Service Areas</p> <p>Objective 3: Build capacity of prevention-related employees and programs across DHHS through the Prevention Collective</p> <p>Objective 4: Support the implementation of DHHS OSF-funded projects</p>
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$415,184
<b>Harm Reduction Supplies (Department of Health and Human Services)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Harm Reduction Supplies project was first funded in 2023, Cohort 1 of the Opioid Settlement Funds. Two major project activities from 2023 to the current year of 2025 included establishing the Harm Reduction Vending Machines (HRVM) in the community and launching the Online Depot.
<b>Accomplishments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The original Harm Reduction Supplies project successfully placed 18 vending machines in 16 zip codes and four municipalities.</li> <li>Project staff also coordinated four HRVM Host meetings, created the Harmreductionmke.org website, designed posters, yard signs, demonstration booklets, and an HRVM coordinator guidebook, and purchased DEX Meters to count materials as they leave machines and assist with inventory control.</li> </ul>
<b>Target Population</b>	Zip codes with the highest counts of fatal and nonfatal overdoses: 53204, 53206, 53208, 53209, 53212, 53214 and 53215.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	Increase Milwaukee County residents’ access to harm reduction and prevention supplies.
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$1,719,145
<b>Staffing Needs (Medical Examiner)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Office of the Medical Examiner will fund three positions through OSF: forensic pathologist (FY26-FY28), medicolegal death investigator (FY26), and forensic chemist (FY26-FY27). These positions support the scope of work of the medical examiner’s office and the investigation into drug-related deaths.
<b>Accomplishments</b>	<p>Using opioid litigation settlements, the office was able to hire a medicolegal death investigator, a forensic chemist, and a forensic pathologist, resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MEs office staying within the National Association of Medical Examiners’ accreditation guidelines, and</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MEs office can now provide timely information to other agencies so data-driven decisions can be made.</li> </ul>
<b>Target Population</b>	Death investigations in Milwaukee County serve all citizens, including those in historically underserved, marginalized, and/or adversely affected groups.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	These additional staffing positions will affect investigations' turnaround time and capacity in the Medical Examiner's Office.
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$1,755,636
<b>SUD Residential Room and Board (Department of Health and Human Services)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	Building upon the opioid settlement project in Cohort 1 to increase SUD Residential Treatment capacity, this proposal focuses on establishing funding for the room and board (food, utilities) portion of the treatment episode for that capacity, which has been and is being built (87 additional beds).
<b>Accomplishments</b>	The SUD Residential Treatment Capacity Expansion project in Cohort 1 successfully expanded services by adding 87 additional beds of SUD residential treatment capacity.
<b>Target Population</b>	In 2024, 905 unique individuals received Residential Treatment services funded by BHS. Of those individuals, 55% were male and 45% were female; 55% were Black, 35% were white, and the remainder were American Indian, Asian, or listed their race as "other."
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	<p>Objective 1: Expanded Access and Decreased Wait Time for SUD Residential Services</p> <p>Objective 2: Sustain Provisions of Evidence-Based SUD Treatment</p> <p>Objective 3: Participant Satisfaction</p> <p>Objective 4: Continuous Quality Improvement</p>
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$1,415,501
<b>Harm Reduction Data Analytics (Office of Emergency Management)</b>	
<b>Project Summary</b>	The Harm Reduction Data Analytics team will continue to provide specific analysis on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), with a broader focus on co-factors of OUD that require additional analysis. Hospitals integrating data with EMS will enhance the overall possibilities in this space.
<b>Accomplishments</b>	The EMS Data Team released the overdose dashboard and several other data products to help inform strategy.
<b>Target Population</b>	The primary audience for this project is the citizens of Milwaukee County. Other stakeholders or groups of interest are elected officials and professionals in public health, Fire/EMS agencies, health systems, law enforcement, etc.
<b>Intended Outcomes</b>	<p>Objective 1: Enhance the public-facing dashboard that deep dives into opioid data to better understand the burden on the community.</p> <p>Objective 2: Explore three additional disease pathways to dig into and analyze that are exacerbated by opioid use disorder.</p>
<b>Request Amount</b>	\$487,777