



# Opioid Settlement Funds

## Request for Funding Proposals - 2024

### **Summary**

Montcalm County invites organizations or groups addressing opioid prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery to apply for funding to support development, implementation, enhancement, or expansion of programs. This includes programs addressing substance use disorders, polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. While the selection process will utilize a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, the number of awards will be dependent on the amount of funds available for annual allocation. The amount of funds available will differ annually and proposals will be accepted annually beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### **Goal**

The goal of this opportunity is to serve Montcalm County through development, implementation, enhancement or expansion of evidence-based strategies or promising practices to prevent and address the adverse impacts of the drug overdose epidemic.

### **Eligibility**

Organizations or groups addressing opioid prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction are eligible for funding to support development, implementation, enhancement, or expansion of programs. This includes programs addressing substance use disorders, polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. We encourage volunteer groups to also apply.

Out of county organizations may be considered for funding if they are serving Montcalm County residents exclusively. Further, priority will be given to organizations with an established presence in Montcalm County.

### **Availability of Funds**

The number of awards will be dependent on the amount of funds available for annual allocation. The funds available will differ annually. Proposals will be accepted annually between October 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The period of funding will be from January 1<sup>st</sup>, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, with the opportunity of extended funding on a yearly basis with satisfactory progress of the work plan.

## Requirements

The Montcalm Opioid Taskforce has identified local priority needs; Education, Treatment /Recovery, and Access. Funds will be allocated to support programs in Montcalm County that fall within the needs of these areas and address gaps in county services.

- Focus on individuals and areas of the county most profoundly impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions (SUD/MH)
- Education programs that address Stigma and increase community awareness
- Education programs for youth
- Programs that provide equitable access to treatment and recovery
- Programs that are accessible to uninsured and underinsured residents
- Access to specialized regional programs such as Maternal Health Programs
- Expand MOUD programs and support existing recovery infrastructure

Organizations awarded funding are required to:

- Utilize funds within associated calendar year
- Ensure that utilization of funds as supplemental funding, rather than replacing existing funding
- Ensure all funds are used in alignment with Exhibit E and the definition of opioid remediation
- Ensure indirect costs do not exceed 15 percent (15%) of awarded funds.
- Provide data on program outputs, outcomes, impact, and effectiveness, following agreed upon metrics with Montcalm County Opioid Taskforce
- Complete required biannual reports

## Reporting Requirements

- Organizations should provide biannual progress reports to Brenda Taeter (btaeter@montcalm.us) outlining the following:
  - Staff working on the project.
  - Community partners involved with the project.
  - Challenges and barriers experienced within the associated timeframe.
  - Successes experienced within the associated timeframe.
  - Anticipated next steps.
  - Summary of funds expended
- Annual report to be provided at project close to Brenda Taeter by January 15th, following the grant year.
  - Metrics to gauge outputs, outcomes, impact, and effectiveness as determined through scope of work.

## **Allowable Uses of Funds & Funding Restrictions**

Activities must meet the definition of opioid remediation, be evidence-based strategies<sup>12</sup> or promising practices and align with allowable uses outlined by [Exhibit E](#).<sup>3</sup> Strategies focused on local priority needs include:

### **1.) Core Strategies**

- Naloxone or another FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
- Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) distribution and other opioid-related treatment
- Address the needs of pregnant and postpartum women
- Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
- Treatment for incarcerated population
- Prevention programs
- Expanding syringe service programs
- Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state

### **2.) Approved Uses - Prevention**

- Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)

### **3.) Approved Uses - Treatment**

- Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Support people in treatment and recovery
- Connect people who need help to the help they need (connections to care)
- Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons
- Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with NAS

### **4.) Approved Uses – Other Strategies**

- Supporting first responders

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.lac.org/assets/files/TheOpioidEbatement-v3.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pubs/2018-evidence-based-strategies.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-8-11-21.pdf>

- Leadership, planning and coordination
- Training
- Research

**5.) Selection and Award Process**

- Describe the project(s) for which funds are requested with an implementation plan.
- Explain how funds will be used to coordinate efforts with other agencies, if applicable.
- Describe the anticipated impact these funds will have on the community and what you hope to accomplish.
- Explain how these funds will be combined with other funding or matching funds to complete the project, if applicable.
- Submit a detailed budget showing how the requested funds will be expended.
- Proposals will be scored pursuant to the following points schedule:

<b>Evidenced Based Strategy –</b> The proposal uses an Evidence Based Strategy.	<b>20 pts.</b>
<b>Feasibility –</b> Demonstrate that the organization has the Ability to deliver on the proposal.	<b>25 pts</b>
<b>Evaluation –</b> Submit a workplan listing the outcomes to be measured.	<b>15 pts.</b>
<b>Suitability –</b> Indicate how the proposal fits Montcalm County’s needs. How will the proposal be sustainable? Will the proposal involve a person or persons with lived experiences?	<b>25 pts.</b>
<b>Equity –</b> Describe how the project addresses the Community needs in a fair and equitable Manner.	<b>5 pts.</b>
<b>Reach –</b> Describe how the project reaches/targets those Most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Montcalm County.	<b>5 pts.</b>

**Additional Items –**

**5 pts.**

The budget is comprehensive and meets  
The criteria for indirect costs not exceeding  
15% of awarded funds.

**Total: 100 pts.**

Proposals are due to Montcalm County at [btaeter@montcalm.us](mailto:btaeter@montcalm.us) by October 31, 2023. Notice of award is expected to occur by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Following the notice of award, all awardees will meet with the Opioid Taskforce. to discuss the deliverables and specific metrics for the project identified. The period of funding will be January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

With questions related to this funding opportunity, please contact Brenda Taeter at [btaeter@montcalm.us](mailto:btaeter@montcalm.us).