

# Opioid Settlement Funds

## Mecosta County Request for Funding Proposals

### Overview

Mecosta 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 in February.

### Background

In 2021, a \$26 billion nationwide settlement was reached to resolve all Opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen (“Distributors”), and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively, “J&J”).

The state of Michigan is slated to receive approximately \$776 million over 18 years. Fifty percent (50%) of the settlement amount will be sent directed to county and local governments. The national agreement also requires significant industry changes that will help prevent this type of crisis from ever happening again.

In 2022, additional settlements with pharmacies and manufacturers were announced, including CVS, Walmart, Allergan and Teva. These four settlements are expected to bring in around \$450 million to Michigan, divided with fifty percent (50%) directed to local governments.

Michigan can also expect additional funds received through companies Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt PLC and Endo, which are pursuing bankruptcy plans that include funding opioid abatement trusts.



## Goal

The goal of this opportunity is to serve Mecosta 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, harm reduction, treatment and recovery 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.

- Eligible applicants must have proper licensing and be capable of showing a budget and an audited financial statement.
- Eligible applicants must be one of the following:
  - 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations
  - School districts
  - Units of government
  - Other tax-exempt organizations

## Availability of Funds

Currently, Mecosta County has received \$213,732 from the settlement that will be available for distribution.

Applicants can apply for up to \$20,000 for 1 year or up to \$40,000 for 2 years. No more than two proposals per organization.

The period of funding will begin on April 30, 2025 and conclude March 31, 2026 (1 year period) or March 31, 2027 (2 year period).

## Requirements

### Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Utilize funds to serve those in **Mecosta** County
- Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that allow or integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services.
- Expand implementation of evidence-based prevention programs for youth in schools
- Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- Increase agency case managers to:
  - Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery
  - Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, including transportation, housing, job placement/training, childcare



- Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system
- Support community coalitions in implementing evidence-informed prevention – including stigma reduction and other educational campaigns
- Provide treatment and recovery support services such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allows or integrate medication with other support services
- Provide treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of healthcare personnel to identify and address such trauma
- Provide comprehensive syringe service programs with more wrap around services, including linkage to OUD treatment, access to sterile syringes and linkage to care and treatment of infectious diseases

Priorities were identified through a facilitated community engagement process where participants identified the most critical issues and then prioritized the top eight. The identified issues were aligned with Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses.

Organizations awarded funding are required to:

- Utilize funds within associated project period.
- Ensure utilization of funds supplements, rather than supplants, existing funding
- Ensure all funds are used in alignment with Exhibit E and the definition of opioid remediation
- Ensure indirect costs do not exceed 10 percent (10%)
- Provide data on program outputs, outcomes, impact and effectiveness, following agreed upon metrics in the required quarterly reports
- Complete required biannual reports

Reporting Requirements

- Organizations should provide biannual reports to Donna Norkoli ([dnorkoli@dhd10.org](mailto:dnorkoli@dhd10.org)) 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
- Annual report to be provided by May 29, 2026 to [dnorkoli@dhd10.org](mailto:dnorkoli@dhd10.org) to include
  - Metrics to gauge outputs, outcomes, impact and effectiveness as determined through scope of work and agreed upon with the Mecosta County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council.



## Allowable Uses of Funds & Funding Restrictions

Specific to the J&J, Distributor, CVS, Teva, Allergan and Walmart settlements, funds must be spent on opioid remediation. Opioid Remediation is defined as,<sup>1</sup>

Care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to (1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, (2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or (3) mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic.

Activities must meet the definition of opioid remediation, be evidence-based strategies<sup>23</sup> or promising practices and align with allowable uses outlined by [Exhibit E](#).<sup>4</sup>

## Selection and Award Process

All proposals submitted must include the completed Request for Proposals document below, resume or biography of the project director, any optional documents and the attached budget template. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the Mecosta County Opioid Settlement Advisory Council. The council will then make recommendations to the County Commission for final approval.

Proposals are due to Donna Norkoli at [dnorkoli@dhd10.org](mailto:dnorkoli@dhd10.org) by March 3, 2025. Notice of award is expected to occur by April 14, 2025. Following the notice of the award, organizations will meet with Donna Norkoli to discuss the contract process and specific metrics for the project identified. The period of funding will be April 30, 2025 through March 31, 2026 or March 31, 2027.

With questions related to this funding opportunity, please contact Donna Norkoli at [dnorkoli@dhd10.org](mailto:dnorkoli@dhd10.org).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.lac.org/assets/files/TheOpioidEbatement-v3.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pubs/2018-evidence-based-strategies.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-8-11-21.pdf>



## Request for Proposals

### Mecosta County Opioid Settlement Funds

<b>RFP Posted</b>	January 23, 2025
<b>Proposals Due</b>	March 3, 2025
<b>Anticipated Notice of Award</b>	April 14, 2025
<b>Anticipated Performance Period</b>	April 30, 2025 – March 31, 2026 or March 31, 2027
<b>Questions to</b>	Donna Norkoli <a href="mailto:dnorkoli@dhd10.org">dnorkoli@dhd10.org</a>

#### To Be Completed by Organization Submitting Proposal:

<b>1. Organization Information</b>	
<b>Organization Name</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Name of Project Director</b>	
<b>Title of Project Director</b>	
<b>Name of Authorized Representative</b>	
<b>Title of Authorized Representative</b>	
<b>Signature of Authorized Representative</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>2. Organization Description (Tell us about accomplishments/successes, mission &amp; vision)</b>	
<b>3. Proposed Approach (project partners, partner roles, overview of project staff, relevant experience)</b>	



<b>4. Populations Served (demographics), Target Population and Geographic Area Served</b>			
<b>5. Statement of Need for Project (Provide information including data related to the need identified in proposal)</b>			
<b>6. Project Workplan (Insert additional rows as needed)</b>			
<b>Project Goals</b>			
<b>SMART Objectives (SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely)</b>			
<b>Strategies</b>			
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>7. Success – How will success be measured?</b>			
<b>8. Sustainability – How will the project be sustained after funding cycle?</b>			
<b>9. Budget – Total amount requested</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>10. How will funds be used to meet project goals?</b>			
<b>11. New or Existing Project – Check one</b>		___ - Existing      ___ - New	
<b>11.a. If existing, how many unique individuals are served annually by the current project?</b>			



<b>11.b. If new, is the project evidence-based or based on promising practices? (Check one and provide link to information on evidence base)</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">__ - Yes <span style="margin-left: 150px;">__ - No</span></p> <p>Link: _____</p>
<b>12. Attachments – Supporting Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resume and/or biography of project director</li> <li>• Completed budget template (provided)</li> <li>• Letters of support from partner organizations</li> <li>• Materials demonstrating experience, organizational impact and/or commitment to addressing the drug overdose epidemic (optional)</li> </ul>

**Resources**

- Principles for Spending
  - [Principles for the Use of Funds From the Opioid Litigation](#)
- Evidence-Based Strategies and Promising Practices
  - [Evidence Based Strategies for Abatement of Harms from the Opioid Epidemic](#)
  - [Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing Opioid Overdose: What's Working in the United States](#)
- Local data
  - [Mecosta County Data Report](#)
    - Data report compiled by District Health Department#10 staff. Includes overdose, treatment, and harm reduction data points. Also includes data from local assessments.
  - [Michigan Overdose Data to Action Dashboard](#)
    - Data on overdose deaths, emergency department visits and emergency medical services (EMS) calls and Substance Use Vulnerability Index
  - [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Opioids Webpage - EMS Responses](#)
    - "Public Use Dataset EMS Responses to Probable Opioid Overdose", found under "Overdose Reports"
  - [Michigan Substance Use Disorder Data Repository \(SUDDR\)](#) and [Data Visualizations](#)
    - Suspected fatal overdoses and emergency medical services naloxone administration data
  - Data and information may also be accessed through local communities within health departments, prevention coalitions, harm reduction providers, behavioral health providers, recovery support providers and other groups.

