

MOAT Flathead County Metro Abatement Region

Meeting Agenda

December 18th, 2024 | 3:00-5:00 P.M.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Citizen Comment
5. Approval of 9.18.24 Meeting Minutes
6. New Business
 - a. State Trust MOAT Framework
 - b. State Trust Approved Applications
 - c. Outreach
 - d. Application Review
 - i. Samaritan House
 - e. Committee Member Opening
7. Committee Member Discussion

Appendix A: 9.18.24 Meeting Minutes

Appendix B: (MOAT) Framework for Awarding Opioid Abatement Dollars

Appendix C: State Trust Meeting-Minutes 10.15.24

Appendix D: DOJ MOAT Grants Sept 2024

Appendix E: Application Opioid Prevention Support for Homeless Individuals through Case Management

MOAT Flathead County Metro Abatement Region

Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2024 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Chair at 3:30pm

Attendance:

Members Present: Flathead City-County Health Department Deputy Health Officer Kilani Klette, City of Kalispell Chief Attorney Andrew Clegg, City of Kalispell Chief of Police Jordan Venezia, Member at Large Ron Catlett, Member at Large Jolene Regier.

Members Absent: Flathead County Director of Finance Amy Dexter, Member at Large Bob Keenan

Quorum present.

Old Business:

Committee approved meeting minutes from 8/27/24.

Committee approved meeting agenda for 9/18/24.

No citizen comment.

New Business:

Applicant presentation to the committee from Amy Rue with the Montana Meth Project for the Fentanyl Prevention Proposal for Education, Outreach, and Social/Digital Campaign. The Meth Project was established over 20 years ago focusing on prevention and education for community outreach and has historically been largely privately funded. Education efforts will cover both opioid abatement and fentanyl in addition to their current practices for meth education. The project has 225,000 followers with Flathead being the second largest metropolitan following in Montana making up 11% of worldwide followers. The project will utilize a curriculum known as the fentanyl prevention lesson which reinforces the DEA 1 pill can kill campaign. The project aims to utilize the curriculum within schools, as currently done with the meth prevention lesson certified by the Red Ribbon. The project will also focus on using targeted messaging via social media and other platforms to saturate audiences with prevention education messaging.

Additional documents reviewed included MOAT application Multi Region Addendum and Abatement Region Pro-Rata Share for 2024 (see attached).

Committee unanimously voted to fund the one-year proposal for the \$35,000 pro-rata share for the Montana Meth Project FENTANYL Prevention Proposal for Education, Outreach, and Social/Digital Campaign.

Discussion on public information with ideas for webpage presence on Flathead County's website and discussion of press release. Committee reviewed example of Gallatin's website and Notice of Funding Opportunity announcement then reviewed basic outline for MOAT information on Flathead landing page. Currently has small introduction regarding MOAT, link to the MOAT website, and grant portal link. Suggestions for highlighting the grant portal as more prominent than adding the upcoming meeting schedule with a posted deadline date for grant applications. Committee opted not to include a members

list as names are already listed on MOAT website. Recommendation made for the addition of form submissions for meeting registration and written comment as well as adding a link to the bylaws at the bottom of the landing page. Committee agreed to forgo use of a press release at this time given local interest being pursued from potential applicants already. Press release idea will be tabled and reconsidered if no local applications are received at the next quarterly meeting.

Committee agreed to allow 2 or 3 presentation per quarterly meeting with a plan to transition length of meeting to 2 hours. Presentations from applicants are encouraged but remain optional.

Committee Member Discussion:

Chief Venezio provided an update on law enforcement and school priorities. The FCSO prioritizes prevention in youth as well as treatment counseling and education. School District 5 priorities prevention in youth, promoting need for consistent messaging programs in schools. Discussed types of entities who can apply for funding which is unlimited as long as in line with objectives from Exhibit E in MOAT documents.

Ron discussed interest in looking at the proposal from the Montana Medical Association. Discussed wanting more information regarding specific budget for Flathead with direct local impact as no addendum is available. Chair to reach out to Montana Medical Association contact for the Triage to Care, Building OUD Treatment Capacity applicant to inquire about an addendum and budget specific to Flathead.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.



Framework for Awarding Opioid Abatement Dollars

Step 1: Understand the Unique Needs and Priorities in Your Community

What does the data say?

Review the community health assessment data available on the problem of opioid use. Your local health department and regional prevention specialist can help you locate and interpret the latest available data for your community including the:

- [Community Health Needs Assessment](#)
- [Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#)
- [Prevention Needs Assessment](#)
- [Montana Overdose Indicators Dashboard](#)

What partnerships already exist?

Connect with groups already working collaboratively to prevent and address substance use disorders. Your local health department can help you interface with the leadership for these groups, which may include:

- [Regional Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution Programs](#)
- [Youth substance use prevention coalitions](#)
- [Local Advisory Councils](#)
- [Crisis Response Coalitions](#)
- Early Childhood Coalitions
- [DUI Task Forces](#)
- [Drug Task Forces](#)

What has your community prioritized?

Review any plans that have already been developed prioritizing opioid abatement strategies based on your community health data including the:

- [The Montana Substance Use Disorders Strategic Plan](#)
- [Community Health Improvement Plans](#)
- [Tribal Opioid Response plans](#)
- Strategic plans from local coalitions and organizations working to prevent substance use and address opioid use

Familiarize your board with how these key partners are organized and funded, and consider ways that your abatement region dollars can be braided to supplement (not supplant or duplicate) their work to increase its impact and sustainability.

Step 2: Understand What Works to Address Opioid Use

Once you understand the data, partnerships and priorities in your community, review evidence-based strategies and existing resources available to address opioid use. Gain insight into what works across the entire continuum of care from prevention to recovery.

Primary Prevention Strategies	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local youth prevention coalitions Education for youth and families School-based prevention programs Home visiting and parental supports for at-risk families Safe drug storage and disposal Cultural activities for Native youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities that Care The Good Behavior Game Parenting Montana Healthy Montana Families Home Visiting Prescription Drug Drop Box locations All Nation Youth Partner for Success

Early Identification and Referral Strategies	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal screening in schools and primary care Identification and referral to treatment for pregnant women and parents Warm hand offs and care coordination Drop-In Centers and Low Barrier Shelters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) The Meadowlark Initiative 988 Crisis Line CONNECT Referral System

Harm Reduction Strategies	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syringe service programs Naloxone education and distribution Fentanyl test strip distribution Public awareness campaigns and education to reduce stigma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Aid Alliance Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution Programs Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Look Closer Campaign Tribal Opioid Response Program

Treatment Strategies	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education to reduce overprescribing Integrating substance use screening and treatment into primary care Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Linkage to MOUD through EMS, the Emergency Room and in corrections facilities Culturally grounded treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana Montana Primary Care Association Linkage to care recommendations from the CDC Integrated Behavioral Health White Bison Wellbriety Montana Consortium for Urban Indian Health

Recovery and Support Strategies	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer Support Specialists Recovery, sober and supportive house Recovery support groups Linkage to housing, employment and childcare supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Montana's Peer Network Recovery Residences Alliance of Montana Narcotics Anonymous of Montana Recovery Community Organizations Housing is Healthcare

Public Safety Strategies	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile Crisis Response Teams and Crisis Receiving Centers Drug Treatment Courts Diversion to treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Crisis Now Model Montana Drug Treatment Courts State Justice Initiative

Step 3: Develop a funding request and scoring criteria that align with Step 1 and 2.



**Montana Opioid
Abatement Trust**

Oct. 15th, 2024

Operating Trustees Meeting Minutes

1597 Avenue D, Suite 6 Billings, MT 59102

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM by Chairman Will Selph

Roll Call Taken

Operating Trustees Present

Will Selph, Brenda Kneeland, Steve Crawford, Becky Rice, Rebecca de Camara, Phil Bain, Drenda Niemann

Operating Trustees Absent

Jake Strissel, Maureen Ward, Scott Malloy

Staff Present

Rusty Gackle (Executive Director), Steffanie McGowan (Program Director)

Approval of July 18th Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MOAT Updates

MOAT staff informed Trustees of each abatement region's governance structure status and gave updates on communications with all abatement regions, County Commissioners and County Attorneys. A summary of submitted grant applications was given as well as revisions made to the MOAT grant application.

A financial update was given by the MOAT staff.



Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

Old Business

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle, gave an overview of the MOAT Framework for Awarding Opioid Abatement Dollars, a guide to provide information on Montana evidence-based data, and contact points across the State.

New Business

Trustees discussed MOAT Employee Retirement Program and Health Program options. Trustees adopted a monthly health stipend for employees of the MOAT effective until a structure can be put in place. Resolution to adopt a monthly health stipend was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Trustees discussed adopting Mrachek Popp & Associates to take over accounting for the MOAT. Resolution to adopt Mrachek Popp & Associates as the MOAT accounting firm was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Trustees discussed Advisory Committee terms.

Trustees discussed scheduling dates for the quarterly Advisory Committee meetings. Tentative dates were set for 2025.

Trustees reviewed twelve submitted applications:

Gallatin County Metro Region approved

*Community Medical Services - Montana MAT Gap Funding Program (MGFP) ~
\$71,280.00 ~ 1 Year*

Pending non-profit verification, approval of the application Montana MAT Gap Funding Program (MGFP) was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

*Community Medical Services - Montana Bup LAI Access & Recovery Initiative ~
\$39,600.00 ~ 1 Year*

Pending non-profit verification, approval of the application Montana Bup LAI Access & Recovery Initiative was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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HRDC - HRDC Supportive Housing Response ~ \$400,000.00 ~ One time

Approval of the application HRDC Supportive Housing Response was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Note: Scott Malloy abstained from vote

Abatement Region 3

Montana Meth Project - FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach ~ \$35,000 ~ One time

Approval of the FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Flathead Metro Region

Montana Meth Project - FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach ~ \$35,000 ~ One time

Approval of the FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Ravalli Metro Region

Ravalli County Sheriff's Office – Wellness Program ~ \$11,198.10 ~ One time

Approval of the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office - Wellness Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Lewis & Clark Metro Region

Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office - Detention Center Medical Provider Program ~ \$115,200.00 ~ One time

Approval of the Detention Center Medical Provider Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Note: Drenda Niemann abstained from vote

Yellowstone Metro Region

Step Inc. - Recovery Housing for Pregnant & Postpartum Women & Children

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of the Recovery Housing for Pregnant & Postpartum Women & Children was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

South Central Regional Mental Health Center - When the Game Slows Down

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of When the Game Slows Down was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.



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South Central Regional Mental Health Center - Bad Drug Mega Phone

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Bad Drug Mega Phone was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Friends of the Children – Eastern Montana - Nurturing Youth Opioid Misuse Prevention Through Relationship-Based Professional Mentoring

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Nurturing Youth Opioid Misuse Prevention Through Relationship-Based Professional Mentoring was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

406 Recovery - Montana Treatment Access Program (MTAP)

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Montana Treatment Access Program (MTAP) was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Veterans Navigation Network - Hero Path: Veterans Opioid Use Prevention and Recovery

Pending budget approval by Yellowstone County Metro Region governance committee, approval of Hero Path: Veterans Opioid Use Prevention and Recovery was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

***Disbursements for proposed Opioid Remediation programs and services to Participating Abatement Regions shall be reviewed by the MOAT Advisory Committee to determine whether the proposed disbursements meet the criteria for Opioid Remediation and Approved Purposes. The MOAT may not deny a proposal for distribution of funds from a Region or Local Government, provided the proposal identifies Approved Purposes for which the funds are currently available and will be expended as defined and provided for in the Settlement Agreements.*

Next Meeting: Thursday Jan. 9th, 2025

Meeting adjourned at: 2:30PM



Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

The MOAT will post financial data and approved grants on its website Montanaopioid.org. Please see the tab(s) titled “Downloadable Documents” as well as “Abatement Regions”. You will find all approved applications and necessary documents on those two tabs.

At this time, 2 grant applications have been approved:

- *Never Alone Recovery Services ~ NARSS Program Support ~ One time disbursement of \$78,240.00*
- *Friends of the Children – Western Montana ~ Preventing and Addressing Opioid Use Disorder through a Relationship-Based Mentoring Model ~ \$180,000 (3-year disbursement at \$60,000/year)*

The next MOAT Advisory Committee is scheduled for Oct. 15th, any submitted grant requests will be reviewed at this time.

Each abatement region is working diligently to form a plan of the needs of their region. 10 region’s have formed individual governing bodies and are reviewing applications. 4 region’s are in the process of forming it’s structure and determining their individual plan of action and next steps.

Sincerely,

Rusty Gackle

Appendix D

Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Grants - 9.20.24					
Region (s)	Organization	Project Name	Funding Request	T,R,P	Terms
<i>Yellowstone County</i>	Friends of the Children - East	Nurturing Youth: Opioid Misuse Prevention Through Relationship-Based Professional Mentoring	\$343,045.00	Prevention	Multi-year (3)
<i>Yellowstone County</i>	Billings Clinic Foundation	Care Management & Community Support for OB/GYN & Pediatrics w/ Substance Use Disorders	\$548,803.30	Prevention, Treatment	Multi-year (4)
<i>Yellowstone County // Abatement Region 3</i>	Veterans Navigation Network	HeroPath: Veterans Opioid Use Prevention and Recovery	\$423,632.00	Recovery	Multi-year (2)
<i>Abatement Region 3/ Abatement Region 4/Gallatin County</i>	Mental Health America of Montana	Montana Warmline Capacity Building Initiative	\$201,696.00	Prevention, Recovery	
<i>Ravalli County</i>	Ravalli County Sheriff's Office	Ravalli County Sheriff's Office-Wellness Program	\$11,198.10	Prevention, Recovery, Treatment	

<i>Gallatin County/Missoula County/Yellowstone County/Abatement Region 4</i>	The Naloxone Project	The Naloxone Project	\$532,906.00	Prevention	
<i>Butte Silver Bow</i>	Butte Rescue Mission	Recovery Program Director	\$105,000.00	Recovery	Multi year (2)
<i>Gallatin County</i>	Cancer Support Community Montana	Opioids and Cancer - CSSMT	\$7,500.00	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery	
<i>Gallatin County</i>	MSU Health Advancement	MSU-Bozeman Opioid Harm Reduction Project (MOHR) Project	\$100,000.00	Prevention	
<i>Gallatin County</i>	Big Sky Youth Empowerment	Big Sky Youth Empowerment Mentorship Expansion Program	\$135,649.00	Prevention	Multi year (3)
<i>Gallatin County</i>	HRDC	HRDC Supportive Housing Response	\$500,000.00	Prevention, Recovery	
<i>Gallatin County</i>	Bozeman Health Foundation	Bozeman Health Safe Medication and Harm Reduction Program	\$80,250.51	Prevention	Multi year (3)
<i>Abatement Region 2 Abatement Region 3 Cascade County</i>	Great Falls Rescue Mission	Great Falls Rescue Mission Women's Shelter Peer Support	\$40,000.00	Recovery	
<i>Abatement Region 2 Abatement Region 3 Cascade County</i>	Great Falls Rescue Mission	Great Falls Rescue Mission Men's Shelter Peer Support	\$40,000.00	Recovery	

<i>Abatement Region 2</i> <i>Abatement Region 3 Cascade</i> <i>County</i>	Great Falls Rescue Mission	Great Falls Rescue Mission Family Shelter Peer Support	\$40,000.00	Recovery	
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2024 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Grants - 6.14.24

Region (s)	Organization	Project Name	Funding Request	T,R,P
<i>All Regions</i>	Montana Meth Project	FENTANYL Prevention, Education & Outreach	\$400,000.00	Prevention
<i>All Regions</i>	Social Wellness, LLC	Dual Recovery Certification	\$80,900.00	Recovery

2023 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Grants - 2.29.24

Approved	Denied/Retracted application				
Region (s)	Organizations	Project Name	Funding Request	T,R,P	Term
<i>Lake County - Approved</i>	Never Alone Recovery Support Services	NARSS Program Support	\$78,240.00	Existing Program, Recovery	
<i>Lake County - Approved</i>	Friends of the Children: Western MT	Preventing & Addressing Opioid Use Disorder through a Relationship-Based Mentoring Model	\$180,000.00	Expansion, Prevention, Treatment	Multi-Year (3)
<i>Abatement Region 3 - Denied</i>	Seeds of Eden	Multinational Recovery Alliance	\$302,445.00	New Program, Prevention, Recovery	
<i>Abatement Region 4</i>	Community Hospital of Anaconda	Anaconda Deer Lodge Opioid Collaborative Care Project	\$229,148.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery	
<i>Abatement Region 4</i>	Region IV Family Outreach	Stabilization & Expansion of Childhood Early Intervention Services for Southwestern Montana	\$50,000.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention	
<i>Abatement Region 3/Yellowstone County</i>	Volunteers of America Northern Rockies	Ensure No Veteran with Addiction Walks Alone	\$3,132,780.00	New Program, Recovery	Multi-Year (2)
<i>Abatement Region 3 / Yellowstone County</i>	South Central Regional Mental Health Center	Bad Drug Mega Phone - Combatting Opioid Abuse & Overdose through Community Engagement and Awareness	\$24,500.00	New Program Prevention	

<i>Abatement Region 3/Yellowstone County</i>	Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation	Reducing Opioid Misuse using Locking Pills Vials	\$3,403,208.00	New Program, Prevention, Treatment	
<i>Abatement Region 2</i>	REDI Health Analytics	Community Prevention Program, Evidence-Based Data Collection, Research & Education	\$2,374,595.00	New Program, Prevention	
<i>Abatement Region 2 / Abatement Region 4 / Gallatin/Silver Bow/ Missoula/L&C/Cascade/ Flathead</i>	Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation	Hub & Spoke Model Program to Expand Access to MOUD Treatment in MT	\$3,949,582.00	New Program, Treatment	
<i>Yellowstone County</i>	STEP, Inc	Recovery Housing for Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Children	\$338,143.00	Expansion, Recovery	Multi-Year (2)
<i>Yellowstone County - Pulled application</i>	South Central Regional Mental Health Center	Shiny Teeth and Opioid Free - Mental Health Center Dentist and Oral Care Outreach	\$18,000.00	New Program, Prevention	
<i>Yellowstone County</i>	South Central Regional Mental Health Center	When the Game Slows Down - Enhanced Education for Athlete Opioid Misuse Prevention	\$25,000.00	Expansion, Prevention	
<i>Yellowstone County</i>	Montana Family Medicine Residency	Addiction Medicine Fellowship	\$840,997.00	Treatment, Recovery, Prevention	Multi-Year (3)
<i>Abatement Region 3, Cascade, Gallatin, Missoula, Yellowstone</i>	Flying Horse Communication	Identifying Methods to Motivate Providers to Attend OUD Related Trainings	\$183,500.00	New Program, Treatment	

<i>Cascade County</i>	Alliance for Youth	The Sober Life: Justice system involved peer support & Recovery Services Pilot Program	\$200,501.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery	Multi-Year (2)
<i>Silver Bow County</i>	Butte SPIRIT Homes	Capacity Expansion During Women's Home Startup	\$100,000.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery	
<i>Lewis & Clark County</i>	Sheriff's Office	Detention Center Medical Provider Program	\$576,000.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery	Multi-Year (5)
<i>Lewis & Clark County</i>	Helena Public School District	Prevention, Early Identification, Referral (PEIR) Project	\$197,081.00	New Program, Prevention	
<i>Missoula County</i>	Friends of the Children: Western MT	Preventing & Addressing Opioid Use Disorder through a Relationship-Based Mentoring Model	\$180,000.00	Expansion, Prevention, Treatment	Multi-Year (3)
<i>Missoula County</i>	Mountain Home Montana	Mountain Home Continuum of Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Women with Opioid Use Disorder	\$1,165,055.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery	Multi-Year (2)
<i>Missoula County</i>	Crosswinds Recovery	Building Capacity: Expansion of Comprehensive Services at Crosswinds Recovery.	\$167,693.00	Expansion, Treatment Recovery	
<i>All Regions</i>	Montana Legal Services Association	MT Health Justice Partnership - Recovery Project	\$2,084,969.00	Expansion, Recovery	Multi-Year (5)
<i>All Regions</i>	Inmar Rx Solutions	Montana Drug Take-Back Program	\$658,100.00	Expansion, Prevention	Multi-Year (3)
<i>All Regions</i>	406 Recovery	Montana Treatment Access Program (MTAP)	\$1,000,000.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery,	Multi-Year (3)

<i>All Regions</i>	Simulation in Motion Montana	Simulation Training & Opioid Response Plan Improvement	\$1,650,633.80	New Program, Prevention, Treatment, Recovery	
<i>All Regions</i>	Colman Community Services	OUD 2.1 OUTPATIENT TELEHEALTH EXPANSION	\$1,350,000.00	Expansion, Treatment, Recovery	
<i>All Regions</i>	Montana Medical Association	Triage to Care, Building OUD Treatment Capacity	\$1,061,336.00	New Program, Prevention, Treatment	
<i>All Regions</i>	Montana Professional Health and Wellbeing Program	HOPES: Health Occupation Professionals Engagement in Self-Wellbeing	\$593,243.00	Treatment, Prevention, Recovery	
<i>Flathead, Gallatin, Missoula, Yellowstone</i>	Community Medical Services Montana-Private LLC	Montana Bup LAI Access & Recovery Initiative (MBLARI)	\$528,000.00	New Program, Treatment	Multi-Year (2)
<i>Flathead, Gallatin, Missoula, Yellowstone</i>	Community Medical Services Montana-Private LLC	Montana MAT Gap Funding Program (MGFP)	\$950,400.00	New Program, Treatment	Multi-Year (2)
<i>Abatement Region 1, Abatement Region 2, Cascade, Flathead, Gallatin, Lewis & Clark, Missoula, Silver Bow, Yellowstone</i>	Ideal Option	Building Capacity to address barriers to treatment through Peer Outreach across Montana	\$1,170,305.00	New Program, Treatment, Recovery	Multi-Year (2)
<i>Missoula, Ravalli</i>	Summit Career Center	Summit Career Center Peer Support Specialist	\$42,754.00	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery	

Opioid Prevention & Support for Homeless Individuals through Case Management

2024 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Grants - 4th Quarter

Samaritan House

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Application Form

Region Selection

To collaborate with someone else on this request, click the blue "Collaborate" button in the top-right corner.

Project Name*

Opioid Prevention & Support for Homeless Individuals through Case Management

Select Abatement Region and/or Metro Region*

Select the Multi-County Abatement Region **and/or** the Metro Region you are requesting grant funds from. Select all regions that apply, for example if you are collaborating with multiple Counties **and/or** Abatement Regions select each region the program/project will serve. Click [HERE](#) for a detailed map of Multi-County Abatement Regions and Metro Abatement Regions

Flathead County Metro Region

Application Overview

About the Organization/Program*

Give a brief description of the Organization/Program/Project. Include the mission statement and the services provided.

Samaritan House, located in Kalispell, Montana, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing shelter, support, and resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Its mission focuses on fostering dignity and independence for vulnerable populations, offering housing options, and access to essential services. Samaritan House serves as a crucial resource in the community, addressing not only immediate housing needs but also the underlying challenges that contribute to homelessness, such as mental health issues, substance use, and economic instability. Samaritan House can implement a targeted project with its case managers to support homeless individuals recovering from opioid use. Case managers would receive specialized training in addiction recovery and trauma-informed care. They would conduct individualized assessments to identify each client's recovery needs, co-occurring disorders, and barriers to treatment, such as lack of transportation or stigma. Partner with local peer recovery coaches to provide mentorship and encouragement from individuals with lived experience. Facilitate regular group sessions where clients can share their experiences and build a supportive community. Collaborate with local healthcare providers and addiction specialists to ensure clients have access to MAT options like methadone or buprenorphine. Case managers would coordinate transportation to treatment appointments and follow-up care. Offer workshops on managing cravings, building healthy routines, and finding stable employment. Provide housing assistance tailored to those in recovery, ensuring a stable environment that reduces triggers.

Establish measurable goals for recovery progress, such as consistent MAT attendance, reduction in opioid use, and successful transitions to independent housing. Case managers would maintain regular check-ins to adapt services to evolving client needs.

What category does the program fit into*

Check the category/categories the program fits into. You may select more than one option.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of approved opioid remediation uses

- Prevention
- Recovery

Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

Schedule A - select all that apply

- A. NALOXENE/OTHER FDA-APPROVED DRUG TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES
- E. EXPANSION OF WARM HAND-OFF PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY SERVICES
- G. PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

Schedule B - select all that apply

- B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT & RECOVERY
- C. CONNECTIONS TO CARE
- D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS
- J. LEADERSHIP, PLANNING, & COORDINATION
- K. TRAINING

How does the program meet the Opioid Remediation Guidelines*

In detail, describe how the program fits into the approved Opioid Remediation Guidelines selected in the above question.

Please be specific

Treatment of OUD

The program ensures access to MAT, such as methadone or buprenorphine, supporting adherence and providing transportation to appointments. Case managers offer individualized support, coordinating care to address co-occurring disorders and maintaining client engagement in treatment.

Support for People in Recovery

The program focuses on stable housing, employment services, and recovery coaching, aligning with guidelines for supportive services. Peer recovery coaches provide mentorship, reducing stigma and fostering resilience in recovery.

Special Populations

The program addresses the unique challenges of homeless individuals, ensuring housing and recovery services are accessible and tailored. This population often faces heightened barriers, making this program critical for equitable care.

Prevention and Harm Reduction

Education on overdose risks and the use of naloxone supports prevention. Workshops on building healthy routines and managing cravings help reduce relapse risks. Harm reduction efforts, including safe-use resources, are incorporated as needed.

Building Recovery-Ready Communities

By enhancing local recovery infrastructure and fostering partnerships with healthcare and peer support organizations, the program strengthens Kalispell's continuum of care. Trauma-informed training for case managers and peer mentors further ensures compassionate, stigma-free support.

This program meets Montana's remediation guidelines by addressing OUD comprehensively through treatment access, recovery support, harm reduction, and prevention, improving outcomes for homeless individuals.

New Program or Existing*

Is the funding intended for a new program or to expand an existing program?

A proposed supplement or expansion to a program.

Fiscal Information

Requested Amount*

\$75,000.00

Program Budget*

How will the funds be allocated? Attach a detailed line item budget breakdown for the program. If the funds are intended for a multi-year program please specify the amount budgeted for each year.

Three Year Budget Allocation for Opioid Prevention Program.docx

Multi-Region funding

If funding is being requested from multiple abatement regions attach a detailed breakdown of amount requested from each region.

Multi-Region approval/denial

Does the application need to be approved by all regions to effectively accomplish it's goals?

No

Source of Funding*

Does the program currently receive funding from another source? If yes, please explain in detail. (i.e. amount, funding source, etc.)

Grant funding is intended for the creation or expansion of opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery projects. The money is **NOT** meant to replace or supplant existing funding.

No. This would be a new program to be funded. Samaritan House is currently funded through private donations from donors and grants that provide funding for various programs like food, shelter, resources, and other general operations. This funding would support the cost of training and part of the salary of a new case manager, (this current employee is already hired and is working as a shelter support staff. They have a in depth background in social services and we would like to promote them to a case manager position for this

cause) that would specifically be responsible for navigating and facilitating this program with our clients who are in need of it.

Do you have a Fiscal Agent*

No

Multi-Region request funding additional information

Regional Funding

Please explain in detail the effectiveness of the program, for each region, if not every region approves the application.

Program Abstract

Program Description*

Describe the objectives of this project. Provide a detailed overview of the program, including its purpose, priorities & objectives, and intended results.

Harm Reduction: Equip clients with tools like naloxone kits and education to prevent overdoses and mitigate the risks associated with opioid use.

Recovery Support: Enhance access to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and facilitate transportation to recovery appointments.

Education and Training: Train case managers and peer recovery coaches to provide trauma-informed care tailored to the needs of individuals recovering from opioid use disorder (OUD).

Housing Stability: Address the critical role of stable housing in recovery by offering rental assistance and housing-related support services.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Ensure program effectiveness through ongoing evaluation, feedback, and reporting.

Objectives

Increase Access to Recovery Services: Ensure that 100% of program participants are connected to MAT and related healthcare services within 30 days of enrollment.

Enhance Stability: Provide housing assistance to at least 50 individuals over three years, reducing the impact of homelessness on recovery outcomes.

Reduce Overdose Risk: Distribute naloxone kits to all program participants and train them in overdose prevention techniques.

Support Long-Term Recovery: Offer life skills and employment workshops to improve self-sufficiency and reduce reliance on opioids.

Foster Collaboration: Partner with healthcare providers, peer recovery organizations, and other community stakeholders to create a robust support network for clients.

Intended Results

Improved Health Outcomes:Participants will demonstrate reduced opioid use, fewer relapses, and improved overall health.

Enhanced Stability:Clients will secure and maintain stable housing, reducing the risk of returning to homelessness.

Increased Safety:By equipping clients with harm reduction tools and overdose prevention training, the program aims to decrease opioid-related fatalities in the community.

Empowered Clients:Participants will gain the knowledge, skills, and resources to achieve self-sufficiency and sustain recovery.

Stronger Community:The program will build a recovery-ready community that prioritizes holistic care and supports vulnerable populations in Kalispell.

Program Reach

If you are requesting funds from multiple Abatement Regions please specify how your program serves each region. **Be specific.**

n/a

Specific Goals*

What are the specific goals of the program? List several goals the program hopes to accomplish and how the program intends to meet these goals.

Goal 1: Increase Access to Recovery Services

Objective: Ensure all participants are connected to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) or similar recovery programs within 30 days of enrollment. **Plan:** Provide transportation assistance (e.g., bus passes or gas cards) to ensure clients can attend MAT appointments and coordinate care with local healthcare providers. **Goal 2: Enhance Housing Stability**

Objective: Support at least 50 clients over three years in securing stable housing. **Plan:** Offer rental subsidies and connect participants with housing resources, ensuring a safe environment conducive to recovery. **Goal 3: Reduce Opioid Overdose Risks**

Objective: Distribute naloxone kits and train 100% of program participants in overdose prevention techniques. **Plan:** Partner with local health agencies to acquire naloxone kits and integrate training into program workshops. **Goal 4: Build Skills for Long-Term Recovery**

Objective: Provide life skills training, including budgeting, job readiness, and stress management, to all program participants. **Plan:** Conduct regular workshops led by case managers and peer recovery coaches trained in trauma-informed care.

Goal 5: Strengthen Community Collaboration **Objective:** Establish partnerships with at least five local organizations to create a recovery-ready network. **Plan:** Collaborate with healthcare providers, peer support groups, housing agencies, and other stakeholders to offer a comprehensive continuum of care.

Evaluation Method*

Describe how you plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and what the method for evaluation will be.

1. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

Specific metrics will track progress toward the program's goals. Examples include:

Housing Stability: Percentage of clients who secure and maintain stable housing for six months or more.

Recovery Engagement: Number of participants enrolled in Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) within 30 days of program entry.

Naloxone Distribution: Number of naloxone kits distributed and training sessions completed.

Overdose Prevention: Reduction in reported overdoses among program participants.

Employment Rates: Percentage of participants who secure employment after life skills training.

2. Data Collection Methods:

Client Progress Reports: Case managers will maintain detailed records of each client's milestones, including housing status, MAT engagement, and workshop participation.

Surveys and Questionnaires: Pre- and post-program surveys will gauge changes in client knowledge, behavior, and satisfaction.

Community Feedback: Input from partner organizations, healthcare providers, and peer coaches will be collected to assess collaboration effectiveness. Incident Reporting: Tracking incidents like missed MAT appointments, relapses, or overdoses will help evaluate the program's impact.

3. Regular Evaluation Milestones:

Quarterly Reviews: Analyze program data to monitor progress and address emerging challenges.

Annual Reports: Comprehensive evaluations of program outcomes, including a comparison of results against initial goals.

Data Source*

What information are you going to collect or use to demonstrate you have accomplished your goals?

Our data source is located on intake protocol and case managers treatment plans. This data is compiled mostly in a database called HMIS that we are mandated to use through the state continuum of care. We can pull segments of this data to report back to whom it concerns at any time.

Awareness*

How do you plan to create awareness of this program? Briefly describe what action the program plans to take to create awareness in the community.

Samaritan House is a well supported and foundational member of the Flathead County community and beyond. As a non profit we have been in operations for over 25 years. We will use our newsletters, social media, and other press related resources to spread the news of this wonderful program addition.

Additional Documents

Tax Exempt Organization*

By clicking this box you are confirming the applying organization is a tax exempt organization.

Yes

Tax Exempt Determination Letter*

Please upload a copy of the Organization 501(C)(3) Tax Exempt Determination Letter.

IRS LETTER.pdf

Use this section to upload or explain any additional information regarding the program/organization. ie. a detailed budget projection, program/organization history, etc.

Upload #1

Upload #2

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Additional Information

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Three Year Budget Allocation for Opioid Prevention Program.docx
- IRS LETTER.pdf

Year 1

- Case Manager Salary (32 hours/week, \$21/hour): \$35,008
- Training for Case Manager: \$5,000
- Supplies for Clients (e.g., hygiene kits, naloxone): \$4,000
- Transportation Assistance (e.g., bus passes, gas cards): \$3,000
- Housing Support (e.g., rental subsidies): \$15,000
- General Shelter Expenses (utilities, maintenance, equipment): \$10,000
- Program Evaluation and Reporting: \$2,000

Year 1 Total: \$74,008

Year 2

- Case Manager Salary (32 hours/week, \$21/hour): \$35,008
- Training for Case Manager: \$2,500
- Supplies for Clients (e.g., hygiene kits, naloxone): \$4,000
- Transportation Assistance (e.g., bus passes, gas cards): \$3,000
- Housing Support (e.g., rental subsidies): \$16,000
- General Shelter Expenses (utilities, maintenance, equipment): \$10,500
- Program Evaluation and Reporting: \$2,000

Year 2 Total: \$73,008

Year 3

- Case Manager Salary (32 hours/week, \$21/hour): \$35,008
- Training for Case Manager: \$2,500
- Supplies for Clients (e.g., hygiene kits, naloxone): \$4,500
- Transportation Assistance (e.g., bus passes, gas cards): \$3,500
- Housing Support (e.g., rental subsidies): \$17,000
- General Shelter Expenses (utilities, maintenance, equipment): \$11,000
- Program Evaluation and Reporting: \$2,000

Year 3 Total: \$75,508

Grand Total for 3 Years: \$222,524

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SAMARITAN HOUSE INC
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Dear Applicant:

This modifies our letter of the above date in which we stated that you would be treated as an organization that is not a private foundation until the expiration of your advance ruling period.

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect. Based on the information you submitted, we have determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are an organization of the type described in section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,



Bobby E. Scott
District Director

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