



Funded Regional Grant Application Abstracts

2024 Grant Cycle

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is committed to ensuring all Foundation funding awards support evidence-based, forward-looking strategies for the purposes of prevention, treatment, recovery, and abatement of substance use and co-occurring disorders.

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Applicant	Alvis, Inc.
Project Title	Building Hope
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$200,000.00

Project Description:

Alvis serves individuals with justice involvement and their families, those facing substance use disorder and their families, as well as individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization offers compassionate, whole-person treatment that helps clients remove the barriers to a productive life. At Alvis, people find the inspiration, the encouragement, and the tools they need to turn their lives around 180 degrees. The Alvis vision is that communities believe each person's potential is more important than their past.

Amethyst, an Alvis program, has been providing evidence-based, lifesaving, gender-specific behavioral healthcare treatment for women struggling with addiction, mental health issues and trauma for nearly 40 years. Simultaneously, this program provides educational support, prevention, and related services for the children of Amethyst clients. A key component of the Amethyst program is providing supportive recovery housing for single women and for women with children. Having stable housing is a critical need for women and for families as they work toward long term recovery and economic independence. This recovery housing is provided for up to two years. It is one of only a handful of women's treatment programs in the nation where children up to age 18 can live with their mothers while the mother is in treatment.

Amethyst provides a unique depth and breadth of services that not only leads to long term recovery for women, it also addresses children's trauma and current behavioral health treatment needs. In late 2022, Alvis was informed that multiple rental houses used for Amethyst programming would be no longer available in 2023, negatively impacting the Amethyst program. Alvis partnered with Connect Housing Blocks to begin planning a 5-story apartment building that will replace rental recovery housing and provide a long-term, stable location for Amethyst clients. Connect Housing Blocks specializes in modular, affordable housing apartments, to create a sustainable, long-term solution to the affordable housing crisis facing families. Their innovative construction technology will produce affordable housing units at a much faster pace than traditional construction methods. This project, Building Hope, will create a campus for not only women in recovery and their children but also for administrative, medical, and group therapy offices for Amethyst and its Family & Children's program to newly renovated space.

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Applicant	Columbus Early Learning Centers
Project Title	Early Learning Mental Health Programming and Supports for Children of Parents with Substance Use Disorders
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$125,000.00

Project Description:

Columbus Early Learning Centers (CELC) seeks \$150,000 to support Community Recovery through mental health supports within the early learning sector. As we work in partnership with area recovery agencies and are witnessing a multitude of children experiencing mental, developmental, and behavioral concerns as a result of drug-related trauma, this request is necessary to fully offer help to these families. Through this work, we seek to alleviate the negative impacts on children that are often experienced when parents are in active addiction or recovery and to offer the children we serve social-emotional resources for long-term success and resiliency.

According to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, it is estimated that more than eight million children younger than age 18 live with at least one adult who has a Substance Use Disorder (SUD), with the majority of those children being under the age of five. Moreover, research dictates that people living in poverty (such as the neighborhoods within Columbus Early Learning's service area) are statistically much more likely to experience addiction. This information is further heightened by the fact that children are much more likely to experience the negative effects of a loved one's addiction such as neglect, abuse, or lack of resources, and are then even more likely to develop a SUD themselves. This makes the issue of community recovery within the early learning sector urgent for both families and communities. Young children affected by SUD need mental health tools and resources to process these types of stressors in a constructive, developmentally appropriate manner.

If awarded, we will expand access to mental and behavioral health services through a contractual partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital and Blossom Pediatric Therapy Partners so that all of the children in our centers will have access to social-emotional resources and supports to meet complex needs.

We utilize an array of qualitative and quantitative measurements to gauge the success and wellbeing of the youth in our centers. These include: Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG), an evaluation system which measures child progress around "Widely Held Expectations" (WHE) based on developmental age, as well as Kindergarten Readiness. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised is used to assess four areas of early learning: Social Foundations- including social-emotional development and approaches toward learning; Mathematics; Language; and Literacy. These evaluations rely on individual performance as well as teacher insights into student behavior. Current results of the program show that at least 85% of students enrolled at CELC meet or exceed widely held expectations for age level development, and 97% meet or exceed goals on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessments. In the long-term, we expect that our community will see reduced mental health disparities among children of guardians with SUD.

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Applicant	Columbus Neighborhood Health Center Inc
Project Title	PrimaryOne Health: East Broad Intensive Outpatient Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$257,359.82

Project Description:

PrimaryOne Health (PIH) will develop and launch an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for individuals living with substance use disorder (SUD) and mental illness/diagnosis. PIH's Behavioral Health (BH) team will launch the IOP at the organization's 720 East Broad Street community health center, located on Columbus's Near East Side (43215) and serving patients from throughout Franklin County.

The goal of an IOP is to help people manage their mental health and achieve lasting recovery while still allowing them to maintain their daily routines and responsibilities. The primary activities will include individual therapy and group therapy utilizing evidence-based and experiential modalities. Each week during the 8-12-week program, patients will be involved in 10 hours of activities (9 in a group setting, 1 individual) over 3 days, facilitated by a BH clinician and a Peer Recovery Support Specialist. The curriculum will be adapted from SAMHSA's "Intensive Outpatient Treatment for People With Stimulant Use Disorders" for use within PIH's target population, consisting of the following overarching topics: Early Recovery Skills; Relapse Prevention Skills; and Psycho-Education of Addiction.

Development of an IOP at PIH will improve access to in-house intensive services for some of PIH's highest need BH patients. Many of PIH's patients are unable to access higher levels of care due to barriers related to social determinants of health (SDOH), do not want to go to other programming or start over with a new provider, or are not ready for the next step of inpatient services. Further, the PIH care team has built trust and meaningful relationships between providers and patients, and an in-house IOP would allow the PIH team to maintain their established therapeutic alliance, helping its base of engaged patients who are motivated for change.

PIH anticipates serving 214 patients total throughout the 3-year grant period. In 2023, the BH team served 225 patients living with SUD at this site, 24% of whom had been diagnosed with a mental illness. Of these patients, 62.7% were on Medicaid, 21.3% were uninsured, 19.6% identified as a Person of Color, and 23.1% had an annual income at or below 150% of the federal poverty line. The project beneficiaries' demographics will be similar to these.

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Applicant	CompDrug
Project Title	Expanding Knowledge and Resources for Xylazine Use in Franklin County
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$27,885.00

Project Description:

Xylazine is a very strong veterinary sedative currently in the street drug supply. While not an opioid, it is now a common additive to fentanyl/opioids and other drugs to produce a stronger “high.” It is a rapidly growing threat to human health that medical and other experts are still working to understand.

CompDrug’s Community Health team has been a forerunner in developing and promoting evidence-based information and resources about xylazine use, treatment of overdose and wound care. This proposal capitalizes on the early successes of CompDrug’s outreach and education on this topic with the goal of mitigating xylazine’s impact among People Who Use Drugs (PWUD) in Franklin County. CompDrug will accomplish this through grassroots community outreach, distribution of xylazine and fentanyl test strips, wound care kits, and free training and education for professionals who work with PWUD.

This proposal complements the existing work of CompDrug’s community health team, which includes a robust Naloxone education and distribution program, senior health and wellness, and prevention of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI’s) and diseases. The proposed project also capitalizes on the existing, strong grassroots community outreach program CompDrug’s team has developed. CompDrug has developed relationships and built trust and rapport with diverse communities across Franklin County, including encampments for people experiencing homelessness, shelters, hospitals, community organizations, and professionals who serve PWUD.

This established network of partners and relationships will allow CompDrug to successfully expand upon our xylazine work to make a greater impact through supply distribution (test strips and wound care kits) and education for PWUD and professionals who serve PWUD.

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Applicant	Franklin County Municipal Court
Project Title	Recovery Housing
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$450,000.00

Project Description:

The Franklin County Municipal Court seeks \$438,000 in funding to support treatment with recovery housing for women battling opioid addiction, and their children as needed. This would be facilitated through contracting 15 beds with a local trusted provider and made available to Specialized Dockets participants. Considering the average length of stay in treatment with a recovery housing component is approximately one year, it is estimated that 30 women would be served with this critical resource over a two-year project period.

An additional critical recovery support is transportation assistance, which would be facilitated through a business contract with a transportation concierge such as Lyft or Uber. It is estimated that 600 rides could be facilitated over the two-year project period, which would be supported by \$40,000 in grant funding. Access to this service would be facilitated with clear and fair policies and procedures, with data tracking the efficient and equitable access to this resource. Rides would be accessible to support participants in reaching hospitalization, assessments, treatment, education and employment programs and other appointments that are critical to their recovery.

The service area for this project is Franklin County, as it aligns with the Court's jurisdiction. The combined intended beneficiaries of this project are participants in the Specialized Dockets programs of the Franklin County Municipal Court, as well as probationers and/or customers of the Court's Medication assisted treatment Assessment Referral Collaboration Hope (MARCH) program.

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Applicant	Fund The Climb Foundation
Project Title	Basecamp Beyond the Walls
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$450,000.00

Project Description:

Our correctional facilities have a disproportionate number of inmates with substance use disorder and overdose. This was more devastating among the justice affiliate patients where it is estimated that 85% of those incarcerated are struggling with substance use disorder. Further concern with this population is the danger they face upon release. Those that enter incarceration addicted to opiates (40% or higher) are 129 times more likely to die in their first two weeks of release than the average adult US citizen. We have the responsibility to ensure quality of care for the citizens in our community, especially those who find themselves incarcerated.

A significant obstacle residents face while incarcerated is receiving, quality, evidenced-based programming and treatment. Incarcerated residents are Medicaid ineligible upon admission and clinical addiction and mental health services, medications such as psychotropics or medication

assisted treatment (MAT) are not provided. This program will allow residents to begin to receive the treatment they desperately need, including MAT. Residents who are substance dependent or who have mental health challenges that are undiagnosed and/or not treated will struggle upon re-entry into the community. Having the ability to address these issues through clinical assessment, ongoing therapy, and medication treatment would most certainly increase resident participation and successful engagement in treatment services as well as successful reintegration to the community; thus, increasing public safety and strengthening our communities moving forward.

This project will expand the Basecamp Behind The Walls (BBTW) program. Currently, the BBTW team facilitates programming aimed to serve 190 moderate to high/very high risk Franklin County residents/inmates serving sentences at both the Franklin county Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) (60 residents) and The Franklin County Corrections Center II (Jackson Pike) (130 residents) with identified diagnosed substance use disorder who have needs and who will be re-entering the Franklin County community. The BBTW team provides approximately 60 days of evidence-based substance use disorder treatment for those with moderate to high risk, during eight weeks prior to their release. Ensuring continuity of care, treatment continues upon release, with supportive services being provided by Fund The Climb, such as safe, sober housing, transportation to treatment, food and personal hygiene needs. Further, as the patients progress through treatment, their assigned case manager will assist them with transitional housing, employment opportunities and other programs that can assist them moving forward. This request is to expand services to an additional 60 CBCF residents and 70 Jackson Pike inmates.

The target demographic for this program are incarcerated adults, primarily Caucasians, African Americans and Hispanic/Latino with a moderate to high/very high risk OAR assessment.

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Applicant	Heartland High School
Project Title	Heartland Alternative Peer Group and Outreach Program
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$150,536.00

Project Description:

The Heartland APG/Outreach Program (Alternative Peer Group- APG) would be started/enhanced to foster an enthusiastic recovery community for young people and their families throughout central Ohio. The APG creates a safe, supportive, and fun recovery environment among peers. Heartland High School's APG/Outreach program would provide afterschool and weekend support for its students. This unique program integrates meaningful peer connection while providing tools for lifelong recovery skill-building. Alternative peer groups are a term used for long-term aftercare or school programs that create a youth-specific approach to encouraging continued recovery from substance use disorders. Adolescents also tend to be less motivated to seek recovery than adults. When it comes to relapse, adolescents are more likely to relapse due to social and peer pressures. Once adolescents leave a treatment program, their progress fades extremely quickly. This is where the Heartland APG group/outreach can continue to assist in the motivation to remain and/or become sober. Heartland feels that if we can get more youth in the community, especially those students that attend Heartland, to attend our school and our APG groups, the more successful those students would be as they move through their recovery. Per the report by Dennis, Dawaud-Noursi, Muck and Mcdermeit, 2003, of all adults reporting dependence on alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana, 90% began using before the age of 18, and 50% began using before the age of 15. As Ohio's only recovery High School, we are in a great place to serve youth with SUD, provide the necessary peer run support, which will help those youth maintain their sobriety. Our current service area is all of Franklin County, Ohio. Heartland High School currently enrolls high school age youth in recovery, whom need activities after school to help continue their recovery building skills, peer relationships, and family involvement. Heartlands APG/Outreach program would provide these services to our families as well as our students. All students/parents would be required to attend at least 80% of the APG program. This program would allow our students and families to participate in regular fun, structured prosocial activities and services to engage and retain adolescents, while promoting long-term relationships with recovering peer role models. The outreach portion of the program would allow us to have staff in the communities/schools we serve throughout Franklin County, which would provide better access to Heartland High School, but also the APG program. The measurements we would like to show based on this program would include:

- 80% participation from students who attend Heartland High School including activities
- 80% participation of family participation in our parent engagement nights and activities.
- 80% of our students maintain sobriety or reduce usage (evidenced by testing).
- Outreach will visit 15 of 15 Fraklin County School districts

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Applicant	Maryhaven Inc
Project Title	Treatment Access Navigation Program- Overcoming Barriers and Increasing Successful Outcomes
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$400,324.00

Project Description:

The Treatment Access Navigation (TAN) Program will engage with adult clients throughout their recovery journey with Maryhaven and beyond. The goal is to help clients engage and navigate different levels of substance use and mental health disorder treatment within Maryhaven. Maryhaven's Treatment Access Navigation Team will function as coordinators between different levels of care and programs for individuals within the residential, detox, and outpatient programs.

The expected outcome is to increase client retention in treatment as they navigate from one level of care or program to another (e.g. inpatient detoxification/ withdrawal management to residential treatment). A second expected outcome is to reduce clients leaving early against medical advice or against staff advice in various programs. TAN staff will help to engage clients at intake and follow them through their reentry back into the community after treatment at all levels of care. TAN staff will plan to follow up with clients after they have successfully completed all recommended programs and/ or levels of care to continue to provide any support as needed.

The TAN team will utilize a model that incorporates case management and peer recovery services to accomplish this collaborative partnership with the client through their treatment and recovery journey. Maryhaven plans to hire Peer Recovery Support Specialists, QMHS/case managers, and a supervisor to supervise the team. OneOhio funds will allow for obtainment of vehicles which will eliminate barriers to treatment access for individuals throughout Franklin County. The proposed TAN team model will directly benefit clients seeking and receiving substance use disorder and mental health services. A main benefit of this work is ensuring expedited access and reducing barriers to treatment by offering differing and individualized methods of engagement. There is also greater benefit for subrecipients such as family members and friends of clients receiving treatment, and the respective communities that people live, work, and impact on a daily basis.

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Applicant	NCR Permanent Supportive Housing Services
Project Title	Clear Path Program - Housing Stability for Recovery Support
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$323,354.00

Project Description:

The Clear Path Program is designed to address the complex challenges faced by chronically homeless individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) through an integrated Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) approach. Recognizing the critical role of stable housing in recovery and overall quality of life, the Clear Path program will provide stable housing combined with comprehensive support services with a strong focus on eviction prevention and housing retention, to ensure stability and promote recovery for participants

This program targets individuals with histories of chronic homelessness compounded by mental health challenges, substance use, and trauma. The anticipated outcome of the Clear Path Program is to significantly increase housing stability, with a target of 96% of participants maintaining stable housing, thereby reducing their dependence on emergency services and promoting sustained recovery.

Operational activities include proactive monthly home visits to ensure healthy and safe living conditions, customized housing retention plans addressing mental, physical, and financial health, and educational workshops on various recovery and life skills. The program also emphasizes comprehensive staff training to equip team members with the specialized knowledge and skills necessary for high-quality service delivery that employs an effective, evidence-based approach to supporting residents in their recovery journey.

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Applicant	OhioHealth Foundation
Project Title	The OhioHealth Maternal Addiction Promises Program: Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Persons with Substance Use Disorder
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$720,506.00

Project Description:

Proposed program, service area, intended beneficiaries: The OhioHealth Maternal Addiction Promises Program: Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Persons with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) at Grant Medical Center will increase evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including clinical care pathways and a multidisciplinary team, for pregnant and postpartum women affected by substance use disorder including opioids and any other co-occurring substance use in Franklin County. Implementation will be led by a Project Director and two Substance Use Navigators who will provide services to an anticipated 300 patients/year.

Program goals: 1) Increase maternal health care, education, access, referral, and coordination of SUD services for pregnant and postpartum women. 2) Increase clinical and non-clinical education on optimal and trauma informed care for pregnant and postpartum persons with SUD. 3) Increase patient engagement for pregnant and postpartum people with SUD to improve access to care.

Expected outcomes: 1. Increase the number of pregnant/postpartum persons with SUD seen in clinic by 10%. 2. Increase the number pregnant/postpartum persons with SUD that are identified in the acute care setting that are linked to specific resources. Goal would be to develop baseline in first 6-12 months and increase patients linked to resources by 10% each year. 3. Ensure 50% of health care team who work with pregnant women or post-partum persons with SUD attend at least one training per year. 4. Decrease the number of no-show appointments at the clinic by 5% each year.

Purpose of the Primary Activities and Services to be Provided: Develop OhioHealth Maternal Addiction Promises Program: Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Persons with Substance Use Disorder. Hire Project Director and two Substance Use Navigators to implement the navigation program; develop and maintain referral resources and communication pathways to enhance services and support of patients; develop staff and provider education to help improve care; administer surveys to assess bias and stigma and develop contingency management to engage patients by reinforcing recovery-related behaviors; provide incentives to patients to facilitate compliance.

Assessments Conducted and Program Evaluation: Data will be collected through reports from electronic medical records, clinical review, hospital / continuing education documentation and reports. Project Director and program evaluation team will be responsible for tracking, collecting, aggregating, reporting quantitative and qualitative data to fulfill reporting requirements. Design and develop data collection and program evaluation tools; identify areas for program improvement by working closely with the program staff; provide training to staff on different evaluation aspects; draft reports and presentations related to evaluation process and findings.

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Applicant	Opendoor DBA OpenDoor Women's Recovery Alliance
Project Title	Bridging Gaps for Women in Recovery
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$66,516.66

Project Description:

Founded in 2019, OpenDoor Women's Recovery Alliance, a volunteer-led community-based nonprofit, is committed to aiding marginalized women recovering from Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Our organization delivers a comprehensive one-year program, addressing the unique needs of women transitioning from treatment and/or incarceration to a drug-free life. By providing essential social support, we empower these women affected by the opioid epidemic and the criminal justice system, fostering their recovery and successful reintegration into society.

At the heart of our approach is a team of dedicated community volunteers, comprising four to six individuals, who commit to a year-long journey of mentorship, encouragement, and advocacy for each participant. These volunteers forge meaningful relationships with the women they support, fostering a supportive network that extends far beyond the duration of the program.

Through our peer-to-peer support model, our participants achieve the following outcomes:

- *Increased rates of sustained sobriety among participants.
- *Improved mental health and emotional well-being.
- *Reduced rates of recidivism and involvement in the criminal justice system.
- *Strengthened social support networks and community connections fostering life long relationships with people that otherwise would not meet. By bridging this gap, mentors and mentees grow in trust and genuine relationship.
- *Greater access to stable housing and employment opportunities.

These outcomes will be measured by surveys given at the beginning of the program, at 6 months, 12 months and up to 5 years post completion of program, in addition to self reporting, volunteer reporting and referral partner reporting.

From 2022-2023, OpenDoor served 22 women, 68% of whom achieved the above goals. With continued investment and growth, OpenDoor looks to directly serve 250 women and indirectly no fewer than 1,000 individuals, the majority of whom are children, annually by 2030.

This will be measured by surveys given at the beginning of the program, at 6 months, 12 months up to 5 years post completion of program..

Greater access to stable housing and employment opportunities. OpenDoor will record the status of these at the beginning of participation and at regular intervals across 5 years.

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Applicant	Sanctuary Collective
Project Title	Expanded Services for CATCH Court Participants
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$300,000.00

Project Description:

Sanctuary Night utilizes a multifaceted model that combines three evidenced based approaches: Harm Reduction, Drop-In Center, and Peer Support. The harm reduction model draws on the lived experience of vulnerable individuals—among them individuals at risk for opioid-induced suicide—and mobilizes communities in the service of public health. Sanctuary Night’s model harnesses 1) in-house organizational resources and staff expertise and 2) services offered by partnering organizations and field agencies. By capitalizing on its strengths and leaning on community partners to fill gaps in expertise, Sanctuary Night is assuming a leading role in advancing the priorities of the One Ohio Recovery Foundation in Region 1.

Sanctuary Night’s proposed expansion would increase the impact of its CATCH Court programming and drop-in center.

CATCH (Creating Autonomy Through Collaborative Healing) Court is a specialty docket founded in 2009 by Franklin County Judge Paul Herbert. Drawing on his extensive experience with cases related to solicitation charges, he noticed that womxn convicted of solicitation demonstrated trauma responses and histories of abuse similar to survivors of sex trafficking. CATCH Court allows participants to complete a two-year diversion program and avoid the trauma of incarceration. The CATCH program requires participants to maintain sobriety, complete a recovery program, and work toward becoming active stewards of their community. CATCH programming hinges on a robust network of mission-driven organizations and coalitions of care, and Sanctuary Night proudly assumes a pivotal role in advancing these shared goals. Participants who complete the diversion program while accessing Sanctuary Night’s peer support system have demonstrated significant gains. They are far less likely to resume sex work and drug use than their peers who enroll in CATCH Court but go "AWOL." One Ohio funds would allow Sanctuary Night to expand its peer support services for CATCH participants who have used drugs in a zip code in or adjacent to the Sanctuary Night drop-in center.

Funds would also allow Sanctuary Night to expand hours of operations for its drop-in center at 1195 Sullivant Ave. An additional 6 hours of operation per week would allow the organization to serve an anticipated 775 clients during the grant cycle, a marked increase from the previous programming year which saw a total of 644 clients served.

Sanctuary Night would also use One Ohio funds to implement the evidence-based “Interpersonal Needs Questionnaire” (INQ) with case managed clients. The INQ is a tool for assessing two significant predictors of when an individual might cross over from suicidal ideation to a suicide attempt. By adopting the INQ, Sanctuary Night would be able to implement a “red flag” system in its Electronic Medical Record system. This expansion would allow staff and Peer Support Specialists to respond quickly and effectively when a client is most at risk of suicide by overdose.

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Applicant	The Ohio State University - Division of Health Sciences, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Project Title	Enhancing Social-emotional Well-being in Children of Parents with Substance Use Disorder
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$536,094.00

Project Description:

Parental substance use disorder (SUD) can have a profound negative effect on children, including their social and emotional development and health. Early interventions that ameliorate the immediate and long-term harms of parental SUD are critically needed. Evidence suggests that social and emotional learning (SEL) programming can promote the social emotional health of children by elevating foundational emotional skills and equipping them with a repertoire of adaptive coping strategies. Yet, despite their increased risk for negative and long-lasting outcomes, no SEL programming has been translated for use with children of parents with SUD. Our long-term goal is to inform the translation and implementation of evidence-based SEL programs, tailored to children of parents with SUD, and ultimately improve their social emotional outcomes. To achieve this goal, we are collaborating with Franklin County Family Recovery Court, a potential setting for long-term and large-scale implementation. We will use a type 2 effectiveness-implementation hybrid design to test the following specific aims: Aim 1: Determine the effectiveness of the intervention in improving emotional literacy, coping skills, and emotional and behavioral outcomes in children ages 5-11 of parents with SUD. Aim 2: Evaluate the implementation process and identify factors associated with the uptake, implementation, adaptation, and sustainability of the intervention. Aim 3: Determine the costs of program implementation and maintenance. We will recruit and enroll 100 children aged 5-11 of parents with SUD participating in the Franklin County Family Recovery Court, along with a caregiver. Enrolled children will be randomly assigned to the Intervention or Control group. The intervention group will receive an online SEL program, Emotional ABCs. The control group will receive no SEL programming; they will receive caseworker services as usual. Our central hypothesis is that intervention children will show greater improvements in emotional literacy, coping skills, and emotional and behavioral functioning than control children. This research has high public health significance because it will: 1) translate an evidence-based online SEL program for use with a population of vulnerable children, 2) impact the social and emotional health of children of parents with SUD, 3) inform strategies for the widespread implementation of SEL programs for use with children of parents with SUD, and 4) determine the cost of program implementation and maintenance. If effective, this program can help strengthen protective factors and mitigate risk factors in children with parents with SUD, and in turn, help create conditions for these children to thrive.

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Applicant	The Ohio State University Foundation
Project Title	Abating Addiction through Healthcare Workforce and Community Stakeholder Education
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$381,956.65

Project Description:

The Ohio State University Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Health proposes to abate addiction in Ohio through multidisciplinary training initiatives that will educate, support, and strengthen the healthcare workforce. Expert faculty having up-to-date knowledge of the latest advances in care of patients with substance use and mental disorders will develop content for use by multiple stakeholders. Trainings will utilize web-based curricula and incorporate several aspects of community recovery, including the following areas:

- Treatment: American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels of care and transitioning between care levels, co-occurring substance use or mental health conditions.
- Early Intervention and Crisis Support: Screening use of SBIRT and STIR and education about how to counsel, treat, and refer.
- Mother-Centered Treatment and Support: Training obstetricians and other healthcare workers about treatment for addiction and co-occurring conditions.
- Recovery Support: Training community and other stakeholders about how to support and refer patients and families.
- Prevent Over-Prescribing of Opioids and Other Drugs of Potential Misuse: Continuing Medical Education on safe and responsible prescribing.
- Harm Reduction: Training those within communities, including first responders, about naloxone.
- First Responders: Training about trauma-informed resiliency and support.
- Workforce: Training healthcare workforce and peer specialists about how to support treatment and harm reduction.

Expected outcomes of the proposed project are to train at least seven hundred members of the healthcare and citizen workforce in Franklin County, Ohio, about recovery strategies over the next three years. Training and supporting these learner groups are anticipated to have intangible benefits, including, fortifying knowledge and support of community and healthcare workers. This project promotes the health and safety of Ohioans, as patients and their families will benefit by receiving evidence-based care from experienced multidisciplinary professionals. While the project currently is limited in scope to workforce development in Franklin County, Ohio, the enduring online curricula has potential for eventual utilization statewide to promote innovation and recovery and address stigma reduction, trauma- and culturally informed care, and principles of evidence-based care.

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Applicant	The P.E.E.R. Center
Project Title	The P.E.E.R. Center Expansion Project
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$220,000.00

Project Description:

The P.E.E.R. Center proposes to build, buy, or renovate a larger space for our West Broad St location which is currently too small to accommodate the need for our drop-in peer support services. The P.E.E.R. Center hopes to build, buy, or renovate a space with a minimum of 20,000 square feet to increase our capacity, house our dedicated training and education space, and include a dedicated space for the inclusion of a commercial-type kitchen, shower, and laundry facilities that will meet the needs of those that utilize our services. Additionally, The P.E.E.R. Center proposes to buy, build, renovate, or lease a third location in a high need area on the south end of Columbus.

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Applicant	The Soar Initiative
Project Title	Universalizing Drug-Checking and Harm Reduction Through a Reimagined and Overhauled Bad Batch Alert System
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$200,000.00

Project Description:

This project seeks to reimagine how people who use drugs (PWUD) receive information about the contents and potential dangers of their drugs. With this grant, The SOAR Initiative will overhaul our existing Franklin County Bad Batch Alert System, which provides text alerts of overdose surges, bad batches, and increased overdose risks to more than 3,000 users in Franklin County. The updates will create a dashboard with secure access for trusted public health officials and local partners to view data and report overdose surges. Based on surveys and feedback from the Franklin County community, it will also transform how community members, outreach teams, healthcare workers, first responders, and PWUD are able to submit information and develop analytical tools to predict the spread of deadly drugs and ultimately alert PWUD and prevent overdoses before they happen. The overhauled system will be paired with an expanded outreach presence, flooding communities determined to be at risk of overdose surges with naloxone, fentanyl test strips, xylazine test strips, and other harm reduction supplies. PWUD across divides of race, class, and location will benefit, but this project targets those with limited access to traditional harm reduction services like syringe exchanges.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Volunteers Of America Ohio & Indiana
Project Title	Family Focused Recovery
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	1
Requested Amount	\$250,000.00

Project Description:

Family Focused Recovery (FFR) in downtown Columbus, OH is a residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment facility, owned and operated by VOAHOIN, for women who are pregnant or with children under 17. Located in downtown Columbus, FFR will serve at any given time up to 32 women and their children with multiple levels of service. The program begins as a 30–45-day Level 3.5 intensive inpatient SUD program for the mother, while providing full-family supportive services for the mother and child(ren). Next mothers may, at their choosing, participate in a 90-120 “stepped down” inpatient program in the same location. These services will also be provided to mothers on an outpatient basis if they have a stable and supportive environment to move into.

Services provided to the families are tailored to need. Many of these services fall into major categories:

SUD Treatment: Addictions treatment, Recovery and peer support, Medication Assisted Treatment

Basic Needs: Food, clothing, medicine for mother and child.

Health Care: Pre-natal for pregnant mothers, health care integration for the entire family.

Enrichment: Pregnancy and childbirth education, nursing support, parenting classes, life skills support.

Supports for Community: Childcare, vocational supports, housing supports, intensive outpatient follow-up, after care and community reintegration

For VOAHOIN to provide these services to the Columbus community, a renovated facility is needed. To that end, VOAHOIN has purchased 81 South 5th Street, Columbus, OH and is renovating it into a state-of-the art treatment facility. From a current 4-story office building, VOAHOIN is creating a roughly 32-bed housing facility with shared kitchens and laundry areas, office space for staff including treatment spaces, group therapy areas, and a child watch.

Keeping mothers and children together demands that their environment is not 100% clinical in nature. To that end, not only is the interior of the building with the needs of both recovering mothers and children in mind, but the building site was selected to take advantage of nearby resources and opportunities for families. Within easy walking distance are the downtown library and a park. VOAHOIN’s partners are also well situated to offer services and programs for the families in this location.

This program will use evidence-based best practices to treat SUD in mothers while meeting the needs of her child(ren) in the most basic ways, and in ways that lead to a break in the cycles of addiction and poverty. The proposed state-of-the-art facility is to be the home of this proven program and a hub for all levels of service.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Addiction Services Council
Project Title	AIM TEAM (Afterhours Individualized Mobile-Engagement Team)
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$523,688.00

Project Description:

The Addiction Services Council proposes to expand its afterhours individualized mobile engagement response service, also known as the AIM Team, for individuals experiencing issues related to substance use disorders and persons with a dual diagnosis. The AIM Team has become a critical resource over the past two years for local individuals and treatment providers to ensure immediate access to care afterhours. Since the program launched in February of 2022, the AIM Team has transported 594 individuals directly to treatment and has accepted 1034 calls. 85% of callers were connected with a Peer Recovery Supporter. 88% of callers were connected with treatment services that support recovery.

The team currently consists of four peer recovery supporters that accept after-hours and weekend calls from individuals, family members, area hospitals, police and fire organizations, and other community providers for individuals experiencing SUD-related problems. The team makes in-person visits to individuals immediately after receiving calls and assists the individual to access necessary treatment services and/or provide information related to available community resources. The team also provides immediate transportation of individuals to area treatment centers. The team maintains demographic data, contact information, and outcome data for each individual that contacts the after-hours response service.

Funding for the AIM Team expansion would allow the AIM Team to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year and, if current state grant funding were to end, funding would allow for continuation of AIM Team services 8:00 PM- 8:00 AM 365 days a year.

The target population includes adults over the age of eighteen experiencing problems related to substance use disorders and/or a dual diagnosis that are in any of Prochaska and Diclemente's Stages of Change. The current service area includes Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont counties, and the program expansion would serve Hamilton County.

Expected outcomes include: (1) 40% of individuals that contact the AIM Team will successfully enter treatment by the end of the grant period. (2) 70% of individuals that contact the AIM Team will be connected with a Peer Recovery Supporter by the end of the grant period. (3) 60% of individuals that contact the AIM Team will be connected to treatment services that support recovery by the end of the grant period.

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Applicant	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati
Project Title	Great Futures Start Here: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati Prevention Programming in Hamilton County
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$165,000.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati (BGCGC) is dedicated to its mission of enabling all youth, particularly those facing significant education, health, and workforce disparities, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. BGCGC recognizes the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the PAXIS Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, BGCGC's Hamilton County Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive prevention programming that nurtures K-12 students' growth, build protective factors against adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), implement strategies to prevent substance abuse, and support their wellbeing. These Clubs include:

- Roll Hill School (Shared-space site): 2411 Baltimore Ave.
- Larry & Rhonda Sheakley Boys & Girls Club: 4100 Glenway Ave.
- Dudley S. Taft Boys & Girls Club: 3504 Washington Ave.

At the heart of BGCGC's mission, the organization integrates prevention programming throughout its core Graduate, Ready to Serve, and Fit for Life programs. The primary objective of its prevention programming is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the BGCGC provides a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

To further expand the reach of BGCGC's prevention programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues, BGCGC plans to particularly increase teen Club member recruitment and retention within its Hamilton County Clubs. Transitional phases are challenging for any teen and are further complicated by ACEs and inequitable access to education, college, and career preparation resources that many Club members face. Increased recruitment and retention will be achieved through collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations, and through direct input from teen Club members, to enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Aligned with the OneOhio Recovery Foundation's Prevention abatement strategy, BGCGC seeks support to expand the reach of its evidence-based prevention programming to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Childrens Home Of Cincinnati Ohio Inc
Project Title	Best Point Seven Challenges Training
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$175,000.00

Project Description:

The Children's Home of Cincinnati, Ohio - dba Best Point Education and Behavioral Health - is requesting funding from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to enhance its substance abuse treatment program for adolescents in Hamilton County, Ohio. Best Point has offered The Seven Challenges program as a vital part of its mental health treatment continuum for more than a decade, and is now seeking to enhance that program with Brief Challenges, a condensed version of the model designed for initial engagement, assessment and brief intervention. If awarded, this funding would sustain Best Point's substance abuse programming for the next three years.

Adolescent substance abuse is a significant concern in Ohio, with nearly 1 in 10 having used substances in the past year, translating to as many as 10,000 youth in Hamilton County alone. A recent County needs assessments emphasized the need for substance abuse treatment services to reduce barriers, enhance prevention and intervention services, and improve access to addiction care, particularly for underserved populations that include minorities and youth. These needs are further exacerbated by a critical shortage of trained mental health and addiction providers in Ohio; so much so that Hamilton County has been designated as a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. Finally, program costs often exceed reimbursement rates, leaving valuable programs like Seven Challenges reliant on non-traditional funding streams.

As a promising practice backed by evidence of its effectiveness, The Seven Challenges aligns with Best Point's goal of providing a high-quality AOD treatment option for dually diagnosed adolescents by fostering a safe and supportive environment that allows participants to explore their substance use patterns, underlying motivations, and develop skills necessary for positive change. Enhancing this program with the Brief Challenges represents a strategic extension to more effectively address the needs of adolescents showing early substance use concerns. By integrating Brief Challenges, Best Point aims to provide a targeted, streamlined intervention that can quickly engage young people and address substance use issues before they escalate. With its shorter duration and focused approach, Brief Challenges serves as both a standalone option and a gateway to more comprehensive services, thereby increasing overall program accessibility and effectiveness.

Funding from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation will allow Best Point to train 72 school-based therapists in the Seven Challenges and Brief Challenges over a 3-year span. This training will allow therapists to provide alcohol and drug counseling services to dually diagnosed youth. Funding will also allow the purchase of manuals, readers and journals that are required for model fidelity. Finally, included Train-The-Trainer sessions will enable Best Point to deliver future trainings internally, further reducing costs and improving sustainability.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Children's Hospital Medical Center - Department of Pharmacy
Project Title	Opioid Deactivation and Disposal Kit Distribution and Education
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$60,000.00

Project Description:

Leftover opioids are a significant source of opioid diversion, misuse, and abuse. CCHMC will provide a Detera® drug disposal packet and opioid education with each opioid prescription dispensed from the onsite outpatient pharmacy located at the main campus. We plan to include a QR code survey on the packet that will allow patients families to indicate how many opioid doses were destroyed. In addition, we will improve our current education efforts by providing opioid education to patients and families, including appropriate drug storage, disposal, and risks of opioid usage. We will also raise awareness of the issues with opioid medications and need for appropriate disposal on social media to provide education beyond just the patients served at CCHMC.

Evidence from multiple studies suggests that 25-75% of opioids prescribed to children go unused. Studies show that most adolescent opioid abusers (>80%) get opioids from leftover prescriptions. Opioid deactivation and destruction could reduce unused opioids in patients' homes and therefore the risk for abuse. Studies indicate that patients who receive an in-home disposal product may be more likely to

dispose of unused opioids. The pouches allow for drug deactivation in just a few steps. Tablets or liquids are placed into a pouch that is then filled halfway with water. After 30 seconds, the pouch can be sealed and discarded in household trashcans. Medications are adsorbed by the activated carbon and deactivated. Once the drug is deactivated, it cannot be extracted from the carbon. Data show educating patients about disposal options may increase the disposal rate of unused opioids and that providing a disposal option and education could further increase that rate.

In 2023, the CCHMC outpatient pharmacy at the main campus dispensed close to 3,700 opioid prescriptions to around 2,500 unique patients. Providing drug disposal packets and opioid education will have a significant impact on removing opioids from the community, will allow for appropriate disposal of opioid prescriptions from the homes of families with children and adolescents, and will help prevent accidental ingestion or drug misuse. As a children's hospital, the majority of patients served are 25 years old and younger. The main hospital is located in Hamilton County, and patients come from all over the world to be treated at this institution.

This project is in direct alignment with the OneOhio Abatement Strategies for Community Recovery as a prevention project. It allows CCHMC to expand necessary services to the community through a patient interactive intervention that leads to decreased unused opioid being available in the community.

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Applicant	Cincinnati Fairview House
Project Title	Install Central heating and Cooling
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$47,759.56

Project Description:

The installation of central heating and cooling at Cincinnati Fairview House marks a significant enhancement in the comfort, well-being, and overall quality of life for our residents. This strategic upgrade is designed to provide a range of tangible benefits that extend beyond mere climate control, enriching the living experience and supporting the recovery journey of our clients.

First and foremost, the implementation of central heating and cooling systems ensures a consistent and comfortable indoor environment throughout the year. In the harsh winters of Cincinnati, reliable heating is essential for safeguarding the health and safety of our residents, particularly those in vulnerable states of recovery. Conversely, during the sweltering summer months, effective air conditioning offers relief from oppressive heat, minimizing discomfort and promoting relaxation.

Moreover, the introduction of energy-efficient heating and cooling technologies aligns with our commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility. By investing in modern, eco-friendly HVAC systems, we not only reduce our carbon footprint but also lower operating costs, freeing up resources to further enhance our programs and services for the benefit of our clients.

Beyond the practical advantages, the availability of proper heating and cooling contributes to a more conducive environment for recovery and personal growth. Stable temperatures and improved air quality foster a sense of tranquility and security, enabling residents to focus their energy and attention on their therapeutic journey without distraction or discomfort.

Furthermore, the installation of central heating and cooling promotes social cohesion and community engagement within our facility. By creating a welcoming and comfortable living space, residents are encouraged to participate in group activities, peer support sessions, and recreational pursuits, strengthening bonds and fostering a sense of belonging.

In summary, the installation of central heating and cooling at Cincinnati Fairview House represents a pivotal step in our ongoing commitment to the holistic well-being of our residents. By prioritizing their physical comfort and safety, we aim to create an environment that nurtures recovery, resilience, and renewal, empowering individuals to reclaim their lives and thrive in sobriety.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Freestore Foodbank, Inc.
Project Title	Stabilization Services for Addiction Recovery
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$175,000.00

Project Description:

Freestore Foodbank's Stabilization Program focuses on supporting individuals with chronic instability towards meaningful improvements in employment, housing and transportation, as well as other identified areas of need. Through our Customer Connection Center located in downtown Cincinnati, we serve up to 300 families each day, providing food services, social service and public benefit support as needed. Many of these families need ongoing assistance to overcome numerous barriers to self-reliance. Additionally, we receive referrals from sober living homes, recovery centers and agencies focused on re-entry for justice-impacted individuals. The vast majority of families served live in Hamilton County and often include households with children, unhoused individuals and under or unemployed adults.

This funding allows us to deepen support for those facing addiction/mental health issues, offering rent/utilities, transportation, ID/BC replacement, basic furniture, limited legal fees, medical assistance related to sobriety treatment, vocational training fees, work related clothing, and other basic needs to help individuals and families overcome addiction and/or mental health challenges and maintain stability.

Through the Stabilization Program, we provide personalized and targeted case management for 6 to 12 months based on the clients' needs. We have two case managers, each supporting approximately 40 clients annually, allowing for weekly check-ins and ongoing assistance for clients. Before starting, each client gauges their overall stability through the Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix (ASSM), a comprehensive assessment tool. This matrix sheds light on specific aspects of their lives, such as transportation, housing, employment, mental well-being, childcare, and more, pinpointing areas where assistance is urgently required. A score is assigned from 1-5 to map current and ongoing stability in life areas.

For those facing multiple areas of need, case managers develop a long-term plan, focusing on housing, employment and transportation needs with resources available to support ongoing growth. Collaboratively, the client and their case manager craft a personalized case plan, which emphasizes the most difficult obstacles obstructing both employment and stability. We often find that addiction and mental health are central to this, and additional resources are needed to ensure self-sufficiency. Throughout the program, the client and case manager reassess their scores through the ASSM, looking for growth towards stability in all areas.

The Stabilization Program also provides links to partner agencies for workforce development needs, including our own culinary and warehousing training programs, which provide 10-weeks of free accredited instruction and employment connections, alongside essential soft skills support for holistic assistance. Helping our clients see a future career path, free from addiction, is central to building a path towards resiliency.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Glad House
Project Title	Technology Updates for Champs Program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$15,000.00

Project Description:

GH's Champs Program provides a comprehensive after-school and summer program for children ages 5-12 impacted by parental addiction. Our Champs Program provides life skills groups, substance abuse prevention education, cultural enrichment activities, nutritious meals, homework assistance, and social recreation with peers. These outstanding services are provided at no cost to the family. GLAD House is a safe place for these children to lay down their burdens and to just be kids.

The children at GH often experience physical/emotional trauma, transient homelessness, live in violent neighborhoods, and struggle to eat healthy meals. Each child has a mental health diagnosis, and most kids have diagnoses related to their traumatic experiences. Our children are currently averaging five adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), which research demonstrates has drastic negative impacts on mental/physical health into adulthood. They are school-age children who carry the burdens of poverty and parental addiction. Many of these children have been placed outside their biological homes because of the death of a parent from overdose, the long-term incarceration of a parent, or the parents' inability to remain free of substances. All of the GH children are Medicaid eligible and 100% of our children fall at or below the poverty line. Our comprehensive Champs Program provides services to ~50 children annually. The youngest group is 5-7, the middle group is 8-10 and the oldest group is 10-12-year-olds.

GLAD House has entered a phase of strategic growth and we are laying the groundwork to expand our program service to teens ages 13-16.

GLAD House's comprehensive program targets key areas in the lives of children of addicted parents, in order to break the cycle of addiction. According to Cincinnati's 2023 Student Drug Use survey, the average age of first use of alcohol or other drugs in our community is around 13 years of age. GH is effectively breaking the cycle of addiction with our Champs Program by working with kids in the crucial age range of 5-12, as we intervene before the first use can occur.

According to Maslow's hierarchy of needs, to achieve self-actualization—achieving one's full potential—basic needs and psychological needs must be met first.. GH's program meets the children's physiological needs by providing each child with a healthy snack and meal. We meet our children's safety needs by providing adequate supervision by certified therapists and qualified mental health specialists while the children eat meals, receive homework help, and play at the Owl's Nest Park next door. Due to the children's traumatic experiences, the sense of safety is often a luxury for them.

Our prevention education includes information on the harmfulness of drugs and alcohol, non-use as the norm, and the medical model of addiction. Clinical staff also encourage the children to separate their parents from the addiction because they can love their parent and hate addiction.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Hamilton County Public Defender
Project Title	Adult Social Services
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$502,920.00

Project Description:

The Adult Social Services Division is part of the holistic defense team of the Hamilton County Public Defender's Office. The interdisciplinary team consists of lawyers, social workers, investigators, administrative support specialists and community partners who work together to help clients address the issues that led them to involvement in the criminal legal system. ASSD is requesting funding for two additional social work positions and two mitigation specialists expand services to clients. The clients will live in Hamilton County and be at least 18 years of age. All clients of the office are screened and must be deemed indigent to qualify for a public defender and ASSD. The expanded services will increase the number of clients that can be served. Currently social workers in ASSD receive referrals from staff attorney at the Public Defender's Office. They serve over 17,000 clients from April 2023 to April 2024. During that same time period the four social workers and the director in ASSD served over 700 clients. The additional new staff positions will allow them to serve 500 more clients. With this increased capacity the social workers will also be able to accept referrals from the panel or private attorneys. The new social workers would continue the process of the current social workers. They conduct biopsychosocial assessments to get a thorough understanding of a clients history, including family of origin, education, employment, medical, mental health, substance use and or abuse, and any trauma related to physical or sexual abuse. Armed with this information the social worker would consult with the attorney and client in devising a plan that might include some form of treatment. Many clients have substance use and alcohol use disorder or untreated mental health issues that led to their involvement in the legal system. The social worker collaborates with a host of community partners to garner services such as outpatient or residential treatment, individual or group counseling, peer support, medically assisted treatment, trauma informed care, etc. The mitigation specialist will also perform biopsychosocial assessment, but they will concentrate on writing mitigation letters for the court. The purpose of the letters is to education the court on the client's circumstances, complete history, any records for verification of treatment and recommendations that center around treatment; not punishment. Both positions if funded will advocate for the client in court with their lawyer to present alternatives to the court to incarceration or jail based treatment. These expanded services will lessen the number of days clients spend in jail, lessening the impact of incarceration on employment, relationships and their support networks. The interventions will allow them to address the issues that brought legal involvement and decrease the number of client that repeatedly are arrested. Thus, reducing recidivism and possible saving lives.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Hope Over Homelessness
Project Title	Hope Over Homelessness Hotel Program HOH2
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$81,600.00

Project Description:

The Hope Over Homelessness Hotel Program | HOH2 aims to provide supportive and recovery housing and services specifically tailored for individuals in recovery from substance use disorder. The primary activities of the program include offering long-term housing in an identified hotel, access to addiction recovery resources, mental health support, vocational training, and assistance in transitioning to permanent housing. Current outcomes include reduced homelessness among individuals in recovery, improved access to recovery services, increased employment opportunities, and enhanced overall well-being.

The service area for this program targets areas with high rates of homelessness and substance use disorder, ensuring accessibility for those in need. Intended beneficiaries are individuals experiencing homelessness who are actively working towards recovery from substance use disorder.

Subrecipients for the program includes local nonprofit organizations specializing in addiction recovery services, mental health providers, vocational training programs, and housing agencies. These subrecipients have collaborated to deliver comprehensive support to program participants, addressing their unique needs and facilitating their journey towards stable housing and sustained recovery.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Learning Grove
Project Title	Cradle to Career Opioid Abatement Prevention Strategies for Hamilton County Families
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$193,795.71

Project Description:

Learning Grove's project includes three primary activities proven effective as predictors of positive outcomes for individuals and families impacted by opioid use disorder and substance use disorder (OUD/SUD). These prevention strategies are designed to prevent substance use at key points from cradle to career for Cincinnati families. The first activity is related to high-quality early childhood education and its impact on working families. Cincinnati's Pre-School Promise funding is being eliminated for summer childcare funding leaving working parents without childcare during these months. Work is one of the best predictors of positive outcomes for individuals with OUD/SUD and those being impacted by the epidemic. 95 families will be impacted by the loss of childcare funding and at severe risk of becoming unemployed. Funding for this activity will provide continuity in childcare over the summer months for the 95 families so parents can remain employed and their children receive high-quality early childhood education.

Learning Grove's second activity enhances the FamiliesFORWARD After-School Programs that reach almost 2,600 students and their families at four Cincinnati Public Schools: Bond Hill Academy of Math and Science Discovery (in Bond Hill), Carson School (West Price Hill), Hays-Porter School (West End) and Withrow University High School (which draws citywide). The neighborhoods are some of the most economically depressed in the city with 99% of students qualifying for free and reduced lunch. Programming includes academic support, a diverse set of enrichment activities, and a meal provided through a partnership with the FreeStore FoodBank. This funding will support enhanced services by adding in specific drug education and prevention enrichments and deeper community and family engagement activities. By expanding the reach and enhancing the After-School programming, increased targeted prevention efforts will reduce and/or mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) impacting our students and families. Exposure to ACEs and childhood trauma early in life is a root cause of addiction in adulthood.

Learning Grove's third activity enhances NaviGo's Withrow college and career prep services. Withrow's enrollment data indicates a high percentage of low income (98.8%) and a high number of minority students (97.8%) and an alarmingly low college and career readiness rate (3.1%). NaviGo focuses on three services including work-based learning, YouScience career aptitude assessment, and targeted supports for English language families. As a prevention strategy, NaviGo decreases the disparities in education and employment outcomes for students living in Hamilton County's pockets of poverty.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	MindPeace
Project Title	A Brighter Future: Preventing SUDs and Building Resilience Among Hamilton County Youth with ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Through a Strong Multi-Tiered System of School-based Mental Health and Behavioral Support.
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$297,000.00

Project Description:

Which came first? The chicken or the egg? Or rather - mental illness or substance use disorders (SUDs)?

According to the Common Comorbidities with Substance Use Disorders Research Report published by the National Institutes on Drug Abuse, SUDs and mental health disorders often contribute to one another, and both share similar risk factors, such as genetic vulnerabilities, epigenetic influencers, brain region involvement, environmental influences, stress, trauma, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

So, while we can't affirmatively say which came first, research suggests mental illness and SUD's are unequivocally intertwined and often deeply influenced by one another. It's for this reason that fostering resilience through accessible mental health treatment, particularly for youth, is one of the greatest weapons in our toolbox for preventing SUDs.

That's where MindPeace's school-based mental health model comes in. It's a game-changer for today's youth, especially those impacted by trauma and ACEs.

Early on, we discovered that the most effective and equitable way to connect students to care was to offer quality brain health support in schools where all students would have near-equal access, where transportation and busy family schedules would no longer be barriers to care, and where students could benefit from an integrated team approach.

Together with community collaborators, we've developed a unique network of fiscally-responsible, school-based mental health partnerships chosen by community stakeholders, co-located, integrated and offering full-time therapy support.

Last year, through the MindPeace Network, 137,667 students had access to school-based mental health services and 9,194 students received therapy. And most remarkably, our network's access to care ratio was 72% - well above the CDC's estimate that only 20% of children in need of brain healthcare actually received care. Our ongoing network goal is to strive for an 80% access-to-care connection rate.

Additionally we manage a MindPeace Community-based Referral System to support schools when student referrals exceed the capacity of their school-based therapist team. So far this school year alone, we've helped link 762 students from 63 schools to community-based support.

And we continue to grow! Since August, our Network of School-based Mental Health partnerships has grown by more than 17% (from 203 schools within 23 school districts to 238 schools within 28 school districts).

For the grant period of 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2027, with your support, MindPeace hopes to expand and deepen our support for school communities within Hamilton County, partnering with school and agency teams to maximize student access to treatment through monthly referral meetings where barriers to care are identified and problem-solved. Additionally, the MindPeace community referral system will continue to link students to community treatment when school-based mental health teams are at capacity.

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Applicant	NeighborHub Health - Cincinnati Health Network, Inc
Project Title	Street Medicine and Harm Reduction Services for Persons Experiencing Homelessness
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$485,000.00

Project Description:

Opioid addiction continues to be a significant problem facing the state of Ohio. Death rates are higher among African Americans, who are also more likely to experience homelessness. Unhoused patients are nine times more likely to die of an overdose death than stably housed patients. The unsheltered have limited access to existing programs for substance use disorder (SUD), specifically opioid use disorder (OUD), in the Cincinnati area. Therefore, the proposed Street Medicine program will aim to effectively provide education, harm reduction services, linkage to addiction treatment, and medical care, including buprenorphine for OUD and PrEP for HIV, to unstably housed patients in Hamilton County by delivering services in an environment that is comfortable and easily accessible to them.

The Street Medicine program will assemble a team of healthcare professionals that includes primary care and emergency physicians with specific knowledge and experience related to substance use disorders, homelessness, and social determinants of health. This team will identify patients on the streets of Cincinnati and deliver health care to them where they are currently living. Primary activities will include driving the Street Medicine van to areas of need and offering educational materials, harm reduction supplies, health screenings, treatment of medical needs, and linkage to treatment for mental health and SUDs, specifically OUD. The purpose is to reach patients who may not otherwise encounter the health care system and provide services which have demonstrated effectiveness in combating both opioid use disorder and overall disease burden.

The expanded Street Medicine program will be formed through a partnership between the NeighborHub Health/Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Street Outreach Program and the University of Cincinnati Early Intervention Program (UC EIP). The goals of this project are to expand Street Medicine coverage and increase the number and proportion of patients exposed to services to prevent and treat opioid overdose and OUD. By the end of the grant funding period, coverage will expand from NeighborHub Health's current eight hours monthly to thirty-two hours monthly. Additionally, the program will expand existing services, including harm reduction, linkage to mental health and SUD treatment, screening for infectious diseases, and delivery of care for medical needs such as wound care. The addition of UC EIP emergency physician leaders will quadruple the staffing capacity of the current program by UC Family and Community Medicine (UCFM) and provide additional expertise in addiction, social determinants of health, and emergency medicine.

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Applicant	Over-the-Rhine Community Housing
Project Title	Addiction Recovery Services in Affordable Housing
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$172,691.00

Project Description:

Over-the-Rhine Community Housing operates permanent supportive housing utilizing the Housing First model which provides individual apartments with onsite support services for people who have been chronically homeless, suffered from substance use disorder, and are often dual diagnosed with mental illness. While Housing First does not mandate sobriety, income, or mental illness treatment, we house people first without having them meet any requirements and bring support services to their door with onsite programming to enable them to have a healthy stable pathway forward. This approach has been proven to work for many suffering through the cycle of jails, institutions, hospitals, rehabs, shelters, and the street. Funding will enable us to deliver services for individuals grappling with addiction, encompassing crucial recovery support. Our programs are distinct because they provide long-term supportive housing specifically for those dealing with addiction issues. Given the demographic these programs cater to, there is a pressing need for intensive services, which are currently underfunded as our financial resources have been primarily allocated to maintaining affordable rents rather than supporting these essential, intensive services.

We provide this unique model of permanent supportive housing first at two locations in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood of Cincinnati, Jimmy Heath House (JHH) and Recovery Hotel. Over-the-Rhine is within Cincinnati's urban core, and while recently it has seen huge economic growth, this neighborhood and its residents were disinvested in for decades leaving many people who have been suffering without viable resources. Permanent supportive Housing is the solution as it enables these people to have a much higher quality of life and is the basis for accessing vital services for their health and wellbeing. The expected outcome of this permanent supportive housing first model is that we will continue to be able to provide direct support services and a high level of individual support needed to ensure our clients not only remain housed but continue to experience stability and thrive. Many former residents of Recovery Hotel move on to successful careers and continue to give back to the community by supporting others who engage in the journey of recovery. With funding, we aim to serve 256 individuals with a successful completion rate of 83%. At Recovery Hotel, 46% of residents secured employment and 72% experienced an increase in income during their stay, marking significant accomplishments for individuals in recovery.

Additional resources for families at Over-the-Rhine Community Housing are crucial to help mitigate long-term emotional and psychological impacts of housing instability. We integrate trauma-informed care to nurture resilience and creativity of the children in this community, significantly enhancing their emotional well-being and academic performance through tailored support and engaging activities.

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Applicant	Oxford House, Inc.
Project Title	Expansion of the Oxford House Model™ in Hamilton County
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$340,000.00

Project Description:

Project Summary

Oxford House, Inc. (OHI), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, plans to expand its evidence-based recovery housing model, specifically for those identifying as recovering from opioid use disorder (OUD), with justice involvement in OneOhio Region 2 over the next 36 months.

Primary Activities and Expected Outcomes

Expansion of Recovery Housing:

Establish 6-9 new Oxford Houses, serving approximately 184-271 individuals in Hamilton County within 36 months. These houses will offer additional recovery beds to accommodate adults of all gender identities, including those with justice involvement and pregnant and parenting individuals. This expansion will enhance access, reduce barriers to recovery resources, and strengthen support networks.

Scholarship Program:

Offer move-in stipends for 99 (33 per year) economically disadvantaged individuals recovering from OUD. These stipends will help our target population transition into stable, supportive living environments, providing up to 1 month of financial support to obtain and maintain housing in an Oxford House.

Training Programs:

Deliver as-need training sessions focusing on overdose prevention, response techniques, and the efficacy of medically assisted recovery (MAR) pathways. This training will equip our residents with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond to opioid-related emergencies and support individuals on MAR pathways, including the use of medications for opioid use disorders (MOUD).

Outreach and Support

Employ one full-time equivalent (FTE) Outreach Worker and engage a Regional Manager at 10% level of effort to ensure effective implementation and management of project components.

Service Area:

The project is focused on Hamilton County within OneOhio Region 2. It addresses the needs of this community by bolstering its capacity to support individuals in recovery through an expanded recovery housing network.

Intended Beneficiaries:

The direct beneficiaries of this project are adults of all gender identities recovering from OUD, particularly those who are justice-involved, pregnant, or parenting, and those on MAR pathways, including MOUD. The program specifically targets residents of Hamilton County but also directly benefits the broader community through improved public health outcomes and reduced opioid misuse.

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Applicant	Sunstone Life Inc
Project Title	Project Jumpstart
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$252,000.00

Project Description:

The lack of recovery housing in Hamilton County is primarily attributed to the limited availability of beds. Additionally, financial constraints significantly restrict access for individuals seeking recovery housing, particularly those who have been released from jail or recently incarcerated.

To tackle this pressing issue, Sunstone proposes a comprehensive study to be conducted from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The main objective of the study is to enhance access to recovery housing by offering qualified individuals a housing stipend for up to 90 days, at a rate of \$35 per day. In addition, these participants would be required to attend a 10-week life skills training course at Life Learning Center in Covington, KY, engage in their employment services and secure employment by Day 91 or sooner.

To be eligible for the housing stipend and maintain the stipend, candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Recently released from the Hamilton County Justice Center or involved with the Hamilton County Justice System, including participation in court programs, probation or related issues
2. Referred to an OHMHAS-certified outpatient MAT (Medication-Assisted Treatment) treatment provider upon release
3. Demonstrating a genuine need for recovery housing
4. Be approved for the life skills coursework and graduate successfully from the course

Sunstone will take responsibility for administering and overseeing a monthly assessment of all study participants, commencing on Day 0 and continuing until Day 90. Additionally, quarterly questionnaires will be administered on Day 180, 270, and 360. The data collected from these assessments, along with information from Sunstone's recovery housing database, will undergo thorough analysis to evaluate and report on the outcomes of the study.

The primary objective of this study is twofold: first, to demonstrate the positive impact of a recovery housing stipend on successful re-entry for individuals; and second, to highlight the value derived from a systematic and collaborative approach involving the criminal justice system, treatment providers, housing providers and case managers (life skills training and support) in the post-release phase of recovery.

Through this comprehensive analysis, Sunstone aims to showcase the benefits of providing financial support for recovery housing and illustrate the advantages of a well-coordinated and cooperative system involving key stakeholders in aiding individuals' recovery and reintegration into society. The study's findings will contribute valuable insights to support and improve existing practices in the realm of recovery housing and re-entry programs.

We are requesting \$252,000 which will allow Sunstone to offer a minimum of 80 individuals 90 days of subsidized recovery housing (\$35/day) and enrollment in the Life Learning Center life skills course. It is our intent to utilize this funding in its entirety over a 12 month period.

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Applicant	Talbert Services Inc
Project Title	Victory Parkway Recovery Housing
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$480,000.00

Project Description:

This project will convert an existing rental housing property owned by Talbert Services at 2630 Victory Parkway into an ORH-certified recovery home for singles and couples, prioritizing admission for those who identify as LGBTQ+. The building is comprised of 19 units (13 1 bedroom units; 6 efficiencies). The property is next to an existing recovery home that Talbert Services owns and operates, and it will meet the unmet demand for recovery housing for couples and individuals. With a location immediately adjacent to our other recovery home, located next-door at 2640 Victory Parkway, and across the street from our behavioral health and primary care locations at 2621 Victory Parkway, we will create a campus sober-living environment to support our residents, including those in the LGBTQ+ community.

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Applicant	The First Step Home Inc.
Project Title	Expanded Access and Admission to Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Women and their Children
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$355,482.00

Project Description:

The proposed project/program is to expand ‘open access’ by 25 hours per week. Currently, First Step Home offers open access to treatment Monday through Friday 8am to 3pm. Through this expansion project, open access hours would be extended by an additional 5 hours a day, creating open access hours from 8am-8pm. By expanding open access hours, it is expected that on demand treatment will be available to more women during non-business hours for entrance to care, and increase assessment and admission to SUD treatment. OneOhio Foundation’s grant will result in a 71% increase in weekly admission hours, meaning women will be able to walk in during a 12-hour time period each day of the work week to receive lifesaving care for their substance use disorder.

This expansion project will require First Step Home to hire three additional positions to accommodate 25 afternoon and evening access hours.. The first staff role necessary to this project is a Counselor who can complete clinical assessments and determine the appropriate level of care for prospective clients. The second additional staff position is a Recovery Support Specialist who will provide the necessary intake process for new women coming into treatment. The intake process for new clients includes orientation, intake and conversation about client and agency expectations to ensure that the treatment program structure is understood. The third critical position to assist in expanded access to treatment is a Court Liaison. Since over 50% of our referrals come from the courts system, this position would be embedded in the specialty courts throughout Hamilton County, offering as an immediate contact to treatment for women in the greater Cincinnati area. This position would serve as the liaison between the clients, the court, and First Step Home. This allows for open communication, immediate access to treatment, and referral back to the courts for timelier progress and superior coordination.

The service area impacted by this project is primarily Hamilton County, or Region 2, however First Step Home treats women and their children from many surrounding counties including Butler, Clermont, Warren, as well as other states, including Indiana and Kentucky. Intended beneficiaries of this expansion project include the women served, their children who are allowed to come into treatment and receive services, as well as the families of the women served. The overarching goal of this project is to shepherd more women adversely impacted by substance use disorder into treatment and recovery. This in turn will create a healthier community, where individuals in need have expanded opportunity to achieve a future of recovery for herself and for her family.

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Applicant	Urban League Of Greater Southwestern Ohio
Project Title	IMPACT Community Empowerment Project
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	2
Requested Amount	\$88,000.00

Project Description:

ULGSO's IMPACT Department utilizes a holistic life-cycle approach to disrupt generational poverty on individual and systemic levels, targeting economically distressed and high-crime neighborhoods.

Solid Opportunities for Advancement & Retention (SOAR) provides resume development, career exploration, conflict management, employment readiness, and job placement. SOAR is provided in 2-week cohorts with meals/stipends provided, graduation events, and case management during and after the program to support retention. SOAR completion is the first step to eligibility for career pathways in Child Care, Healthcare, HVAC, Construction, and IT. SOAR offers 11 cohorts (up to 25 participants each) annually for 275 participants. In 2023, new pathways include replication of the award-winning Building Futures Program, which connects unions, businesses, and nonprofits to create pathways in construction trades to grow earning power and implementation of Black Women in Tech in collaboration with JP Morgan Chase to offer IT pathways through Google Tech credentialing.

ULGSO is a LISC-certified Financial Empowerment Center that helps households achieve financial stability and build wealth through coaching, credit counseling, and financial empowerment workshops. Services are integrated within SOAR and available to other community members. Curated topics include Financial Health 101, Black Men & Money, Wealth Building Wednesdays, and Home Ownership Seminars. FEC serves 250+ a year.

ULGSO leads the Community Partnership Center (CPC) violence prevention/intervention program. Teams are "boots on the ground" connecting with residents and community councils to develop trust and create safer neighborhoods. They are credible messengers of the possibility of change through community education and outreach, 1:1 coaching and/or group mentoring, and critical incident responses/de-escalation services to reduce offending behavior through social services and community mobilization. The team provides outreach to 8,000 individuals, mentors 150 participants through the Hope Opportunities, Opportunity, Choices, and Consequences (HOCC) program, and provides technical assistance to neighborhood councils. They are a primary recruitment strategy for ULGSO services.

Urban Champions focuses on leadership development, career exploration, and violence prevention to build youth resiliency and peer connections in a safe space. Youth engage in paid internships and bi-weekly career-readiness training throughout the academic year and summer. Youth leaders develop and host an annual summer city-wide Youth Summit as a platform for youth to amplify their voices and dialogue with adults and community stakeholders. It serves 250 youth a year.

ULGSO requests funds to support inter-department coordination and staff training to expand its capacity to serve participants with barriers resulting from trauma, mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice involvement, and racism.

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Applicant	Academy Of Medicine Education Foundation
Project Title	Training Primary Care, Emergency, and Resident Physicians to Provide Office Based Opioid Treatment
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$8,900.00

Project Description:

Medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders is a critical component of treatment and recovery. Physicians who wish to provide office-based opioid treatment with buprenorphine in the state of Ohio are required to complete 8 hours of continuing medical education related to substance use and addiction every two years to provide this incredibly valuable care option.

Our project aims to increase the number of physicians who can provide this office-based treatment by offering a training session to introduce more physicians to MOUD treatment. The training will specifically target primary care physicians in Region 3. The training session will aim to count at least 2 hours towards the required 8 hours of Continuing Medical Education on substance use and addiction required by Ohio and federal law for office-based opioid treatment and will include discussion of best practices for facilitating implementation of MAT in the office. The training will also provide guidance on completing the remainder of the CME requirements and staff will follow up with participating physicians in the months following the training.

The project will aim to train 50 new non-addiction physicians in MAT principles. These 50 physicians will be able to go on to complete their CME requirements and begin prescribing medications for opioid use disorders in their community. The Academy intends to continuously follow up with these providers through the year of the grant to evaluate the impact of the training and provide ongoing support to providers.

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Applicant	American Heart Association Inc
Project Title	Cuyahoga County CPR and Opioid Lifesavers program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$125,000.00

Project Description:

A review of current Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) programs across Ohio identified an absence of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, including rescue breaths and compressions. There is also a growing need for deeper engagement in predominately Black communities that are experiencing rising rates of opioid death and a lack of access to OEND resources. The American Heart Association notes that predominantly Black, Hispanic, and low socio-economic status communities have low rates of CPR training and bystander CPR rates (Cheng et al., 2020). These low rates correlate with disproportionately poor outcomes that these communities experience from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. With the increase in deaths from opioid-associated out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OA-OHCA), the AHA has identified the inclusion of CPR in OEND programs as a priority, with a focus on communities that lack access to CPR training and have low bystander CPR rates. The CDC shared a report in 2022 highlighting the significant increase in deaths of Black Americans from opioid overdose, more than twice that of white Americans (CDC, 2022). Ensuring that Black and low-socioeconomic communities have access to lifesaving treatment is critical to addressing this crisis.

Cameron Dezuflian, M.D., FAHA and lead author on the AHA scientific statement on OA-OHCA stated, “Targeted educational campaigns providing opioid use disorder education and prevention information, naloxone distribution and conventional CPR training, including rescue breathing, to those likely to have or witness an opioid overdose could help prevent and improve treatment of opioid-associated out-of-hospital cardiac arrest,” (AHA Newsroom, 2021, p.1). The AHA’s scientific statement highlights the role of laypeople or bystanders in response to OA-OHCA. The writing group states that “Emergency management of opioid poisoning requires recognition by the lay public or emergency dispatchers, prompt emergency response, and effective ventilation coupled to compressions in the setting of OA-OHCA.” (Dezuflian et al., 2021. p.1).

The AHA has successfully collaborated with Summit County Public Health, Akron EMS, and the Summit County Opiate & Addiction Task Force over the past two years, implementing sustainable CPR integration into current OEND programs. The work proposed in this application would take the learnings from Summit County and expand CPR integration into current and future OEND programs in Cuyahoga County. AHA staff have close relationships in Cuyahoga County with critical stakeholders such as the Department of Health, EMS, and community-based organizations. This staff will work closely with these collaborative partners to provide the resources and technical support necessary to expand their capacity to include CPR in OEND programming. These efforts will focus on high-risk, under-served, and under-resourced communities with an emphasis on Black and low socio-economic communities.

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Applicant	Care Alliance
Project Title	Medication Assisted Therapy Funding for Non Insured Patients
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$30,000.00

Project Description:

Care Alliance is focused on supporting members of our community experiencing various types of addiction. Our patients rely on us to provide access to treatments associated with their addiction. Many patients benefit from the fact that their insurance covers the cost of MAT in its entirety, however, some patients fall through the gap where their private insurance will not cover the medications full cost, or the insurance will not cover it at all. Due to the high cost of MAT medications used to treat addiction, this may limit the patients financial ability to receive proper treatment for addiction.

It is proposed that Care Alliance have funds available to cover the cost of MAT medications for addiction in the case of a patient not being able to financially receive an MAT medication. The project involves direct communication from Care Alliance providers with Care Alliance Pharmacy to identify the patients who would benefit from this program. The expected outcome is to provide our patients with the best care possible.

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Applicant	Circle Health Services dba The Centers
Project Title	Pathway to Recovery Program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$253,590.00

Project Description:

Activities: The Centers opened a walk-in medication assisted treatment clinic (WinMAT) in March 2024 at its Gordon Square location, just west of downtown Cleveland. WinMAT is a groundbreaking new service addressing opioid use disorder (OUD) in real time, without barriers such as wait times and pre-treatment requirements. Individuals who arrive at the WinMAT clinic receive same-day evaluation and personalized treatment plans, ensuring that immediate treatment is available when someone reaches out for help.

Using this same model, The Centers will open a WinMAT clinic at its Uptown location where it will be co-located with the well-established harm reduction program. With these co-located services, The Centers will be able to offer a dual intervention:

1. Low-barrier, walk-in access to MAT for individuals with OUD: same day evaluation and initiation of MAT for individuals who have taken the step to initiate treatment, and ongoing MAT and support for individuals who need follow-up or bridge care to ensure they continue their treatment plans
2. Low-barrier harm reduction services for individuals with active substance use: syringe exchange services, immediate basic medical care by an onsite nurse (e.g., safer use counseling, wound care, testing for infectious diseases, and harm reduction supplies), and linkages to medical and mental health care, on site and in real time.

This approach is a low-barrier, appointment-free model centered around meeting individuals where they are and connecting them with the type and level of care they have identified as needs. Co-location of these services allows for care of individuals at all points in the harm reduction spectrum, from those seeking decreased mortality risk, to reduced and safer use, and to abstinence and sustained recovery.

Expected Outcomes: Through the proposed program, The Centers will increase the number of individuals accessing MAT by 150 per year; complete an average of 25 patient encounters per week; treat 100 individuals for Hepatitis C infections; provide wound care for 100 individuals; and expand the use of HIV prevention (HIV PreP) medications among individuals who use injection drugs by 10%.

Service Area: The WinMAT clinic will be located at The Centers' Uptown clinic, which is easily accessible via public transportation. WinMAT will serve individuals from anywhere in the Greater Cleveland area. Our harm reduction program, which also operates from the Uptown location, has a presence at The Mead House in the North Broadway neighborhood that borders Slavic Village, an area of Cleveland that has been hit particularly hard by the opioid crisis, three times per week. Therefore, The Centers will be conducting targeted outreach in that area to ensure individuals are aware of the treatment options available to them.

Intended Beneficiaries: The beneficiaries of the proposed project will be individuals who have substance use disorders, particularly OUD and people with injection drug use (PWID).

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Applicant	Hispanic Urban Minority Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Outreach Program
Project Title	15 Passenger Van Acquisition
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Infrastructure
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$60,000.00

Project Description:

Our van recently broke down and the repairs cost more than the worth of the vehicle.

We used our van to transport clients to and from our treatment programs which include IOP, OP, Peer Support Services, Crisis Intervention, Family Support Services and other supportive Case Management SUD Services. Many of our clients lack reliable transportation and would otherwise be unable to participate in treatment. Clients may need to be driven to court to attend to legal matters and various social service agencies to apply for needed support as they begin their recovery journey. Clients may also be transported to Sober Houses as needed, or the Emergency Room for crisis stabilization for mental health concerns and/or for other treatment services such as detox. We also offer support and education to those who have a loved one who is experiencing a substance use disorder or who may be in recovery. Through our Families Unidas Program or Families Together, we provide transportation to family members to attend our Support Groups. In these Support Groups, families learn about the nature of addiction and best practices to support their loved one.

Our service area for our clients currently includes Northeastern Ohio, with a focus on area codes 44109 and 44102, where the opioid crisis and overdose related deaths are among the highest in the nation. Our intended beneficiaries are those affected by Substance Use Disorder; those in need of bilingual, and culturally sensitive treatment.

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Applicant	Legal Aid Society Of Cleveland
Project Title	Improving Access to Justice for Individuals with OUD in Recovery through Legal Aid in Region 3
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$130,000.00

Project Description:

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland (Legal Aid) will expand the Community Advocacy Program (CAP), our medical-legal partnership with MetroHealth, to support the health, well-being, and recovery process of Region 3 residents who have been diagnosed with or had family members impacted by Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

Medical-legal partnerships (MLPs) bring civil legal aid to places where people seek medical care. This allows practitioners to address social determinants of health, which are factors such as home environment and economic stability that affect up to 80% of a person's health outcomes.

Our MLP with MetroHealth, known as CAP, embeds Legal Aid attorneys at MetroHealth locations to efficiently serve patients facing civil legal threats to their basic needs. These attorneys help train MetroHealth staff to spot legal issues impacting a patient's health. As MetroHealth staff identify these issues through a screening process for social determinants of health or through patient care, they directly refer patients to CAP to access legal advice and representation. Legal Aid currently maintains a regular on-site presence at five MetroHealth locations, creating streamlined service delivery.

With OneOhio Recovery Funds, we will add to our MLP by embedding another Legal Aid attorney at MetroHealth's Cleveland Heights Behavioral Health Center. Since people with mental illness are more likely to experience substance use disorders, this new location will be particularly impactful for reaching individuals with co-occurring disorders and providing them with increased access to services that address the complex barriers they experience to successful recovery.

As a result of this MLP, people in Region 3 who have OUD, have co-occurring OUD and behavioral health conditions, and/or have a family member with OUD will have increased access to civil legal services that support the four dimensions of recovery as identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration:

HEALTH: legal services help people overcome barriers to enrolling in Medicaid and maintaining their coverage.

HOME: legal services help people avoid periods of housing instability by representing tenants facing eviction and homeowners facing foreclosure. They also help tenants hold landlords accountable for maintaining rental properties to address conditions issues (like lead presence) that create health risks.

PURPOSE: legal services help people overcome barriers to stable employment and progress towards career goals by sealing criminal records and fighting employment discrimination.

COMMUNITY: legal services help people maintain safe and structured communities by navigating family law issues and securing civil protection orders. They also help immigrants who have faced violence or persecution obtain humanitarian relief that will allow them to safely stay in their new community.

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Applicant	Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Transgender Comn Ctr Of Greater Cleveland
Project Title	Expansion of SMART Recovery Evidence-Based Addiction Programming for Cuyahoga County's LGBTQ+ Community
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$123,185.64

Project Description:

Basics: Funding will support the expansion of the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland's vital on-site SMART Recovery evidence-based addiction programming for LGBTQ+ individuals in Cuyahoga County. The first SMART recovery programming in Ohio tailored for LGBTQ+ participants, these affirming sessions started in an online format in 2021 and have grown to reach over 1,250 folks in person/year.

Funding will enable growth in five key ways over two years: 1) Expanding SMART Recovery programming to reach new participants from a new location on Cleveland's east side; 2) Implementing integrated individual counseling sessions on-site at the Center for Cuyahoga County LGBTQ+ residents with SUD; 3) Creating a new outreach team to share information about programming with 500+ LGBTQ+ folks in the places they frequent and feel safe; 4) Training and implementing two new peer support recovery coaches; and 5) Creating a toolbox specializing the SMART Recovery model to the LGBTQ+ community for use in other LGBTQ+-centered organizations.

SMART Recovery programming is created from evidence-based psychology. It uses Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy to support individuals with understanding how their thoughts and behaviors have come to impact their lives in a negative way. The recovery programming is the only LGBTQ+-centered programming in the state of Ohio and endeavors to build the model to broaden impact indefinitely.

Outcomes: This project will result in:

An approximately 40% increase in SMART Recovery programming participation rates.

At least 85% of participants reporting improved access to safe, affirming, and equitable recovery services.

75% of participants experiencing a reduction in symptoms or behaviors as they relate to addictive behaviors.

60% of participants will experience increased time between last use/ behavior.

80% of participants experiencing increased frequency with which community support is accessed.

80% of participants experiencing a reduction in feelings of shame/ stigma related to addiction.

Intended Beneficiaries: This project is expected to reach otherwise unreached LGBTQ+ adults ages 18-64 from the greater Cleveland area. At least 30% of these are expected to be persons of color. Programming will serve a staggeringly diverse population who struggle to achieve equity, inclusion, and well-being. Many have gender-fluid identities and around 40% identify as something other than "male" or "female." LGBTQ+ individuals are disproportionately impacted by poverty, health challenges, and homelessness. Lifetime experiences of social

exclusion, discrimination, and identity concealment cause diminished physical and mental health. Access to LGBTQ+-affirming education and health and wellness services is severely limited. Many Center participants report they will go without basic services and care rather than feel unsafe, unseen, and unaffirmed.

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Applicant	Mental Health Services For Homeless Persons Inc dba FrontLine Service
Project Title	Trauma Therapy Services for Children and Families Impacted by Opioid Addiction
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$293,422.00

Project Description:

In 2022, FrontLine Service (FLS) piloted the Supporting Children program to provide Trauma Systems Therapy (TST) to children who had lost a caregiver to opioid overdose in Cuyahoga County. TST addresses both the child's emotional needs and the social environment in which the child lives. TST-trained clinicians engage not just with the child, but with the individuals and systems that impact the child's ability to regulate emotions.

Supporting Children staff work directly with TST developer, Dr. Glenn Saxe, and the Center for Child Welfare Practice Innovation and the Trauma Systems Therapy Training Center of the New York University Grossman School of Medicine, to design and implement the program. FrontLine Service partners with the Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services and Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office to create a referral system for the program.

Working with the Supporting Children families proved to be more intensive than originally projected as the interplay between children, families, and systems was rife with trauma and emotional dysregulation. Staff noticed an emerging need when working with the families – the need for services before the death of a loved one. To address this need, FrontLine intends to expand the program to include an additional TST therapist and evidence-based practice, Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, to increase capacity to better serve families living with or who have lost a caregiver to opioid abuse.

Through a multi-phase effort to engage, assess, screen, and treat, clinically trained staff will use TST and TF-CBT to reduce traumatic symptomatology by 25%, household disorganization by 20%, and improve functioning at home and in school for the children enrolled in the program. Supporting Children will serve a minimum of 100 children in Cuyahoga County who have been impacted by a caregiver's substance abuse (50 in year 1; 50 in year 2).

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Applicant	Near West Side Multi Service Corporation
Project Title	Behavioral Health Services
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$85,979.00

Project Description:

The May Dugan Center exists to support low-income individuals, seniors, and families by providing wrap-around services through its core programs to promote access and continuity of care while partnering with other non-profit organizations across the county to prevent service duplication. All services are provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. May Dugan Center clients reside in the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

The May Dugan Center's Behavioral Health Services (BHS) provides Individual Mental Health Counseling and Case Management Services, Mental Health Groups, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counseling and Case Management, SUD Intensive Outpatient Program (SUDIOP), Anger Management, and Specialized LGBTQ+ Services. May Dugan Center is accredited by CARF International and certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

The proposed project will expand Behavioral Health Services by hiring an additional SUD Counselor who is a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) or Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). This SUD Counselor will provide needed support for clients with complex needs, namely substance abuse and SDOH (social determinants of health) by assisting with housing, mental health, primary care coordination, transportation, coordination, education coordination, help with transitions of care, legal involvement support linkage and support finding recovery meetings. All care is individualized based on the needs of each client but can be extended per client need.

The hiring of an additional SUD Counselor will allow BHS to expand the IOP program to two sessions, which will double the number of clients serviced and graduated from the program. Additionally, this position will increase the program's dual diagnosis capacity.

The expected outcome of the proposed project is as follows:

- 1) Increase retention in treatment.
- 2) Increase program ability to track outcomes and metrics.
- 3) Increase success rate – completion of IOP by meeting all program milestones and attendance requirements for the program.
- 4) Increase the number of clients served.
- 5) Prevent burnout from existing staff.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Restore Recovery: Small Repairs Grants for Recovery Housing Residences
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$110,000.00

Project Description:

Ohio is facing a critical shortfall in meeting the demand for recovery housing, with only 31% of the need currently being addressed statewide. Cuyahoga County is making appropriate strides meeting the needs for Level III housing. However, Cuyahoga County is only meeting 15% of the need for Level I housing, 47% of the need for Level II. Operators at lower levels of support often do not have the same connections to larger treatment entities, and are less likely to have available resources to make critical property or facility repairs. When housing is not available at lower levels of support, we see a trend where people stay longer than needed at the higher levels of support, decreasing the overall availability of housing in the area.. As we strive to bridge this gap and provide essential support to individuals on their path to recovery, it is imperative to address the challenges faced by recovery housing operators, particularly concerning minor repairs to their homes.

A small investment can make a significant difference in enabling recovery housing programs to get started and thrive. However, many operators, especially smaller ones with budgets less than \$500,000, lack the necessary resources to fund minor repairs swiftly. Without timely interventions, these operators may struggle to meet quality standards mandated by Ohio, effective January 1, 2025.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) recognizes the crucial role that recovery housing plays in facilitating successful recovery journeys. Last year, ORH offered a similar grant program, providing funds to over thirty-five properties serving more than two hundred Ohioans annually. These properties would not have attained certification standards without access to funding needed for critical repairs. Funds for this program will run out this Fall and will not be renewed.

The impending implementation of quality standards is a positive step towards ensuring safe and supportive environments for individuals in recovery. However, there must be a clear pathway to

compliance, accompanied by accessible resources. ORH understands the necessity of striking a balance between regulatory requirements and the provision of support mechanisms for operators striving to meet these standards.

Without adequate funding and support, many recovery housing operators may face insurmountable challenges in making necessary repairs and achieving or maintaining certification. It is crucial to acknowledge the inherent disparities in resources among operators and provide targeted assistance to those in need.

In light of these challenges, ORH is seeking funding in the amount of \$110000 for the establishment of a mini-grant program aimed at providing mini grants to recovery housing operators in Region 3 for minor repairs. By offering financial assistance, we can empower operators to address critical repair needs, ensuring compliance with quality standards and safeguarding the well-being of individuals in recovery.

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Applicant	OhioGuidestone
Project Title	Expansion of MAT Services in Cuyahoga County
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$197,057.12

Project Description:

OhioGuidestone intends to expand its Rapid Access Medication Assisted Treatment in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, with clinics located at 3500 Carnegie Ave. Cleveland, Ohio and 434 Eastland Rd. Berea, Ohio, utilizing both telehealth and in-person visits.

The Rapid Access MAT clinics will provide MOUD with FDA-approved medications in combination with psychosocial services, counseling, behavioral therapies, RSS, and other clinically appropriate services.

The clinic in Cleveland will be open twice a week for 4 hours per day, serving 208 clients, and the clinic in Berea open once a week for 4 hours per day, serving 104 clients, for a total of an estimated 312 unique clients for the grant.

Medical staff will have any required training on substance use disorders and opioid use disorder for the prescribing of the above-listed medications. Also on staff will be nurse practitioners, nurses, and clinicians who can conduct an appropriate clinical assessment for co-occurring substance use and mental disorders and develop a plan to either deliver or coordinate any services determined to be necessary for the individual patient to achieve and sustain recovery. The Diagnostic Evaluation will be utilized to establish the diagnosis and severity level of OUD based on the DSM-5 criteria and ASAM Level of Care criteria. Nurses will provide initial health checks, take vitals, review MAT protocols, and obtain consent for care. Qualified Behavioral Health Specialists will provide case management activities such as linkages to services to address basic needs, referral to medical care, and care coordination with other providers.

MAT is not a stand-alone treatment and will be accompanied by counseling and BH therapies. In addition to providing MH/SUD treatment, long-term recovery is facilitated by wraparound services such as case management, peer support, and counseling. Case management and the organization of patient care across providers is essential for long-term recovery.

The outcome goals will be as follows:

- 312 clients served, monitored in our secure web-based electronic health records database -EVOLV;
- 80% Client Engagement, they will follow through with BH / MH services, in addition to getting the medication, monitored in EVOLV;
- 70% Client Sobriety-clients not using other substances in addition to their MAT, urine screens used for compliance; and
- 70% Client Medication Compliance, monitored via urine tox results.

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Applicant	Recovery Resources DbA 407- Recovery Resources
Project Title	Recovery Resources & The MetroHealth System Transition from Jail to Community (TJC) Initiative
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	3
Requested Amount	\$228,616.00

Project Description:

Recovery Resources will partner with The MetroHealth System and The Cuyahoga County Corrections Center to implement its Transition from Jail to Community Initiative (TJC). TJC will be implemented for the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center focusing on incarcerated persons with substance use disorders including individuals who also have mental illness. Our jurisdiction will apply the TJC model to develop and use an effective case management process which includes a strong community handoff component ensuring continuity of care between in-jail and community-based programs and services. Recovery Resources will collaborate with The MetroHealth System, and the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center to identify the risk levels and needs of returning populations while focusing their resources on individuals with the highest unmet needs.

Our proposed initiative will provide integrated health, mental health, and substance abuse treatment for people with severe mental illness who have been recently incarcerated. Our primary activities will make innovative use of care coordinators and case managers to improve care and reduce recidivism in what has been a fragmented and failing system for our underserved population in Cuyahoga County. Our current sample of active participants is reflective of our prior work: predominately male (80%), African American (66%) or White (31%), non-Hispanic (95%), ranging in age from 18 to 64 with an average age of 38.5 years, and not employed (90%). Although most of our currently active clients were housed with family or friends at the time of enrollment (60%), their housing circumstances tend to be unstable and can change quickly. Others live in situations that are stable but intended to be temporary. About 9% live in community-based prisons and 8% are in residential treatment. Another 5% reside in group homes. More than 16% of our current client base is homeless. The services that we offer are an essential part of rehabilitation during and after incarceration.

We will aim to serve approximately 2,000 (24-month period) people with severe mental illness who have been incarcerated to reduce substance abuse, manage, and improve physical health conditions, ensure access to services to improve quality of life, provide appropriate substance use treatment, mental health care, with the goal to reduce recidivism. We expect to establish a working system to integrate physical, mental, and substance abuse care across multiple partner agencies.

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Applicant	Alvis, Inc.
Project Title	Alvis, Inc. Peer Supports
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$133,085.00

Project Description:

Alvis serves individuals with justice involvement and their families, those facing substance use disorder and their families, as well as individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The organization offers compassionate, whole-person treatment that helps clients remove the barriers to a productive life. At Alvis, people find the inspiration, the encouragement, and the tools they need to turn their lives around 180 degrees. The Alvis vision is that communities believe each person's potential is more important than their past.

Alvis operates a residential reentry center (Halfway House) in Toledo, within Lucas County for men and women under federal, state or local correctional supervision. Alvis provides a full array of reentry services and programs including case management; care coordination; workforce development; cognitive behavioral therapy; substance use disorder and behavioral health services; and transitional and recovery housing. Alvis also ensures that the basic needs of clients are met. Linkage is provided to connect clients to housing, food, clothing, transportation, healthcare, job services, and other community resources. Alvis assists clients in obtaining identification documents and applying for Medicaid and other social service benefits.

This program will provide Alvis clients/residents with needed support from individuals with lived experiences that can share their history and point to hope for the future. This program will provide two Peer Supporters as well as clinical oversight and training for Peer Support certification. Peer Supporters can advocate for those in recovery, help navigate complicated systems, and share their stories of recovery.

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Applicant	Center Of Hope Family Services, Inc.
Project Title	ELEVATE In School Support
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$51,690.42

Project Description:

Center of Hope Family Services (COHFS) will implement a comprehensive drug prevention program at Washington Local's Silver Creek Elementary utilizing the Life Skills Training (LST) curriculum. Sources such as SAMHSA and Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development recognize the LST program for its effectiveness in reducing youth drug use and delinquency. The LST program is designed as a classroom-based intervention that equips students with essential skills across three key domains: personal self-management, social skills, and resistance skills.

The LST program will serve two distinct student groups at Silver Creek Elementary. The Middle School Program will target 60 6th-grade students identified by the principal and school counselors based on risk factors associated with substance use. The sessions run over three years, with 30 sessions (15 in the first year, 10 in the second, and 5 in the third year) occurring once a week and addressing increasing challenges as students age. The Elementary School Program, targeting 40 students in grades 3-5, is a proactive measure to ensure the overall success of the students. This 8-week curriculum, also covering the three foundational domains, aligns with the risk and protective factors addressed in the middle school curriculum. Despite the overwhelming evidence of effectiveness for the Middle School curriculum, COHFS is intervening early with students to lay a strong foundation for their social and emotional development.

In addition to the LST curriculum, COHFS will provide supplementary support to parents and caregivers. The Nurturing Parents Curriculum is an evidence-based program recognized by various agencies, including OJJDP and SAMHSA, offered in response to direct requests from parents to enhance protective factors against high-risk substance use. Through partnerships with local organizations like Cherry Street Mission and Ohio State University Family Engagement Program, COHFS will offer additional parent supports such as GED and workforce development services and financial literacy support through PNC Bank.

This multi-faceted approach not only targets the immediate needs of preventing drug abuse among youth but also supports their overall social and emotional development, extending to the earliest grades with additional social-emotional support for students in grades K-2 funded through other sources. The program's effectiveness will be measured using the LST Health Survey and analyzed by an independent evaluator. Expected outcomes include 75% of participants will report normative expectations concerning substance use; will demonstrate improvement in healthy communication, positive peer relationships, and problem solving and decision-making skills to make healthy choices; will reduce mental health and disciplinary incidences; and will attend the majority of program sessions.

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Applicant	Harbor
Project Title	Harbor LGBTQ+ Substance Abuse Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$529,542.00

Project Description:

The Harbor LGBTQ+ Substance Abuse Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Program will provide a continuum of prevention services utilizing all of the SAMHSA strategies for prevention (information dissemination, education, community-based process, environmental approaches, alternatives, and problem identification and referral). This initiative outlines a comprehensive approach to assisting people in Lucas County (Region 4) who are LGBTQ+ ages 18-26 to identify common risk and protective factors for behavioral health concerns, create supported plans for ongoing wellness and risk reduction, gather for social connectedness, and facilitate safe passage from the community into the behavioral health system of care. This will be accomplished by using evidence-based practices including SAMHSA's AFFIRM curriculum, Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), evidence-based adaptive coping strategies such as mindfulness, journaling, social and peer supports, and models of cultural navigation and care coordination. Funds will be used to hire a prevention specialist provider who has lived LGBTQ+ experience, use social norms marketing and engagement strategies to change social norms, engage LGBTQ+ cultural navigators for improving access to other needed behavioral health services, and building protective factors through experiences that decrease social isolation and stigma.

Goals of the program include:

1. To create safe, trauma-informed spaces for psychosocial connection for people who identify as LGBTQ+.
2. To inform and educate people who identify as LGBTQ+ in order to create knowledge-driven, trauma-informed self-advocates.
3. To prevent the initiation of the use of opiates, methamphetamines, and other drugs of abuse among people who are LGBTQ+.
4. To create cultural gateways for people who identify as LGBTQ+ to access the larger behavioral health system of care.

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Applicant	Lucas County Children Services
Project Title	Family Search and Engagement Specialist
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$463,802.00

Project Description:

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) proposes a transformative initiative to utilize One Ohio Recovery Grant funds to strengthen its Family Finding efforts and nurture a Kin-First Culture.

At the heart of this endeavor would be adding two pivotal positions: a dedicated Family Search and Engagement Specialist and a contracted Kinnect to Family Coach, coordinated through Kinnect to Family. These roles are indispensable for expanding and enriching family finding services within the agency. The former would lead intensive efforts to locate and engage a child's relatives. The latter would provide crucial guidance and support to caseworkers navigating the family finding process.

A cornerstone is collaboration with Ohio START and Ohio Youth-Centered Permanency Roundtables (YCPRT), facilitated through Kinnect to Family. Ohio START, a comprehensive program addressing families affected by parental substance use disorders, and the YCPRT, focusing on youth aged 12 and older in custody for over a year, converge to establish legal permanency through youth-centered meetings.

This two-prong approach would involve a youth directly in placement decisions, while widening the search for relatives who can handle or support such a kinship placement. In sum, a youth would remain with family, while a relative support network is arranged to strengthen the extended family dynamic.

By forging close partnerships with these stakeholders, LCCS aims to deliver a holistic support to families impacted by the opioid epidemic, prioritizing kinship placements and reinforcing family connections to foster stability and well-being. Integrating Kinnect to Family and Ohio START presents an unprecedented opportunity to develop a more impactful approach to supporting affected families, leveraging resources and expertise to address their diverse needs.

Data from Lucas County's 2023 annual report underscores the prevalence of substance abuse, particularly opioid use, in case openings, emphasizing the urgency of intervention. Through the integration of these partners, LCCS endeavors to devise a comprehensive approach to supporting affected families. LCCS is committed to enhancing kinship placement practices evident in a 9% increase since 2019 in children placed with kinship caregivers.

LCCS anticipates that the allocated funds will be instrumental in aiding families in Lucas County affected by opioids, providing vital natural and community supports to safeguard family unity. Ohio START's proactive stance aims to curtail unnecessary child removals by addressing substance abuse issues early and effectively. The YCPRT Program, by involving youth in placement decisions, seeks to circumvent placements in unstable congregate care settings. Collaborating with Kinnect to Family's Youth Roundtable program holds promise to better serve youth impacted by opioid use. These initiatives resonate with LCCS's mission to bolster the community and enhance the well-being of children and families.

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Applicant	Neighborhood Properties Inc
Project Title	The Stable Foundations Grant
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$447,282.00

Project Description:

The Stable Foundations Grant seeks to address the pressing need of affordable housing for individuals seeking recovery in their lives. Homelessness is a complex issue that is further exacerbated by challenges such as substance use and mental health disorders. This grant will provide crucial rental subsidy for a minimum of 15 individual households per year for up to 3 years. This rental assistance will include income based rental assistance, and supportive housing services.

Stable foundations will be Lucas County focused, serving homeless individuals living with substance use and or co-occurring mental health disorders. The primary intended outcome would be that individuals retain their housing beyond the critical time which is the first 12 months of being housing. This time is established by the evidence base critical time intervention model of care.

Our program's primary goal is to provide stable and supportive housing for homeless individuals with co-occurring disorders for the duration of their tenancy, thereby reducing the cycle of homelessness and improving their overall well-being. By addressing housing instability, we aim to create a foundation for individuals to engage more effectively in treatment and support services so that they may see long term success in their recovery.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$33,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 4 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
- Building and fostering a supportive community environment.
- Effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders and neighbors
- The Importance of documentation and record keeping

By investing in the professional development of house managers, this initiative seeks to elevate the standard of services provided in recovery homes, thereby positively impacting the recovery journey of individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Moreover, by addressing the workforce shortage in the recovery housing industry, we aim to ensure the sustainability and scalability of

recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

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Applicant	OhioGuidestone
Project Title	Rent and Transportation Assistance for Lucas County Renewal House East Residents
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$83,160.00

Project Description:

OhioGuidestone requests support for Renewal House East in Lucas County, Ohio. The recovery home provides housing and support in a sober living environment to men, ages 18+ recovering from an alcohol or drug addiction. The recovery home, opened in 2015, is a Level 2.0 recovery home that focuses on providing practice, social support, and opportunities for maintaining sobriety and wellness.

The house provides space for up to 10 men, at a resident-driven length of stay. During their stay, residents focus on making plans to self-sustain sobriety, including identifying and building new sober supports, searching for employment, building income, and obtaining housing for when they transition to independent living.

OhioGuidestone requests funding to provide rent and transportation assistance to residents of Renewal House East. Many individuals entering recovery face financial challenges, including unstable employment and low income. Many come directly from a correctional institution. To cover the costs of the house, residents are charged rent at \$350/month. Individuals may have this cost covered by funding sources such as the local court. However, individuals sometimes come in without a funding source or a means to pay.

Funding from OneOhio Foundation will support individuals without a funding source to stay at the recovery home for as long as needed, with enhanced access to essential recovery services and activities. OhioGuidestone intends to serve five residents each month with rental support of up to \$350 per person, for as long as the resident needs.

Additionally, accessing outpatient treatment services as well as securing employment are crucial aspects of the recovery process. Residents need transportation assistance to ensure they have access to treatment services, employment opportunities, medical appointments, social sober recreational activities, and other engagements. Transportation assistance to residents through bus passes and gas cards can remove barriers to employment, increase engagement in treatment services, increase successful outcomes, and encourage development of sober support networks. By offering rental and transportation assistance, OhioGuidestone can help men in Lucas County have a stable, supportive environment to maintain sobriety without the burden or stress of financial challenges and transportation barriers.

OhioGuidestone's goal at Renewal House East is to provide a structured, supportive recovery environment for men in Lucas County to recover from addiction, maintain sobriety, and improve their well-being.

OhioGuidestone's proposed outcomes for the project include to:

- Serve at least 18 individuals per year at Renewal House East.
- Connect at least 85% of residents in Renewal House East to outpatient SUD treatment services.
- Serve at least 5 clients per month with rent support at Renewal House East.

- Serve at least nine clients per year with transportation assistance at Renewal House East.

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Applicant	Zepf Center
Project Title	Zepf Center Recovery Supports for Lucas County
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	4
Requested Amount	\$400,000.00

Project Description:

Zepf Center seeks funding through the OhioOhio Recovery Foundation for Recovery Supports Services (RSS), including recovery housing and peer support services. The purpose of the RSS is to ensure that persons with substance use disorders gain access to resources, services, and supports that strengthen early recovery and sustain long-term recovery. The primary activities through RSS include: support for enhancing and expanding current programming and recovery supports for Zepf's Recovery Housing for men and women (i.e. operations, quality staffing, recovery planning, etc.). This expansion of programming ensures that RSS are inclusive of the four dimension of recovery (i.e. health, home, community, and purpose). The service area for this project is Lucas County (Region 4). The intended beneficiaries are adults with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring SUD and mental health disorders who are likely to be low-income and/or indigent, with lived experiences in the criminal justice system, lived experience as unhoused or unstably housed, and in need of significant supports in order to sustain their recovery. We anticipate at least 150 beneficiaries each year. Expected Outcomes for residents of recovery housing include: Improved health through access to integrated care services and wellness services; Improved housing stability at move-out; Improved sense of community as identified by connection to at least one recovery support service; Improved sense of purpose through access to vocational services.

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Applicant	Casa Board Volunteer Association Inc
Project Title	Project Heel: Child Advocate & Therapy Dog for Abused & Neglected Children Impacted by Substance Abuse
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$69,500.00

Project Description:

Funding will support the creation of a new substance abuse specialist position in the CASA/GAL Program of Summit County aligning with the 2024 Regional Funding Priority “services for impacted children & families.” CASA is a one-of-a-kind nonprofit training and supporting child advocate volunteers to speak up for the best interest of abused and neglected children in juvenile court. With this funding, CASA will dedicate a full-time paid child advocate position with a master’s in social work to specialize in juvenile court abuse and neglect cases involving the abuse of opioids and other substances. In most cases, this looks like a parent or caregiver who struggles with addiction to the detriment of the health and welfare of the child. To deepen impact even further, a specially trained therapy dog will work alongside this expert to further enhance healing for these young people who are navigating a scary system through no fault of their own. It’s because of the innovative therapy dog aspect that this project is titled Project Heel – a play on words representing a command to our furry friend and the true healing this out-of-the-box approach can bring.

The primary activities of this project will include the implementation and support of a full-time new MSW-level Substance Abuse Specialist who will be assigned to support work on CASA cases involving opiate and other substance abuse impacting approximately 500 children and alongside approximately 100+ CASA volunteers in which children and families are most negatively impacted by addiction; the enhancement of the role of the CASA program’s Therapy Dog Tater Tot to reach at least 200 children, families, and CASA volunteers involved in cases related to substance abuse; to mobilize the new Substance Abuse Specialist in attending approximately Summit County Juvenile Court’s Family Reunification Through Recovery Court (FRRC) cases accompanied by Tater Tot; to implement new child-centered incentives for approximately parents who are successfully participating in FRRC to earn special visit time that is in the best interest of the child; and to provide specialized training on grief and addiction for the CASA team.

Expected outcomes of this initiative include:

At least 75% of served children will be connected with more trauma-related and other supportive services to help them overcome the impact substance abuse made in their lives and increase the chances of breaking the cycle.

At least 75% of parents of served children will be connected with more recovery-oriented services than parents of unserved children.

At least 90% of CASA volunteers will feel better equipped to serve opiate-impacted families.

At least 90% of FRRC treatment team members feel they could better serve opiate-impacted families.

The CASA program and the juvenile court are a natural place for innovative programming like this to live. The majority of abuse and neglect cases that come through the court involve substance abuse.

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Applicant	City of Green Division of Fire
Project Title	City of Green Quick Response Team
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Public Safety and First Responders
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$155,000.00

Project Description:

1. The City of Green would like to expand its already functioning Quick Response Team (QRT) through our Community Paramedic / EMS Bureau. The primary activities would break down the bureau to respond with both primary and secondary public health prevention models. The Community Paramedic would act as our primary prevention position. Primary prevention would include data collection through surveillance, mapping of “Hot Spots”, and overall identification of the underserved in our community. Primary prevention looks to deflect and educate prior to an event that might require the QRT’s response. The QRT member for which we hope to expand through this grant would act as our secondary prevention effort through our QRT. This person would serve to respond as we do now after an event involving not only opioids, but all other drugs, alcohol, and mental health calls for service. The beneficiaries would include but not be limited to those at risk, their families, local first responders, local area hospitals, mental health facilities and all related entities. The service area would include The City of Green and contiguous cities and counties.

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Applicant	IBH Addiction Recovery
Project Title	Reaching for Recovery: Building Sustainable Recovery through Aftercare Programs
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$75,000.00

Project Description:

IBH Addiction Recovery provides evidence-based programs and services along a continuum of care that includes Residential Treatment, Day Treatment, and Outpatient Programs. While time spent in treatment is the first and most important step for many in their recovery journey, the time an individual spends in treatment is brief compared to the years of post-treatment that follow. Recovery is a continuous process therefore aftercare is an integral component to successful healing. Increasing the length of participation in treatment is associated with improved outcomes, including lower relapse rates. The IBH REACH Program bridges the gap between treatment and long-term sobriety.

The IBH REACH Program provides a community of sober support to clients who are re-entering society to foster safe friendships and strengthen values learned during treatment. Clients who engage in aftercare with IBH Addiction Recovery have longer average recovery times compared to those who do not.

Primary activities of the IBH REACH Program include support groups, recovery meetings, peer support services, educational opportunities, and service-learning volunteer projects. The volunteer projects allow participants to give back to the community for the treatment they were provided in their time of need. In 2023, IBH REACH Program Participants participated in over 2,300 hours of service-learning projects with organizations throughout the Greater Akron and Summit County communities including Good Samaritan Hunger Center, the Peter Maurin Center, the Akron-Summit County Public Library, and more.

The expansion of the IBH REACH Program, IBH Addiction Recovery expects to see increased approved discharges, increased abstinence rates, and decreased recidivism rates. Adult men and women who have completed their addiction treatment with IBH Addiction Recovery will benefit from this project. Additionally, the public will benefit as effective treatment and aftercare provides cost savings to the community. By addressing the root causes of addiction and empowering individuals to reintegrate productively, treatment reduces the demand on healthcare resources, increases workforce participation, and lessens the burden on law enforcement. The National Institute on Drug Abuse estimates that every dollar invested in treatment generates a return of between \$4 and \$7 in reduced drug-related crime, criminal justice costs, and theft.

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Applicant	Portage Path Community Mental Health Center
Project Title	MOMS (Maternal Opioid Mental health support) Clinic
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$144,456.92

Project Description:

Approximately 3.6 million women give birth in the U.S. each year. Childbirth is the most common reason for hospital admission, and cesarean delivery is the most common surgical procedure in our nation. Despite improving access to advanced medical care, severe maternal morbidity and mortality rates in the U.S. increased by over 200% between 1993 and 2014 (CDC, 2020). In 2021, there were 1,205 maternal deaths in the U.S., representing a maternal mortality rate of 32.9 per 100,00 live births, compared with 861 deaths in 2020 and 754 deaths in 2019 (Hoyert, 2023). 4.6 million women (or 3.8 percent) ages 18 and older have misused prescription drugs in the past year. One-third of childbearing women take prescription opioids, previously occurring in 6–7% of pregnant women.

This program aims to bridge the gap in maternal health by offering a low-threshold clinic focused on treating, supporting, and reducing harm for pregnant females with substance use disorder and mental health needs. With approximately 3.6 million women giving birth annually in the U.S., there's a pressing need to address maternal morbidity and mortality rates, especially among marginalized communities. Maternal health disparities persist, with adverse outcomes varying by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic factors.

Improving access to treatment and recovery support systems is crucial, given the high prevalence of mental health problems among women, particularly during the perinatal period. Additionally, opioid use during pregnancy poses significant risks, including neonatal abstinence syndrome and adverse birth outcomes. Screening for substance use disorders should be universal, and early intervention is essential to improve maternal and infant outcomes.

Despite the importance of maternal mental health, many treatment centers lack expertise in this area. By aligning with initiatives like HRSA's Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM), we aim to enhance our program's focus on integrated behavioral health and maternal care. Our practitioners will receive training to address perinatal mental health conditions and provide care for pregnant individuals with substance use disorder.

This program seeks to treat pregnant females with substance use disorder and ensure the well-being of both mothers and babies. By offering comprehensive case management and follow-up services, we aim to improve access to care and outcomes for high-risk mothers and their infants. However, barriers such as stigma, limited resources, and complex health concerns must be addressed to ensure effective treatment and support for this population. Additional wrap-around services, including childcare, transportation, and integrated healthcare, are essential components of a comprehensive treatment approach.

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Applicant	South Street Ministries Inc
Project Title	South Street Reentry Services
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$150,000.00

Project Description:

Since 2010, the Front Porch has been a hub for recovery, reentry, and right living. For 10 years, the Front Porch Cafe operated from this site creating jobs and employment training for individuals in recovery and reentry. In 2017, South Street Ministries launched South Street Reentry Services - a weekly peer to peer support meeting with direct services and community referrals supporting individuals in reentry and recovery. South Street Ministries has hosted the Summit County Citizen Circle from the Front Porch site, and the staff and leadership of South Street Ministries have helped reinvigorate and relaunch the Summit County Reentry Coalition (Receiving over \$44,000 to directly support returning citizens).

Through American Rescue Plan Act funding, South Street Reentry services expanded to include community outreach, youth violence intervention, and transitional housing for women in recovery/reentry through the renovation of Restoration House. The above reflects the breadth of South Street Ministries impact within the recovery and reentry communities. This project seeks to sustain the ongoing reentry and recovery leadership and service initiated by South Street Ministries as the City of Akron's ARPA funding comes to a close in 2024.

Specifically, supporting the operating expenses of the Front Porch site (home to 6 recovery groups), the Reentry Service staffing expenses of South Street Reentry Services (community engagement, women's reentry/recovery case management, and direct youth violence intervention and mentoring). The primary objectives include:

- + Maintain best-practice peer-to-peer supportive services at the Front Porch site, including the weekly Reentry meeting that serves over 60 returning citizens (75%+ of whom have identified substance abuse/recovery needs).
- + Support the operations and advancement of Restoration House, a women's drop-in center and transitional housing for women coming home from institutions (again 75%+ of whom have identified recovery needs).
- + Continue and expand South Akron community engagement to foster a sense of community pride and safety, as well as connecting community youth to sobriety communities and employment opportunities.

Through these efforts, South Street expects to see reductions in the County's recidivism rate, as well as reductions in the incidents of violence throughout the South Akron and Summit Lake communities. On an annual basis, South Street Reentry services will impact over 2,000 individuals through meetings, peer support, events, and direct service supports. Of this number, approximately half are actively tracked and contacted and South Street expects greater sobriety numbers and personal advancement experiences (employment, housing, family reunification), as South Street Reentry Services encourages individuals to live into their full purpose as restored citizens.

This request directly supports the returning citizens and individuals living in recovery in Summit County.

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Applicant	Summit County Turning Point Program
Project Title	Summit County Turning Point Program Alumni Group
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$154,800.00

Project Description:

The Turning Point Program (TPP) is an adult felony drug court that operates within the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, located at 209 South High Street in downtown Akron, Ohio. It is the only adult felony drug court program in Summit County. The drug court is requesting \$154,800 under Strategy 1 (Strategies for Community Recovery) of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation regional grant dollars to fund a 36-month enhancement project to provide a continuum of care for Turning Point Program graduates residing in Summit County, Ohio.

The proposed project includes the formation of a Turning Point Program Alumni Group, which will provide a supportive community for the graduates. A comprehensive research study will be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the alumni group. Compensation and incentives will be provided to the alumni group participants for their time and expertise. The project also includes support for sober social events that are inclusive of family engagement, and training for alumni group participants to enhance their skills and knowledge. This project is directly in line with All Rise Adult Treatment Court Best Practice Standards, VI. Complementary Services and Recovery Capital in that it will connect participants with prosocial networks, provide safe and rewarding leisure opportunities, support their recovery efforts, and enhance their resiliency, self-esteem and life satisfaction. Through the launch of an alumni group, the Turning Point Program will create peer relationships among current and former drug court participants, gain access to credible messengers with lived experience, create opportunities for fellowship, engagement, and activities for current drug court participants, keep alumni engaged following commencement, offering connection and extended recovery capital/support; and create opportunities for alumni to contribute to the community through engagement and service while positively influencing their communities.

Through the implementation of this grant project, the Turning Point Program expects to reduce the recidivism rate for Summit County drug court graduates and contribute formal research on this innovative recovery support initiative to the nation. Indeed, engagement in prosocial community, cultural or spiritual activities enhances community and cultural recovery capital and is associated with improved treatment and public health outcomes.

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Applicant	Summit Recovery Hub Inc
Project Title	Summit Recovery Hub Enhanced Recovery Navigation
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$250,000.00

Project Description:

The Summit Recovery Hub will expand the peer-run recovery community center offering Peer Recovery Support Services and Enhanced Recovery Navigation. This center serves adults in Summit County, Ohio who have behavioral health disorders, including opioid use disorder. It provides low-barrier, walk-in recovery support services and enhanced recovery navigation by connecting Ohio Certified Peer Recovery Supporters, who are individuals with lived experience in recovering from behavioral health disorders, with individuals who are seeking or sustaining their recovery. With this funding support, we will be able to add an additional 18 hours a week to the hours our recovery community center will be open to serve up to 1100 individuals a year and a vehicle that will allow our peer recovery supporters to connect to individuals in the community setting to reduce barriers to sustaining recovery.

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Applicant	Truly Reaching You
Project Title	Sustained Recovery for Men Reentering Community in Summit County
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	5
Requested Amount	\$90,000.00

Project Description:

Truly Reaching You, Inc. (TRY) provides all-inclusive reentry and recovery programming at no cost to approximately 70 men per year, ages 18 and over, in Akron and Summit County, Ohio. Participants have recently been released from prison or addiction recovery facilities and possess a complex set of challenges on returning to society, requiring intentionally designed support and myriad wraparound services. TRY's core services are delivered over four distinct program phases, from healing/stability at the outset, to fulfillment, new sense of self and ultimately, sustained reentry/recovery at completion.

Through the 4 program phases, men receive:

- o basic/foundational needs (safe, family style recovery housing in 1 of 7 transitional homes; clothing; food)
- o Peer Recovery support and mentoring, incl. access (transportation) to meetings, doctor/counseling appointments, more
- o hands-on Employment Skills and Career Education (social-enterprise/work-for-hire program incl. 4 training tracks (housing rehab/construction lawncare/landscaping; commercial cleaning; basic logistics), plus education in manufacturing and construction
- o tailored wraparound supports shown to positively impact long-term outcomes

Employment training offers men skills that support earning of meaningful wages; this not only increases sense of self-worth (essential to sustained recovery/reentry) but offers the means to support themselves and their families (subrecipients). Another subrecipient group of this training phase is the wider community. Through many partnerships (local government, businesses, etc.), dozens of construction/rehab and landscaping projects are completed annually, helping to combat blight and support the vitality of neighborhoods targeted for improvement.

Expanded case management practices, standardized for recovery/reentry work at TRY and intended to create a more formal system for appropriate recommendations and participant records archival, is the focus of this project. This will include development of indicators and data collection processes that support an alumni-focused, continuity of care follow up program, with intent to show the longer-term (permanent) impact of this work.

TRY has seen impressive outcomes to date: of 201 men who have completed all phases, just 2 have turned to prison (1% recidivism rate, compared with Ohio's (2021) rate of 32.7%). Continued ability to inform case planning and enhance data management will keep more men in sustained recovery and safe from harm; keep them employed and (safely) housed; and lead to a meaningful, productive life. Projected outcomes include:

- Increased # of men staying in Recovery Housing 4+ months

- Increased IOP completion rate for men staying for at least 4 months
- Decreased % of substance/alcohol abuse for men staying for at least 4 months
- Increased rate of obtaining driver's license for men staying for at least 4 months
- Increased employment earnings for men staying in Recovery Housing while begin

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Applicant	A.V.O. Behavioral Health, LLC
Project Title	Recovery Housing Enhancement Programing
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$99,768.91

Project Description:

We will be teaming up with local recovery houses in our area and providing them with transportation to get those in the house that are interested in IOP group and individual counseling. This will be provided by peer supporters that can also discuss their recovery and possible other needs. Recovery Housing does not typically offer formal IOP format groups, which is the recommended path of recovery by SAMSHA, NIH, and HHS. By providing transportation to our already established and running groups we overcome a major barrier by many housing programs. Further by establishing this relationship with the houses and those that are staying in it we can also bridge other barriers such a needs for SUD and medication management. We are looking to pilot this as a initial program with one of the recovery houses in the area with a goal of further expansion to others.

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Applicant	Alliance City Health Department
Project Title	SWAP (Stark Wide Approach to Prevention) Needle Syringe Program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$69,867.91

Project Description:

The Alliance City Health Department in regards to HIV/AIDS and Hep C is looking to start a Clean Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) to provide a continuum of care to injection drug users (IDUs) while promoting harm reduction, treatment services, referrals to other services, and distribution of Narcan (when available).

The Alliance City Health Department organization, is requesting funds to do the following:

1. Implement a clean syringe exchange program;
2. Provide active referrals to HIV and STD treatment, PrEP, health and social services
3. Promote the reduction of behavior that is high-risk for HIV, STI and HCV transmission

Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies that reduce negative consequences of drug use, incorporating a spectrum of strategies ranging from safer use, to managed use, to abstinence. Harm reduction strategies meet IV drug users “where they’re at,” addressing conditions of use along with the use itself.

Because harm reduction demands that interventions and policies designed to serve drug users reflect specific individual and community needs, there is no universal definition of or formula for implementing harm reduction.

- Accepts – for better or worse – that licit and illicit drug use is part of our world and chooses to work to minimize its harmful effects rather than simply ignore or condemn them.
- Understands drug use as a complex, multi-faceted phenomenon that encompasses a continuum of behaviors from severe abuse to total abstinence and acknowledges that some ways of using drugs are clearly safer than others.
- Establishes quality of individual and community life and well-being—not necessarily cessation of all drug use—as the criteria for successful interventions and policies.
- Calls for the non-judgmental, non-coercive provision of services and resources to people who use drugs and the communities in which they live in order to assist them in reducing attendant harm.
- Ensures that drug users and those with a history of drug use routinely have a real voice in the creation of programs and policies designed to serve them.
- Affirms drugs users themselves as the primary agents of reducing the harms of their drug use and seeks to empower users to share information and support each other in strategies which meet their actual conditions of use.

- Recognizes that the realities of poverty, class, racism, social isolation, past trauma, sex-based discrimination and other social inequalities affect both people's vulnerability to and capacity for effectively dealing with drug-related harm.
- Does not attempt to minimize or ignore the real and tragic harm and danger associated with licit and illicit drug use.

Promote reduction & provide health education, wound care, clean syringes and referrals to appropriate support.

Focus on group PWID MSM, along with high-risk behavior populations.

The outcome is to Reduce OD rates and infectious diseases and access to the use of treatments.

Provide harm reduction services.

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Applicant	Aultman Hospital
Project Title	Aultman Hospital Emergency Department Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$293,898.60

Project Description:

Aultman Hospital will establish a Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Program within the Emergency Department (ED) to better serve patients suffering from OUD through immediate assessment, education, treatment, and referrals. Aultman will hire one full-time Substance Use Navigator to build rapport with OUD patients, assist in meeting their needs, and help navigate the transitions of care from 11:00 am-7:00 pm. The Substance Use Navigator will be trained in crisis intervention and conflict de-escalation techniques. In addition, Aultman will expand its clinical pharmacy coverage from 10 hours to 18 hours each day (6:00 am - 12:00 am) through hiring one additional full-time clinical pharmacist. The Substance Use Navigator, clinical pharmacy team, and ED providers will collaborate to ensure timely access to comprehensive, quality healthcare for patients with OUD.

The ED is often the only entry point into the healthcare system for individuals with OUD. As a result, the ED can provide immediate access to MOUD as well as a warm handoff to a long-term care provider. Therefore, ED visits are important opportunities to screen for OUD and identify patients who may not be screened elsewhere. According to the CDC Linking People with OUD to Medication Treatment Technical Package, patients offered MOUD in the ED are twice as likely to accept the offer of treatment compared to patients offered links to care through other healthcare professionals (CDC 2022).

Next, staff will initiate the evidence-based treatment buprenorphine. Offering buprenorphine has been proven to reduce morbidity and mortality in patients with OUD. MOUD initiated in the ED using buprenorphine has been successful and has revealed that individuals are more likely to stay engaged in formal OUD treatments. Aultman Hospital will implement the latest recommendation to discharge patients with a buprenorphine prescription once they are clinically stable and do not require additional medical work-up or management. Aultman's MOUD Program will also provide bridge prescriptions at discharge from the Aultman Employee Pharmacy for patients that cannot access ongoing treatment locations immediately due to off-hours or weekends.

Aultman Hospital's MOUD Program will continue to utilize existing community partners for referrals to ongoing substance use treatment facilities, such as CommQuest, with the goal of connecting patients within 24 hours of the first ED administered dose of buprenorphine (SAMHSA, 2021). Through Aultman's established relationship with CommQuest, optimal referral to treatment including a communication feedback loop will be used.

Finally, Aultman's MOUD Program is focused on reducing harm by offering overdose education and dispensing naloxone kits to all individuals with OUD prior to ED discharge, regardless of their readiness to engage in treatment.

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Applicant	Boys And Girls Club Of Massillon
Project Title	Boys & Girls Club of Massillon
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$73,000.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Club of Massillon (BGCM) recognizes the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the PAXIS Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, the Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming.

The primary objective is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the Clubs aim to provide a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

Expanding programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues ensures broad accessibility and impact. Collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Through this initiative, the Boys & Girls Club of Massillon aims to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

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Applicant	Canton City Public Health
Project Title	Building Resilient Harm Reduction Solutions
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$264,231.91

Project Description:

SWAP (Stark Wide Approach to Prevention), is Stark County's syringe exchange and harm reduction program for people who inject drugs. SWAP services are available every Friday from 2pm-4pm, offering wound care, HIV and hepatitis C testing, vaccinations, and substance use treatment referrals. Since June 2017, the number of clients served has grown from 7 to over 2,132 individuals. The grant funding will facilitate the program's expansion to meet increasing demand by a) expanding physical space; b) ensuring an adequate supply of syringes; c) adding 2 full-time positions (Harm Reduction Manager and Administrative Assistant) for centralized coordination and consistent program implementation; and d) posting a Request for Proposals (RFP) to subgrant with an agency proficient in engaging the Black community to tackle the disparities in overdose rates.

Currently, SWAP operates within a 976-square-foot area, serving up to 120 participants in a 2-hour timeframe. Proposed enhancements involve expanding the space to 3k-5k square feet and extending operating days to 3 days a week in years 2 and 3. This expansion aims to improve access to services, particularly for marginalized communities such as Black individuals, who are disproportionately impacted by substance use. Through strategic outreach and partnerships with local stakeholders, services will be customized to address community needs, thereby advancing public health outcomes.

Funding will procure syringes, critical for harm reduction efforts, addressing previous challenges where 10 out of 12 grant applications were declined, hindering public health interventions, and endangering vulnerable populations.

A new leadership team will offer clear vision and effective coordination, facilitating smoother operations. Simultaneously, an administrative assistant will handle the rising administrative workload stemming from extended hours and increased client demand. This delegation of tasks will enable program staff to dedicate more attention to essential activities, ultimately enhancing outcomes.

SWAP confronts difficulties in meeting the needs of its clientele, prompting the adoption of a station-based system to accommodate the influx of participants, exceeding 120 within a 2-hour window. Furthermore, establishing a leadership role dedicated to overseeing this programming presents Canton City Public Health with the chance to consolidate all harm reduction initiatives under a single umbrella, fostering greater efficiency and synergy.

Finally, the RFP will seek a partnership with an agency skilled in engaging the Black community to address overdose rate disparities. This collaboration aims to enhance outreach efforts and tailor interventions to the specific needs of this community, fostering more inclusive and effective harm reduction strategies.

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Applicant	Community Restoration Centers Inc. of Stark County
Project Title	Gender and ORAS Risk specific Opioid IOP Treatment Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$82,435.91

Project Description:

Community Restoration Centers, of Stark County Inc. as private, non-profit, ODRC licensed residential Halfway House facilities in Canton Ohio to address education, prevention and treatment for opiate related issues. We plan to expand our services to include an Intensive Outpatient treatment program for our residents. Funding for this grant will allow us to hire a licensed professional treatment counselor, which is necessary to pursue the CARF accreditation. The capacity to conduct necessary treatment assessments and to provided an IOP treatment program within in our facility, will address evidence based best practices for the re-entry population, by separating our residents according to gender and ORAS risk scores. Currently, our community providers do not offer such specific groups available to our Justice involved residents. Gaining capacity to offer IOP treatment within the residential facilities will also remove transportation barriers as well as reduced enrollment wait time frames for treatment programs. This project aims to provide IOP services for approximately 100 male and female clients annually based upon our current bed contract and population. This project also aims to address gender-responsive practices that improve outcomes in the community.

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Applicant	Silver Maple Recovery
Project Title	Empowering Recovery - Recovery Coach Support Service
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$137,435.91

Project Description:

The proposed project aims to increase the availability of recovery coaches in inpatient substance abuse treatment facilities. Recovery coaches, individuals with personal experience in addiction and trained to provide peer support, will be integrated into treatment settings to offer personalized support to patients. The primary activities include recruitment and training of recovery coaches, their integration into treatment settings, and ongoing support during the transition from inpatient to post-treatment life. Expected outcomes include improved treatment outcomes, reduced rates of relapse, and enhanced patient satisfaction. The service area includes inpatient substance abuse treatment facilities, with intended beneficiaries being individuals receiving treatment for substance use disorders. Subrecipients, if applicable, would include organizations involved in the recruitment, training, and deployment of recovery coaches.

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Applicant	Stark County Combined General Health District
Project Title	Innovative Harm Reduction Expansion
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$131,435.91

Project Description:

The purpose of the Stark County Health Department (SCHD) application is to implement innovative harm reduction strategies throughout Stark County – through the Stark County Health Mobile and NaloxBoxes.

In early 2023, SCHD was gifted a mobile clinic vehicle from the HEALing Communities Study. The unit is a 30-foot bus with 2 exam rooms and a blood draw area. The goal is to take harm reduction services, and linkages into communities who cannot access services due to transportation barriers and/or making them more comfortable accessing resources in their own communities.

SCHD also proposes to increase the number of NaloxBoxes within the health jurisdiction to ensure that the lifesaving medication is accessible and available throughout the community.

The identified outcomes of this project include filling gaps in harm reduction education, fulfilling recommendations of the Stark County Overdose Fatality Review Committee, and addressing needs identified in assessments and surveys. The expected outcomes for this project include: Enhanced ability of programs to respond to overdose trends for groups disproportionately affected by overdose.

The Services will be strategically placed to reach those needing the services the most.

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Applicant	Young Women's Christian Association of Alliance Ohio, dba YWCA Alliance
Project Title	Transitional housing and wraparound supports for Individuals with SUD
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	6
Requested Amount	\$92,520.00

Project Description:

Since 1938, YWCA Alliance has provided safe, low-cost, transitional housing for women at its headquarters in downtown Alliance. Individuals can stay for up to two years while accessing wraparound support and resources to help them rebuild their lives. Residents are connected with transportation, food and clothing assistance, individualized case management, career navigation, educational opportunities, and more. These services are provided in collaboration with a wide range of community partners, including licensed mental health and substance use treatment providers.

YWCA's Transitional Housing program fulfills a crucial need for housing in the Greater Alliance area, in particular a need for recovery housing facilities for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD). Due to the shelter's no-substance-use policies and the comprehensive support provided, it has served as a de facto recovery housing program for individuals with SUD for many years. Approximately 8 out of 10 of its residents are in recovery, with many of its housing referrals coming from local mental health and substance use treatment agencies.

YWCA currently has the capacity to serve 6 individual women at a time, at its shelter located at its headquarters in downtown Alliance. Recently, YWCA purchased an additional building located .7 miles from its main facility, at 721 S Union Avenue. This will expand its capacity, adding 14 new housing units and enabling it to house up to 30 individuals at once, including families. In addition to increasing the number of individuals with SUD that YWCA can serve, this project will improve services for residents with SUD, ensuring that YWCA's work aligns with evidence-based best practices. This will help more individuals in Stark County pursue and maintain recovery.

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Applicant	ACMC Healthcare System - Glenbeigh
Project Title	Workforce Development Expansion and Recovery Support
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$32,400.00

Project Description:

Glenbeigh is seeking funding for the purpose of expanding the workforce development Earn/Learn/Live program established in Ashtabula County in 2023 with ARC grant funding. The proposed program will concentrate on reducing barriers to entry for individuals living in Trumbull County, who are in recovery and interested in pursuing a career in addiction treatment or supporting individuals with SUDs. The goal is to replicate on a smaller scale the Earn/Learn/Live program by providing housing and education opportunities designed to advance participants along a financially sustaining career path. There was no previous funding for a Trumbull County version of the program.

Glenbeigh is seeking funding to provide workforce development opportunities for up to 10 more participants, which will cover educational components and rental supplement for residents living in Glenbeigh's Trumbull County recovery housing.

Recovery housing provides a stable substance free environment where people can maintain recovery and have access to comprehensive services. Studies show a recovery environment produces positive outcomes including employment reentry and reduced recidivism. Glenbeigh has 5 recovery houses, which can accommodate up to 32 men. The purpose of the program is to provide workforce development opportunities along with safe housing for individuals while providing entry level workers to regional treatment centers, organizations and agencies.

Expected outcomes include affordable housing, a recovery friendly workplace, transportation and access to internet, along with life and job skill development - all with the ultimate goal of achieving independent living. The initial Ashtabula County phase of this program exceeded expectations. Originally estimating 16 participants, to date all slots have been filled and there is a wait list. Graduates have secured employment and several have moved on to independent living. Participants are individuals who have completed treatment for substance use disorder and interested in working in the addiction treatment field. Available education tracks include CDCA, Peer Support and STNA training. Participants can choose to have Glenbeigh or another provider deliver the required work experience and supervision required for certification.

Glenbeigh is also seeking funds for furnishings and storage for an outdoor meeting space used by support groups. A pavilion was constructed late 2023 to provide shelter during outdoor activities. Several support groups, along with residents and outpatient clients use the outdoor space for meetings and gatherings.

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Applicant	Alta Care Group Inc
Project Title	Empowering Youth: Expanding the Reach of YouthMOVE in Mahoning County
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$123,151.28

Project Description:

The proposed project seeks funding to expand the YouthMOVE program operated by Alta Care Group Inc. in Mahoning County, targeting youth ages 12-17. YouthMOVE is a youth-led initiative dedicated to enhancing services and systems to foster youth inclusion, mental wellness, and healthy transitions. Through this expansion, the aim is to empower youth to advocate for themselves and lead fulfilling substance-free lives.

The project will introduce the “Too Good” Evidence-Based Practice 10-lesson curriculum into a six-week after-school program, facilitated by Certified Youth Peer Supporters. The proposed expansion will not only incorporate this curriculum, but it will be integrated into positive social-recreational activities in a club-like setting that will increase engagement and participation. These sessions will run once a week for two hours, focusing on skill development, prevention activities, and understanding peer influence. Key topics include addiction, media literacy, resisting peer pressure, and navigating social relationships.

By empowering youth aged 12-17 through targeted interventions and support, we expect to see several positive outcomes:

1. Improved Mental Wellness
2. Increased Peer Support
3. Enhanced Life Skills
4. Prevention of Risk Behaviors
5. Strengthened Community Resilience
6. Measurable Change in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors

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Applicant	Beatitude House
Project Title	Beatitude House Permanent Supportive Housing Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$140,500.00

Project Description:

Beatitude House operates a Permanent Supportive Housing program provides safe and secure housing for homeless individuals and families in Mahoning County targeting chronically homeless individuals and those with the most barriers to permanent housing. Participants must be literally homeless, have a documented disability defined by HUD as having a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that is expected to be of continued and indefinite duration and substantially impedes and individual's ability to live independently. All families served have income levels at or below 35% of the Area Median Income.

Beatitude House PSH project operates on a "Housing First" philosophy, meaning that admission into the program is not contingent on abstinence of substances, minimum income, health/mental health history, criminal record, financial history, compliant in treatment or participation in services. Prioritization is given to those experiencing chronic homelessness, unmet mental health needs, substance addiction, and/or criminal background who are often failed by traditional housing and other service providers.

This program is a comprehensive program which uses evidenced-based, innovative, and outcome-driven interventions designed to prepare our residents to obtain and maintain permanent housing. We employ a multi-level approach that looks at the economic, social and emotional barriers that have limited our residents' ability to gain stability in their lives. Program services include case management, education assistance, employment assistance, financial literacy, mental health counseling, parenting programs, assistance in finding permanent housing and extended care for program graduates. Beatitude House is committed to disadvantaged individuals and families. By creating homes, providing educational opportunities and fostering healthy families, we provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives.

Our objective is to not only provide our participants with a safe and secure place to live, but also to empower them to set obtainable goals for themselves. While this program has always focused on the individual needs of each client, our programs have evolved and adapted to meet the ever-changing needs of homeless individuals and families. Staff continues to receive continuing education on a variety of topics in order to stay up-to-date on evidence-based best practices. Beatitude House assigns every client a Case Manager to ensure that each person receives client-centric, comprehensive and trauma-informed care for their entire family. The target population for this grant application is people living in our housing who are struggling with their sobriety. By hiring a peer support specialist who will work directly with the target population we anticipate the clients will have a greater chance of long-term sobriety that will allow them to continue to make positive changes in their lives.

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Applicant	Broadway Recovery Services
Project Title	Unio- Peer Recovery Support
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$123,123.00

Project Description:

Broadway Recovery Services (BRS) provides housing with Levels 1 & 2 Recovery Housing, Certified Peer Recovery Supporters, counseling and case management for people in recovery, who many times have co-occurring diagnosis with mental health diagnoses. BRS looks to provide expanded peer support services for Mahoning County residents and partners in the community. Peer Recovery Support (PRS) has been proven to be an effective recovery service & support for those in recovery. We work closely with the Community partners to identify the needs of the community and work with area programs, local mental health and SUD providers, court systems, law enforcement and re-entry programs to sustain full capacity and to aide in access to care/services that the residents require at any given time. BRS utilizes the abstinence and Step-Down program to help residents get personalized care and support in their life, while maintaining accountability in their recovery program. Residents are provided tools within a shared space that aid in promoting healthy lifestyles, teaching discipline and implementing positive change in their lives. Residents are encouraged to participate in volunteer and service projects with area organizations to learn different skills provide a sense of meaning. BRS provides transportation to numerous sites such as medical appointments, court appearances, and community and volunteer events.

We look to add (2) Full Time Employees (FTE's) to expand services, reach, transportation, and number of clients that we can serve. Transportation is one of the biggest barriers to care that exists in the Recovery community, due to loss of license, income disadvantages, incarceration, etc. Also in the arena of barriers to care, we are looking to build, and field test a Web Application called "UNIO" to provide access and linkage to care in the Recovery Community to utilize to get access to care, i.e. Recovery Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Certified Peer Recovery Supporters, selected family members, AA Sponsors, etc. It will provide access to 6+ areas of care and provide community access to individuals who are without a community connection many times. We will test the app with our clients and staff to work out possible glitches and make it more accessible to the Recovery Community at large. The expected outcome is for access to care, connection to community, healthy connections, and lifestyles for those in the Recovery community, building on the tenants of the Step-Down program, 12-Step Recovery Program, abstinence and building meaningful connections.

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Applicant	Cadence Care Network
Project Title	Project AWARE Trumbull County Expansion
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$247,678.20

Project Description:

This project will expand on the Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator (BHCW) model to serve students, families, and staff in several Trumbull County schools. As the 7th most populous state with 11.8 million people, Ohio experienced a 2.3% population increase between 2010 and 2020 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021). About one-quarter (22.1%) are under 18 years of age, slightly over half are female (51%); one-eighth live in poverty; and the majority identify as White (81.7%), with the remaining identifying as Black or African American (13.1%), Asian (2.5%), some other race (0.4%), or two or more races (2.4%); and 4.0% identify as Hispanic/Latinx of any race. A language other than English is spoken at home among 7.2% of the population. Data on Ohioans' sexual orientation is limited; in a 2017 Gallup survey, 4.3% identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (UCLA School of Law Williams Institute).

Ohio's youth are experiencing increasing behavioral health issues since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, including depression, anxiety, substance use, social isolation, suicidal ideation, and suicide attempts (Ohio School Wellness Initiative, 2022). According to the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!, 2022), the percentage of youth reporting issues that warrant further exploration by a behavioral health professional rose from 17% in 2015-2016 to 25% in 2020-2021; while the percentage who saw a behavioral health professional remained unchanged. OHYES! data (2019) revealed that 33.0% of Ohio youth felt sad or hopeless almost every day; 27.4% felt sad during the past year; almost one-third reported clinical levels of anxiety; one-quarter reported clinical levels of depression; 25.9% reported current alcohol use; 13.4% reported current binge drinking; 14.2% of middle-school students reported trying cigarette smoking; 4.9% of high school students reported currently smoking cigarettes; almost half of high school and one-quarter of middle school students have used an electronic vapor product; 29.8% of high school students currently report vaping; and over one in seven seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, with disparities (e.g., significantly higher percentages) for females compared to males, and for Black and Hispanic students compared to White students.

Ohio needs a modern, enhanced infrastructure that will increase the capacity to implement, improve, and sustain effective behavioral health (i.e. mental health and substance use) prevention, intervention, and treatment services in the proposed geographic catchment areas. Although Ohio has made great strides forward in the last two years through the Ohio School Wellness Initiative (OSWI) and Early Intervention (EI) program, the present opportunity arrives at a key intersection of mobilization and compelling need and provides Ohio the opportunity to continue the forward momentum.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Coalition For A Drug Free Mahoning County
Project Title	Equipping Emerging Healthcare Providers to Improve Patient Outcomes
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$37,756.00

Project Description:

Imagine if healthcare providers understood behavioral health. The proposed program expands on an introductory curriculum and advances the knowledge of students in healthcare and allied health disciplines to understand the behavioral health Continuum of Care and increase competency of interdisciplinary communication to improve health outcomes for consumers and communities. This program enhances learning to the level of pedagogy so emerging healthcare practitioners will begin their professional careers with knowledge of behavioral health foundations. The concepts within this program will be delivered through didactic and experiential learning, and include opportunities for students to volunteer within these domains in the community.

The Coalition for a Drug-Free Mahoning County (DFMC) is an established community anti-drug coalition with the mission to educate, advocate and empower the community to prevent substance use and promote mental health across the lifespan. Serving as fiscal agent, DFMC will collaborate with Eastern Ohio Area Health Education Center (EOAHEC) to provide increased opportunities for learning in the behavioral health domain for students attending Youngstown State University and Kent State University Trumbull Campus in pre-med, allied health, or social work disciplines.

This program will focus on the topics associated with the Continuum of Care: substance use prevention, early intervention, Substance Use Disorder, mental health, suicide prevention, and relapse prevention. Primary activities over a twenty-four-month period will include forty-eight (48) hours of classroom instruction; exposure to a multitude of behavioral health practice disciplines and professionals; networking opportunities and access to multi-directional input from providers; experiential opportunities such as shadowing in behavioral health settings; and certifications for Project DAWN, QPR Gatekeeper and Mental Health First Aid.

Area Health education Centers work to develop the healthcare workforce with a focus on rural and underserved urban communities. Increasing the knowledge and competencies of healthcare students and providers in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties' rural and urban areas, the benefits of this program will result in better engagement between patients and local providers, improving the overall health of these communities in particular.

Anticipated outcomes for this project include overall improvement in healthcare outcomes through increased competence of emerging and practicing professionals in substance use prevention, identification, treatment, recovery supports and harm reduction; increased understanding how behavioral health disorders may impact healthcare; increased critical thinking skills that consider the possibility of behavioral health issues; increased ability to recognize and perform prevention or harm reduction protocols; and increased opportunities for licensed professionals to network and mentor emerging practitioners.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Community Legal Aid Services Inc
Project Title	Legal Assistance with Record Sealing and Expungement to Support Recovery
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$150,000.00

Project Description:

Trumbull/Mahoning (7): \$150,000 300 cases

Funding will support CLA's provision of free civil legal assistance to low-income residents who are recovering from addiction and need support sealing criminal records to successfully walk their sustainable paths to independence and wellbeing. Substance abuse is a factor in 25% or more of criminal convictions, and time in the criminal justice system often serves only to exacerbate the challenges a person in recovery faces. Over a coming three-year period, CLA will reach approximately 40 new recovering residents with this transformative service.

Record sealing and expungement are powerful future-oriented remedies for individuals in recovery who are working to rebuild their lives and contribute in a meaningful way to society by reuniting their recipients with many rights and privileges, including the ability to tell employers, landlords, and financial institutions they have no criminal record. Doors that would otherwise be closed stay open - giving individuals in recovery a real chance to achieve financial stability and overall well being.

Often, the power of the law is needed to successfully clear records. Many factors are at play, including eligibility related to the circumstances of the criminal activity, a waiting period, and compliance with the procedures at each involved court. Clients with a history of addiction or involvement with the criminal justice system may be intimidated to access the process and some may face bias or discrimination. Finally, there may be times when a specialized knowledge of the law is required to access a full remedy - for example, some people who are not eligible for a traditional record-sealing may qualify for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) potentially opening the door for certain licenses and job positions.

The goal of this project over the three-year project period is to secure a record-sealing or

expungement order for approximately 40 clients recovering from substance use disorders. As a result of this, projected outcomes for clients include that at least 70% will report 1) success finding a job in an area of expertise/ interest and/or with room for career growth; 2) making more money at their job than before record-sealing; 3) a decrease in barriers to renting or buying an affordable home in a safe neighborhood; 4) a decrease barriers to pursuing bank loans, including a mortgage or capital to start a business and 5) an increased confidence in their ability to continue on a sustainable path to healthy recovery.

Community Legal Aid is a nonprofit law firm providing legal advice, counsel, representation, and education to low-income residents facing civil legal crises across eight counties in central northeast Ohio. The organization serves individuals who live in households subsisting at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and this project will target individuals living in this lower income demographic.

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Applicant	First Step Recovery
Project Title	Brighter Beginnings (Level 2 Recovery Housing for Women and their children)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$1,041,050.00

Project Description:

Recovery housing for women with children in Trumbull County was universally identified by the substance use treatment community as the most desperately needed service for the county. Lack of housing is a huge barrier for reunification for families and it extends children's foster care episodes significantly. The possibility of filling this need immediately brought people from the community together to share their thoughts and ideas. The closest and only recovery housing for women and children in the area is Fleming House in Columbiana County and the distance can negatively affect the families because they are far away from their community and their supports. Fortuitously, a beautiful six-bedroom mansion in a semi-secluded area in Liberty Township owned by the Frost Family Foundation was identified as a potential location for home. The “Eagle’s Nest” offers a retreat-like environment where women in recovery can be with their children in a safe, supportive, environment and concentrate on faith and healing from addiction. The vision for Eagle’s Nest is a collaboration between the Frost Family Foundation, Trumbull County Children Services, and First Step Recovery. Discharge planning at Eagle’s Nest begins at the front door with the goal of independent housing for each family. Occupants will have access to childcare, parenting classes, prevention services, transportation, and a peer recovery coach. The home will be staffed with a House Manager 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The full-time Peer Recovery Coach will be specifically dedicated to the household members. Eligible occupants will be clients of Trumbull County Children Services who are actively in recovery and participate in Family Dependency Treatment Court or Ohio START. If there are rooms not filled by Ohio START and FDTC clients, other court-involved clients of TCCS will be considered to fill the vacancies. Eagle’s Nest is a faith-based retreat and occupants are highly encouraged to attend a church or other spiritual service of their choosing on Sundays. The stakeholders for this project envision stronger, healthier families, who have been given everything that they need to succeed and maintain long-term sobriety.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Mahoning County Public Health
Project Title	Installation of Harm Reduction Vending Machines to Decrease Unintentional Overdoses
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$81,000.00

Project Description:

Mahoning County Public Health in partnership with Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board will purchase and install up to three harm reduction vending machines in identified high-risk areas of Mahoning County. These vending machines will include but are not limited to Naloxone, Fentanyl Test Strips, condoms, and pregnancy test kits. The expected outcome is to reduce unintentional overdoses and decrease HIV and STI infections identified high risk communities by making these preventive items easily available within specific agencies and areas of the county to reduce access barriers. Any individual seeking these items will be able to access the machine. Public educational materials will also be available with the machines including and contact information for county resources.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Mercy Health Youngstown LLC
Project Title	Expand Peer Recovery Support Services in the Mahoning Valley
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$400,300.00

Project Description:

Peer Recovery Supporters are individuals with life experiences who have been trained and certified by Ohio's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Because the service is being delivered by peers who have been successful in the recovery process, they provide a powerful message of hope, as well as having personal knowledge, gained through first-hand lived experiences. The services can effectively extend the reach of treatment beyond the clinical setting into the everyday environment of those seeking to achieve or sustain recovery. The peer recovery team is an essential function of the recovery and stigma reduction efforts at Mercy Health. The presence of the peers in the Emergency Department (ED), hospital floors, and Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP's) have become an essential part of patient care for those experiencing Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). When a person can speak with another who has a shared experience, it adds a depth and hope to the conversation centered around recovery.

Primary sources of referrals for the Peer Support Program include Mercy Health emergency departments and medical floors at four Youngstown locations; St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital (SEYH), St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital (SEBH), St. Elizabeth Austintown Hospital (SEAH), and St. Joseph Warren Hospital (SJWH). Also included are Mercy Health outpatient treatment programs that include Dual, Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health IOP. The peers have created a network of resources with treatment facilities and local programming to ensure appropriate placement of individuals who require detoxification and treatment for substance abuse. The peers have specific knowledge of facilities that treat substance use disorders, co-occurring chemical addictions, medical detox units and the insurances that are accepted at these facilities or organizations. Peers have facilitated placement for patients in Northeast Ohio (Mahoning, Trumbull, , Columbiana, Ashtabula, and other neighboring counties) as well as Western Pennsylvania. Our program is designed to empower patients who are among the most vulnerable populations in the area.

Peer recovery support focuses on long-term recovery and is rooted in a culture of hope, health, and wellness. The focus of long-term peer recovery support goes beyond the reduction or elimination of symptoms to encompass self-actualization, community and civic engagement, and overall wellness. The unique relationship between the peer recovery coach and the individual who is seeking, or is active recovery, is grounded in trust, and focused on providing the individual with tools, resources, and support to achieve long-term sobriety and recovery.

Funds are being requested to expand the program from 4 FTE peers to 6 FTE plus 1 PTE and increase patients served from 960 annually to 1625.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	New Day Recovery, Llc
Project Title	Vouch for a New Day
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$24,000.00

Project Description:

Purpose of Primary Activities: The New Day Recovery and Goodwill Industries Voucher Program aims to address clothing insecurity among individuals undergoing treatment for substance use disorders and mental health disorders within New Day Recovery's continuum of care. Through the provision of \$25 vouchers, individuals can shop for essential clothing items at local Goodwill stores, promoting dignity, choice, and empowerment.

Expected Outcomes:

Reduce clothing insecurity among patients at New Day Recovery.

Increase the accessibility of and availability of clothing resources for individuals in need.

Enhance the overall well-being and self-esteem of beneficiaries by providing them with the opportunity to select clothing items that meet their preferences and needs.

Service Area:

This voucher program serves individuals within New Day Recovery's continuum of care. New Day Recovery works with patients from across the state to provide inpatient care for substance use disorders.

Intended Beneficiaries:

Individuals undergoing treatment for substance use disorders at New Day Recovery.

Individuals experiencing clothing insecurity within the specified service area.

Subrecipients:

Goodwill Industries will serve as the primary subrecipient, providing vouchers at \$25 for beneficiaries to shop at their area stores. New Day Recovery collaborates with Goodwill Industries to facilitate the distribution of vouchers among eligible individuals.

Program Overview:

New Day Recovery initiated the collaboration with Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries in 2021, utilizing available vouchers to support patients with clothing needs. The demand for vouchers has steadily increased, with 20 vouchers distributed in 2021, 150 vouchers in 2022, 160 vouchers in 2023, and 60 vouchers used thus far in 2024. While Goodwill Industries currently funds the program through their grant funding, the growing needs at New Day Recovery exceed what can be provided by a single agency.

As one of 41 partner agencies across numerous counties, Goodwill Industries is committed to addressing clothing insecurity for individuals from diverse backgrounds. New Day Recovery seeks to expand its access to vouchers

specifically for patients receiving care for substance use disorders, enhancing the support provided and addressing barriers such as clothing insecurity.

The voucher program empowers patients to choose clothing items that align with their preferences and needs, offering a more personalized and dignified approach compared to limited options available through community closets. By supporting this initiative, New Day Recovery aims to enhance the overall well-being and recovery journey of its patients, ensuring they have access to essential resources and support during their treatment.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$33,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 7 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
- Building and fostering a supportive community environment.
- Effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders and neighbors
- The Importance of documentation and record keeping

By investing in the professional development of house managers, this initiative seeks to elevate the standard of services provided in recovery homes, thereby positively impacting the recovery journey of individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Moreover, by addressing the workforce shortage in the recovery housing industry, we aim to ensure the sustainability and scalability of

recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Restore Recovery: Small Repairs Grants for Recovery Housing Residences
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$170,000.00

Project Description:

Ohio is facing a critical shortfall in meeting the demand for recovery housing, with only 31% of the need currently being addressed statewide. Trumbull County is making appropriate strides in meeting the need for Level II housing. Trumbull County is only meeting 22% of the need for Level I housing and 48% of the need for Level III housing. Ensuring that individuals have access to the appropriate level of support is critical for ensuring that individuals have a successful outcome from recovery homes. Individuals need a higher level of support for the early time in recovery. They also need the peer-oriented environment in a lower level of support, a Level I home, to help them transition to long-term recovery. In Mahoning County, there are no Level III homes, and the county is only meeting 22% of the need for Level I and 36% for Level II.. As we strive to bridge this gap and provide essential support to individuals on their path to recovery, it is imperative to address the challenges faced by recovery housing operators, particularly concerning minor repairs to their homes.

A small investment can make a significant difference in enabling recovery housing programs to get started and thrive. However, many operators, especially smaller ones with budgets less than \$500,000, lack the necessary resources to fund minor repairs swiftly. Without timely interventions, these operators may struggle to meet quality standards mandated by Ohio, effective January 1, 2025.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) recognizes the crucial role that recovery housing plays in facilitating successful recovery journeys. Last year, ORH offered a similar grant program, providing funds to over thirty-five properties serving more than two hundred Ohioans annually. These properties would not have attained certification standards without access to funding needed for critical repairs. Funds for this program will run out this Fall and will not be renewed.

The impending implementation of quality standards is a positive step towards ensuring safe and supportive environments for individuals in recovery. However, there must be a clear pathway to compliance, accompanied by accessible resources. ORH understands the necessity of striking a balance between regulatory requirements and the provision of support mechanisms for operators striving to meet these standards.

Without adequate funding and support, many recovery housing operators may face insurmountable challenges in making necessary repairs and achieving or maintaining certification. It is crucial to acknowledge the inherent disparities in resources among operators and provide targeted assistance to those in need.

In light of these challenges, ORH is seeking funding in the amount of \$170000 for the establishment of a mini-grant program aimed at providing mini grants to recovery housing operators in Region 7 for minor repairs. By offering financial assistance, we can empower operators to address critical repair needs, ensuring quality.

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Applicant	Recovery Benefits Corp
Project Title	Valley Recovery Partners and Goodwill Industries Workforce Soft Skills Development Classes
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$10,500.00

Project Description:

Valley Recovery Partners (VRP), a non-profit in Trumbull County, plans to collaborate with Goodwill Industries to offer workforce development skills classes to individuals in recovery housing. VRP's goal is to enhance the lives of those in recovery by facilitating personal and professional growth and removing barriers to treatment, workforce re-entry, and community connection. In 2023, VRP aided over 200 individuals in securing lasting employment, while Goodwill Industries completed 329 job placement activities. By integrating Goodwill's resources into their staffing efforts, VRP aims to bolster job placement outcomes for individuals in recovery housing. The program will offer education in financial literacy, interviewing techniques, resume writing, soft skills (e.g., time management, customer service, employee relations), and professional attire. The service area is Trumbull County, and beneficiaries include individuals in recovery housing seeking employment. Goodwill Industries is expected to be the primary subrecipient for this initiative.

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Applicant	Thrive Behavioral Health Center Inc
Project Title	Peer Empowerment: Building Stronger Communities Through Recovery Support
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$271,857.20

Project Description:

Peer Empowerment: Building Stronger Communities Through Recovery Support is an initiative aimed at enhancing the peer support workforce in Trumbull and Mahoning counties. Through structured training, this program strives to certify Ohio Certified Peer Supporters, enabling them to deliver essential recovery support to high-need populations.

Funding to the Peer Empowerment initiative would support the primary activities listed below:

- Peer Empowerment Program: Funding will be utilized to supplement peer supporter workforce development by creating internship opportunities in partnership with local agencies in Trumbull and Mahoning counties.
- Capacity Building: Investments will be made in Thrive's infrastructure to better facilitate the internship program, including the hiring of additional staff and the enhancement of administrative capabilities to manage increased program demands.
- Geographical Expansion: Thrive aims to expand its reach within Trumbull and Mahoning counties, including expanded service delivery in the Trumbull County Adult Justice Center in partnership with the clinical services rendered by Meridian. Shadowing opportunities for prospective interns will target zip codes with high overdose rates and vulnerable populations needing recovery support services.
- Evaluation and Impact Measurement: Resources will be allocated to establish robust evaluation and impact assessment mechanisms to track the effectiveness of the internships and the progress of participants, ensuring accountability and continuous improvement.
- Professional Development and Training: Ongoing training and development opportunities will be provided to interns and staff, ensuring they remain at the forefront of peer recovery support practices and are well-equipped to handle the complexities of the field.

The expected outcomes are listed below:

- Increased peer support workforce in Trumbull and Mahoning counties by 15 newly certified PRS
- Enhanced organizational capacity to manage and facilitate workforce development initiatives effectively
- Increased access to recovery support services for individuals in areas with high overdose rates and vulnerable populations
- Measured effectiveness of the internship program and progress of the participants

- Increase in the number of professional development opportunities for aspiring peer supporters in Trumbull and Mahoning counties
- Increased skills and knowledge to deliver peer support services to vulnerable populations

The Peer Empowerment program will operate within Trumbull and Mahoning counties and will also expand services to those in the Trumbull County Adult Justice Center. The intended beneficiaries are individuals in early recovery who are interested in becoming a peer recovery supporter as well as individuals in need of services in high-risk overdose zip codes and local correctional facilities.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Youngstown Urban Minority Alcoholism And Drug Abuse Outreach Program Inc
Project Title	YUMADAOP Prevention Program (YPP)
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	7
Requested Amount	\$78,120.00

Project Description:

The proposed project will implement evidence-based substance misuse prevention strategies to individuals across the lifespan using Center for Substance Prevention (CSAP) strategies (Information Dissemination, Education, Alternatives, Environmental, Community Based Process, and Problem ID & Referral), and CADCA's Seven Strategies for Community Change (Provide Information, Enhance Skills, Provide Support, Enhance Access/Reduce Barriers, Changing Consequences, Change Physical Design, Modify/Change Policies), to prevent and reduce substance misuse. The Strategic Prevention Framework of SAMHSA is the process that will be used. Additionally, we seek to establish Behavior Wellness Coordinator (BWC) at a local high school to facilitate health promotion, prevention, early identification, intervention, and referral for students and staff who are exhibiting substance use, and/or mental and behavioral health concerns and risk factors. The purpose of the primary activities are to prevent and reduce substance misuse and other behavioral health disorders across the lifespan. Primary activities are (1) implementing best practices substance misuse and violence prevention curricula (Botvin's LST, Too Good For Violence) to students in school and afterschool-based programs, (2) providing drug free alternative activities for youth, (3) implementing community-based prevention services, such as substance misuse prevention media campaigns, establishing drug free zones, activities at retail establishments to reduce underage sell of alcohol, disseminating drug disposal products and prevention information at community events,(4) providing QPR suicide prevention training, (5) providing training to prescribers in best practices regarding prescribing practices to reduce opioid use disorder (6) the BWC implementing a student assistance program at a local school to create a school based mental health system, to increase trauma informed care to students and staff, and to increase awareness of mental health, substance use, co-occurring issues in school aged youth and staff. The service area is Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. Expected outcomes are: (1) Increase in substance misuse prevention information disseminated in the service area, (2) Reduction in substance misuse in youth in school-based prevention programs, and past 30-day use, (3) Increase in perception of risk or harm, of parental disapproval of use, and of perception of peer disapproval. (4) Increase in number of community members who are trained in QPR (5) Increase awareness of mental health, substance use, co-occurring issues in school aged youth, (6) Increase knowledge to understand & detect signs of mental health & substance use disorders in school staff and youth, (7) Increase trauma informed care in a local school. Intended beneficiaries are all community members, whether they receive direct service, or are the beneficiary of prevention media campaign activities, school aged youth, and school staff.

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Applicant	A Loving Heart Youth Services Incorporated
Project Title	The ARISE Project of Dayton, Ohio
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$187,500.00

Project Description:

The ARISE Project is a culturally specific treatment outreach initiative that provides safe and supportive housing, case management, therapeutic and behavioral health services targeting African American men in Dayton, Ohio. For the past 5 years, we have provided these services to all men in the greater Dayton area. Our current racial makeup is approximately 80% Caucasian and 20% African American. While we know it is vital to work with ALL races, as an Agency where leadership is made up of 90% African American clinicians, direct care professional and administrative support personnel, we have a mandate to service AA men, who are disproportionately suffering from opioid overdoses!

We have worked with other nonprofit agencies, local churches and many small businesses to help us succeed with our project and addressing the crisis of AA men, who have passed away because of an opioid silent death in our own back yard.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, in 2022, the unintentional drug overdose death rate for Black non-Hispanic (67.9 deaths per 100,000). The Arise Project will help African men who struggle with substance abuse and mental health issues and offer them the opportunity to regain order in their lives.

We offer leadership, support, evidence-based programs and cater to the needs of our community together. We focus on men, to promote healthy families, fatherhood and job training skills. We collaborate with AMW Management, LLC., to help us provide positive life skills as we achieve our goals to help our community!

Additionally, we are committed to the local community by providing opportunities to training as it relates to workforce development to become leaders in our community. We train men in our community to work with local businesses, who need assistance as it relates to recovery. We exist to help in Montgomery County and the surrounding areas so we can continue to be successful and have productive citizens in our community for many years to come!

Expected outcomes are as follows:

1. Provide safe and supportive housing that incorporates SAMHSA's 11 Recovery Housing Best Practices. This includes residents who are living in zip codes 45403, 45405, 45406, 45410 and 45117 and living in healthy homes beyond zip code restraints. We will meet by providing a safe and healthy living environment that is free from drug use. Our SUD homes are certified by Ohio Recovery Home Certifications.
2. Continue to create collaborations within the business community to involve churches, city and business leaders.

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Applicant	Ascend Innovations, Inc.
Project Title	Crisis Notifications - Dayton Regional Pathways HUB
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$65,000.00

Project Description:

Crisis Notifications would alert the Dayton Regional Pathways HUB personnel of their client's behavioral health crisis in the hospital system, allowing for the appropriate follow-up care to be initiated. Since 2018, the Crisis Notifications system enables providers to provide outreach services to residents who experienced an emergency hospital visit due to a behavioral health crisis event. Crisis Notifications generate a real-time secure notification of patient health and contact information that can be used to mobilize outreach efforts, which would minimize the risk of further overdoses, suicide attempts, and other behavioral health crises. This information would be sent to the patient's current provider (community health worker) of record if the patient is currently affiliated with services through the Dayton Regional Pathways HUB.

Expected Outcomes:

- Improved and expedited care coordination for outpatient and other support services for Pathways HUB clients experiencing a behavioral health crisis in the emergency room.
- An increase in individuals having outpatient care or other behavioral health service appointments post-discharge from the hospital.
- A reduction in the number of days from hospital patient discharge to engagement in outpatient treatment or other behavioral health service.

Service Area:

- Clients of the Dayton Regional Pathways HUB, located in Montgomery County, Ohio

Intended Beneficiaries:

- Pregnant women and other residents served by the Pathways HUB with a behavioral health crisis encounter at a participating hospital emergency room requiring care coordination for outpatient treatment and other behavioral health services.

Subrecipients:

N/A

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Boys & Girls Club Of Dayton Inc
Project Title	Boys & Girls Club of Dayton Prevention Programming
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$74,250.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Club of Dayton recognizes the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Paxis Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, the Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming.

The primary objective is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the Clubs aim to provide a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

Expanding programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues ensures broad accessibility and impact. Collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Through this initiative, the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton aims to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

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Applicant	Brigids Path Inc
Project Title	Growing Support: Empowering Women and Children Affected by Addiction
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$47,200.00

Project Description:

Brigid's Path seeks this funding to provide compassionate care for babies and mothers, and to foster a safe environment where families can thrive and find hope for a better future.

Brigid's Path is the first - and only - newborn recovery center in Ohio, and the second in the United States. Here, families find medical support for their babies, as well as compassionate guidance to build a new way of living. We provide medical care to newborn babies as they experience symptoms of withdrawal from prenatal substance exposure. And, we accompany mothers and families to help identify their next right steps. We meet each mother where she is, identify her strengths, and then work with her to create a plan to move forward and achieve long-term stability.

Brigid's Path will primarily use this funding to increase the number of babies served from 50 babies per year to 75 babies per year by funding salaries of nursing, family advocacy, marketing, and security staff. Specifically, Brigid's Path will use the funding to hire 24/7 charge nurses, which we do not currently have the ability to staff, and to increase the number of nurses that work night shift by paying the nurses a more competitive salary. Brigid's Path will also designate funding to pay for outreach nursing services that connect families with other community providers, and for on-call administrative services to help assist families outside of normal Brigid's Path hours.

In sum, this funding will enhance and expand Brigid's Path's compassionate care and support for newborn babies and mothers impacted by addiction by expanding key support services for both babies and mothers.

Expected Outcomes: Our goal is to serve a larger number of babies and families (roughly 70 babies per year), leading to improved health outcomes for more newborns, successful addiction treatment for more mothers, and sustained stability for more families. We help reduce the state's burden in caring for children; 80% of babies served by Brigid's Path avoided placement in foster care and the public costs associated with placement.

Service Area: In 2023, we served families from nine Ohio counties. Brigid's Path is able to serve families from all regions in Ohio.

60% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 8.

31% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 14.

8% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 15.

Intended Beneficiaries: Our efforts primarily benefit newborns exposed to addictive substances and their mothers navigating substance use disorder. However, we also provide support services for fathers, family members of moms and babies, and the broader community to help promote healthier family dynamics.

Subrecipients: This project is dedicated to enhancing and expanding compassionate care for babies and mothers impacted by addiction. We aim to create a safe and nurturing environment where more families can thrive and build hope for a brighter future.

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Applicant	Wright State University: College of Health, Education and Human Services; School of Professional Psychology
Project Title	Disseminating Behavioral Couple Therapy for Substance Use Disorders
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$54,212.00

Project Description:

Individuals who receive behavioral couple therapy for substance use disorders (BCT for SUDs) are shown to exhibit better substance-related and relationship outcomes than those who receive bone fide individually-based treatments for SUDs. Despite the demonstrated superiority of BCT for SUDs over individually-based treatments for SUDs, most programs and providers only offer individually-based SUDs treatment that typically excludes or offers minimal inclusion of concerned significant others in treatment. A major reason for this service gap is the lack of provider training, knowledge, and skill in the delivery of BCT for SUDs. This proposal seeks to leverage the expertise of Dr. Jeremiah Schumm, who is the only expert and master trainer in BCT for SUDs within the State of Ohio, to train SUDs treatment providers in the community in the delivery of BCT for SUDs. Dr. Schumm is Clinical Professor in the Wright State University School of Professional Psychology who has dedicated the last 20 years of his career to research, delivery, and training in BCT for SUDs. Dr. Schumm will provide training via a foundational training workshop along with follow up consultation to SUDs treatment providers within the community. It is expected that by receiving training and consultation in BCT for SUDs that providers will demonstrate an increase in their knowledge and skill in delivering BCT for SUDs. It is also expected that providers will report increased efficacy and intention to deliver BCT for SUDs to the clients whom they are serving. In this initial dissemination pilot program, Dr. Schumm has enlisted the partnership of TCN Behavioral Health Services, Inc., which serves approximately 5,000 individuals with SUDs yearly throughout Regions 8, 14, and 15. With the support of this grant, TCN Behavioral Health leadership is committed to hosting Dr. Schumm to train its SUDs treatment providers in the delivery of BCT for SUDs. The beneficiaries of this grant will include the patients with SUDs served by TCN Behavioral Health. If this pilot program is successful, Dr. Schumm will expand to offer trainings and consultation to other providers and agencies who serve individuals with SUDs within the State of Ohio.

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Applicant	Dayton & Montgomery County Community Overdose Action Team (COAT) community coalition
Project Title	Montgomery County ODMaP Expansion
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$50,000.00

Project Description:

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery registered for the Overdose Detection Mapping Application (ODMaP) as an entity in April 2019 to capture the most complete snapshot of overdose occurrences in our county; however, recruiting willing partners to participate with this initiative and enter this important data has been difficult due to cost restrictions. We are working to add more partners to ODMaP in the near future to allow for the most comprehensive and robust data capture of overdoses occurring across our community. Two jurisdictions that experience the highest or close to the highest numbers of overdoses in our county are Dayton and Butler Township. Both are eager to join ODMaP to allow Montgomery County to collect as much pertinent real-time data for planning and execution purposes to address ways to reduce overdose numbers and provide harm reduction and peer supports.

ODMaP is an overdose mapping tool that allows first responders to log and overdose in real time into a centralized database. This tool allows us to capture both fatal and nonfatal overdoses on a shared platform, that can be utilized by multiple agencies across the state and country. This allows for real time data sharing and capture about overdose occurrences and trends to allow them to shape a more effective opioid response (ODMAP: A Digital Tool to Track and Analyze Overdoses, May 2018, Jeff Beeson).

Beneficiaries will include public safety and first responders, towns and cities as using this data to aggressively address hot spot areas can save money on police and fire/EMS runs by lowering the number of overdoses occurring, community members experiencing overdose and those that love them as well as entities, programs and coalitions that work to increase harm reduction, education and decrease drug use/overdoses in their community as well as stigma associated with substance use and overdose. This will allow for meaningful post overdose follow up

If awarded, grant money will be utilized to fund both Dayton Fire Department, as well as Butler Township public services to join ODMaP and cover any administrative costs associated with it's function/participation, such as building an Application Program Interface (API). Additionally, purposeful recruitment efforts will be made to bring in other partners to help our data collection and outreach efforts throughout the county regarding overdose and substance use.

ODMAP connects to diverse fields such as EMS, Law Enforcement, Public Health and Health systems. EMS has adopted the National Emergency Medical Services Information Systems (NEMSIS). Law Enforcement does not have an industry adopted standard similar to NEMSIS, although, there have been attempts at utilizing the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) standards, it is not implemented nationally. As a result, ODMAP developed a custom API which is simple to consume across disciplines.

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Applicant	Dayton Children's Hospital
Project Title	Behavioral Health Department
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$1,770,899.53

Project Description:

The purpose of the Student Resiliency Program proposal is to combine several prevention initiatives into a well-organized and delivered trauma informed practice that aligns substance use with trauma exposure in Montgomery County Schools.

The Program focuses on resiliency development, protective and supportive factor development, brief intervention and education, referrals, and care coordination for students and their families. The goal is to provide skills and tools to students, their families, and school staff to support a strength-based approach that views challenges as opportunities and enhances growth and development.

It incorporates a resiliency strengths assessment, a screening for resiliency characteristics needs, a screening for adverse childhood experiences and trauma associated health conditions (The Pediatric ACEs and Related Life-Events, PEARLS), a screening for substance use and substance related risk, a screening for suicide risk (ASQ), and a screen for social determinants of health needs.

The effects of a positive screen in any one of these areas links to concerns/needs in most all of the other areas. Combining assessments, screens, and early interventions for all of these facilitates outcomes that build resilience skills in children and provides tools to manage stress from life circumstances in a healthy, productive manner.

The building resilience model utilized is by Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg (2011) who “has always focused on prevention – preparing children to succeed, and to make wise decisions, even when times are tough.” His theory of resilience emphasizes that by teaching children the 7 Cs of Resiliency they become better armed to face life’s challenges and stressors and control the outcomes of their decisions.

Substance use screeners will be: The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has a Youth Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention Guide for ages 9-11, and the CRAFFT 2.1 for ages 12 and up.

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Applicant	Good Shepherd Ministries
Project Title	Feed the Streets Sober Seed Bus
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$75,000.00

Project Description:

Sober Seed Bus will support many programs: Feed the Streets program, Currently, we serve an average of 300 lunches weekly at our 709 Xenia Ave Recovery House in Dayton, making a significant impact in our community. However, we believe we can do even more. With the addition of this bus, we aim to double the number of daily meals provided, extending our reach and touching lives. This bus won't just be a means of transportation; it will be a catalyst for change and transformation. Many of our recovering brothers have never ventured beyond their city or state, and this bus will open doors for them. We envision using it for sober camping trips, community outings, and an annual mission trips out west to help those in need. The bus will be a game changer for our ministries, allowing us to reach people in high drug-use areas and near homeless camps. We can share stories of recovery, hope, provide supplies, clothing. Some of our clients are peer supporters, we would like to hire one for 2024.

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Applicant	Kettering Medical Center
Project Title	Kettering Health Peer Recovery Support Program by Telehealth in Emergency Departments in Montgomery County
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support - Change to Recovery Supports
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$950,151.00

Project Description:

The proposed project will enable Kettering Health's five Emergency Departments (ED) within Montgomery County – campuses at Dayton, Huber Heights, Miamisburg, Washington Township and Kettering-Main – to provide telehealth care delivered by peer supporters in the ED for patients with a primary diagnosis of SUD/OD. This interaction will be delivered while the patient is still in the ED, with follow-up after discharge.

The need for effective intervention and treatment options is great. This holds true especially in Montgomery County, where The Ohio Integrated Behavioral Health Dashboard reported 293 fatal overdoses in 2023. (<https://www.mccoat.org/data-reports>)

Kettering Health's Montgomery County EDs aim to combat the opioid epidemic and address overdose fatalities by bridging the gap between SUD/OD patients treated in the ED and the transition to a treatment facility dedicated to reducing addiction and supporting recovery efforts through appropriate community resources.

The five Kettering Health EDs in Montgomery County are located in service areas in dire need of a system of care that will reduce overdose deaths and enhance the ability of individuals with SUD/OD to receive ongoing treatment. In 2023, Kettering Health's five Montgomery County EDs collectively treated 3,384 substance abuse cases – an increase of 30% over 2022. Kettering Health-Dayton (KHD) ED ranked 2nd last year for total number of overdose ED visits of any hospital in Montgomery County. Although their immediate medical needs were addressed, many of the individuals treated in EDs were discharged without starting treatment for SUD/OD or engaging with follow-up treatment.

KHD, with an average of 70 ED admissions due to substance use disorder/opioid use disorder (SUD/OD) per month, has piloted medication assisted treatment (MAT) induction and access to withdrawal management services and intends to fully expand these services by making treatment more accessible through telehealth.

Kettering Health intends to bridge the gap that exists between outpatient care and inpatient treatment and recovery through its Montgomery County EDs by providing telehealth services during peak emergency room hours to provide initial MAT care and connect SUD/OD patients with an inpatient facility equipped to mitigate addiction and facilitate recovery.

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Applicant	Premier Health
Project Title	Evidence-Based Approach to Opioid Use Disorder Screening, Treatment, and Provider Education in the Hospital Setting
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$423,149.00

Project Description:

Substance use disorder (SUD) is a complex medical condition often intertwined with social determinants of health, trauma and impacted by healthcare bias. Hospitals play a crucial role in identifying and treating individuals with SUD, necessitating evidence-based practices for screening; treatment; provider education; trauma-informed care; addressing healthcare bias; and integrating graduate medical education (GME). The primary activities proposed in this multi-regional program (Regions 8,14 & 15) will be implemented throughout Premier Health's service area, including Montgomery, Butler, Greene, Warren, Miami, Clark, Shelby and Darke counties. The subrecipients of this grant include Miami Valley Hospital, Atrium Medical Center, and Upper Valley Medical Center.

The proposed program includes the use of Substance Use Navigators (SUN) to evaluate patients and facilitate coordinated care in the hospital. The revision of policies and processes allow for increased care for SUD patients. Conducting educational sessions for staff, providers and physicians will impact implicit bias and bolster proficiency in caring for patients admitted with substance use and addiction issues. Ensuring patients admitted to the hospital with SUD receive appropriate treatment will ensure timely, evidence-base interventions. Implementing telehealth services will extend support, accessibility and continuity of care. Reviewing policies, processes and prescribing of opioids will help prevent SUD.

Implementation of these activities is critical for improving patient outcomes and reducing disparities. Embracing these practices will enhance care quality, promote recovery among those with SUD, and optimize healthcare delivery processes. Just a few of the expected outcomes include:

- Increase SUD screening for all patients in the hospital setting as part of usual care
- Increase in patients with SUD to be evaluated and provided with transition of care from substance use navigators
- Increase number of newly diagnosed OUD patients started on MOUD
- Increase in harm reduction services provided in the hospital
- Increase in SUD based education for hospital staff, physicians, resident physicians and fellows in training

This proposed program will improve education and engagement, leading to improved evidence-based care, utilizing hospitalization as a first step to treatment for SUD. Decreasing healthcare bias and trauma will ultimately lead to increased care for all patients, including those with SUD and/or co-occurring mental health issues. Expansion of the SUN program within the hospital setting will increase the number of patients being evaluated and will facilitate coordinated care before the patient is discharged. An education conference will engage the

medical and greater community, along with first responders, in increasing awareness and understanding of SUD, helping to provide nonjudgmental support and collaboration for SUD impacted individuals and their families.

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Applicant	Single Parents Rock
Project Title	Trauma Informed Care for Victims of Domestic Violence and Partners of Those Dealing with Opioid Addiction
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$50,710.00

Project Description:

These funds will enable Single Parent's Rock to employ a PTSD licensed trauma therapist to support domestic violence survivors & their children in securing new homes, navigating legal processes, & rebuilding their well-being, especially those who have faced the added trauma of an abuser who is addicted to opioids. Such a therapist will allow SPR to better address the critical emotional needs of the approximately 250 domestic violence survivors plus their children that we serve annually in Dayton, Ohio and the Miami Valley. While our organization's trained transportation and support staff effectively assist victims in escaping violent situations, navigating the legal system, and securing permanent housing, we recognize that addressing the effects of trauma, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, requires specific training. By incorporating a licensed trauma therapist into our care team, we will empower survivors to overcome their trauma, improve their parenting skills, and facilitate the return of children to a stable educational environment. This supports families in becoming a productive part of our community, contributing to the overall well-being of the community we serve.

The service plan looks like:

- 1 - Within 1 week of intake, 100% of victims & their children will receive initial sessions with a licensed therapist to assess their situation and identify follow-up care needs.
- 2 - 25% of victims served will participate in group therapy sessions.
- 3 - 100% of victims served will receive access to follow-up care as outlined during their initial intake.

Lastly, while the connection is several steps of evidence, many who end up abusing Opioids are victims of trauma, this includes experiencing or seeing Domestic Violence. Providing Trauma-informed care of the children and adults in our care possibly reduces the likelihood of

their future use of Opioids.

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Applicant	St Mary Development Corporation
Project Title	Comprehensive Prevention Services For Seniors Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$269,046.06

Project Description:

The Comprehensive Prevention Services for Seniors Program utilizes Senior Prevention Specialist trained in WISE (Wellness Initiative for Senior Education) curriculum designed to address the holistic well-being of low-income seniors residing in affordable housing. This program focuses on teaching older adults about medication use and misuse, stress management, understanding the aging process, depression, alcoholism, healthy lifestyle choices and health care compliance. This program is well suited to our low-income affordable housing communities in Dayton and Kettering Ohio, allowing us to customize the program as needed for our residents while maintaining the fidelity of the curriculum. Onsite educational programs are necessary and critical due to barriers facing our seniors. The intended audience encompasses marginalized, low-income seniors living on less than fifteen thousand dollars a year. Expected outcomes include improved knowledge of and access to services relate to medication and substance misuse, optimal physical health, enhanced social connections, better mental well-being, and increased access to support networks, aiming to enhance the overall quality of life for participants. The Community Prevention Services for Senior Program offers a unique opportunity for our prevention staff to address specific chronic health conditions in the older adults we serve and how those conditions relate to substance use and abuse. Additionally, the prevention staff will provide a comprehensive offering of supportive services based on the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) approved prevention strategies that have been demonstrated by research to increase the effectiveness of prevention education programs, including alternatives, community-based processes, information dissemination, and problem identification and referral. SBIRT services will be the primary problem identification and referral service offered to St. Mary residents. This service provides an integrated public health approach that intervenes early with individuals at risk of developing mental health or substance abuse problems before more severe consequences occur. Every older adult in our housing communities receiving prevention services will receive a screening for depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation determined via the PHQ9 screening tools. Residents who screen at risk receive prevention and skills-based series of brief interventions to address their risky behaviors and help to identify healthier alternatives. The participants whose screening indicates an elevated risk receive a referral and assistance with navigation into appropriate treatment service. Those in immediate danger will be monitored until they connect with an appropriate crisis service. All residents in these latter two categories will receive follow-up services once they return to our community in which they reside to provide the necessary continual support that promotes ongoing holistic health and wellbeing.

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Applicant	Unite Us
Project Title	A Collaborative Coordinated Approach to Supporting Communities Impacted by Substance Use Disorder in Montgomery County
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$386,500.00

Project Description:

The opioid epidemic presents profound challenges requiring comprehensive solutions that integrate healthcare, social services, and community resources. The proposed project explores the collaborative endeavors of CliniSync, Unite Us, and the Montgomery County Ohio Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board to develop and enact opioid abatement strategies, focusing on intervention and crisis support.

This collaborative project offers technology and care coordination support to deliver timely, well-coordinated, targeted intervention and crisis support, ultimately reducing opioid misuse and improving early intervention outcomes for individuals and communities affected by addiction in Montgomery County, Ohio. The project includes implementing predictive analytics, a certified care coordination team, and further developing the cross-sector care coordination platform across Montgomery County ADAMHS programs and provider partners. This initiative aims to augment direct-service investments for opioid abatement while enhancing upstream prevention and intervention crisis services.

CliniSync, a health information exchange, facilitates seamless data sharing among healthcare providers, fostering comprehensive patient care coordination. Unite Us, a platform connecting individuals with wraparound services, integrates government programming, healthcare, and community provider care, ensuring tailored holistic support. The Montgomery County Ohio ADAMHS Board guides and coordinates local initiatives, leveraging resources to effectively address the opioid crisis.

Effective opioid abatement strategies demand addressing root causes and the social determinants of health (SDoH) with optimal targeted intervention and crisis support. CliniSync and Unite Us solutions enable cross-sector organizations in Montgomery County to work together, breaking down silos and ensuring comprehensive care. Specifically, Unite Us offers innovative upstream interventions and prevention methods, coordinating wraparound supportive services and addressing unmet needs of underserved populations via its technology and human support team.

The proposed project will provide government and communities access to trackers and well-coordinated comprehensive care journeys while connecting individuals to prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Automated data reports will measure and prove impact. This initiative aligns with Montgomery County ADAMHS' innovative approach and strong record of successful outcomes, enhancing technology and data usage to increase collaboration, streamline referrals, and ensure seamless service delivery.

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Applicant	Wright State University
Project Title	Dayton Street Medicine
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	8
Requested Amount	\$293,968.00

Project Description:

The goals of our proposed project are: 1) strengthen community recovery in a local epicenter of opioid overdose and overdose death by providing trauma-informed mobile primary care services for individuals impacted both directly and proximally by the overdose crisis; and 2) promote the sustainability of quality healthcare for people who struggle with addiction by creating training opportunities for medical and behavioral health students through a mobile services community-based healthcare, or street medicine, model. Street Medicine (SM) programs are designed to “meet people where they are” – both geographically and culturally—and take an innovative approach to meeting immediate healthcare needs while also providing linkages to broader social support services for individuals facing multiple intersecting health challenges compounded by housing insecurities and co-occurring behavioral health issues, particularly substance use disorders (SUD). SM has been demonstrated in other locales, nationally and internationally, to both improve health outcomes for individuals with SUD and to provide excellent training environments for healthcare providers.

Three organizations - Wright State University, Premier Health, and the Dayton Dream Center (a nonprofit outreach center located on East 3rd Street) - will collaborate with community partners to provide primary and preventive care, behavioral health support and care navigation, substance use screening and intervention, and case management, resulting in improved health and overall quality of life of residents served by the project. Within Dayton (beginning with zip codes 45403 and 45410), we aim to provide 700 annual primary and preventive healthcare interactions along with enhanced referrals to behavioral health and recovery services, leading to measurable progress toward health status improvement and reductions in avoidable emergency and urgent care visits. A minimum of 400 Montgomery County residents per year, impacted by addiction and disconnected from traditional care, will be serviced by Dayton SM.

In addition to the care provided, the project will provide hands-on education to the next generation of physicians, nurses, social workers, and public health professionals who will be trained to recognize and address SUD and SUD-related issues in primary care and outreach. Approximately 50 Wright State University students will participate in SM training and outreach activities - leading to enhanced competency and self-efficacy to work toward an end to the opioid epidemic and prevent its recurrence. An advisory board representing both providers and individuals with lived experience will inform implementation, monitor project metrics, and make suggestions on future expansion.

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Applicant	1N5
Project Title	Building Resilience in Youth
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$48,000.00

Project Description:

Building Resiliency in Youth (BRiY) is a multi-faceted approach to mental health education and suicide prevention that involves students, teachers, school staff, and parents/caregivers. BRiY educates students on the signs, symptoms, action steps, and resources for mental illness and crisis intervention. 1N5 works with school administrators, counselors, and teachers to create a customized solution using evidence-based programs for each school's unique mental health needs.

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce cites that, “Prevention services in schools provide all students with the supports needed to build resiliency, reduce risk factors, and gain skills for life success. The purpose of prevention-focused programs, services, and supports are to help students in developing knowledge and skills to engage in healthy behaviors and decision-making and to increase their awareness of the dangers and consequences of risky behaviors, including substance use, suicide, bullying, and other harmful behaviors.” Mental health literacy and understanding protective factors is a prevention strategy to mitigate SUD.

1N5’s work in schools is intended to normalize mental health and break down the barriers preventing our youth from seeking help. It improves students' level of knowledge and efficacy to cope with and receive help for mental, emotional, and social stressors that may contribute to mental distress. We work in close collaboration with local non–profit MindPeace when intervention is needed for the mental health of a student.

1N5 has elected to use evidence-based programs; these are programs that have been rigorously tested in controlled settings, proven effective, and translated into practical models available to community-based organizations like ours. Evidence-based programming is the gold standard in the mental health space and is endorsed by the US Surgeon General, the CDC, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and many other well-known and respected organizations. Some programs 1N5 teaches: Signs of Suicide, QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training, Mental Health 101, Sources of Strength, etc.

A growing component of BRiY is educator wellness, as they are often as stressed or even more so than their students. It is supremely important that educators are trained on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and how to respond safely and appropriately.

Evidence suggests that one of the largest impediments to seeking or receiving treatment is a general lack of education on the signs and symptoms of mental illness. To address the growing mental health epidemic in our community, youth and the individuals that support youth, must know what to look for to identify someone who may need help.

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Applicant	Fayette County Family YMCA
Project Title	Y COPE: The YMCA's Community Opioid Prevention and Education initiative
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$180,452.00

Project Description:

The YMCA's cause is what puts their mission into action. Their cause is "to strengthen the foundations of community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility." Every day, the YMCA works side-by-side with community members and neighbors to make sure that everyone has the same opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. The Fayette County Family YMCA would like to introduce a mobile concept of a "Y without walls" with a program called, "Y COPE". The goal of Y COPE is to deliver high quality, life-changing programs and services to under-served communities across all of Fayette County, who lack critical resources for all ages. Everyone needs the YMCA and the organization believes that everyone deserves access to all resources that help them learn, grow and thrive no matter their location. The Y COPE program will offer a wide range of programs and services such as: opioid prevention, education and resources to the community. The YMCA will be collaborating with countless resources across Fayette County such as: law enforcement, schools, clinics and hospitals, counselors, churches, housing services, government offices, and children's services to identify gaps to be filled and where the YMCA can bridge those gaps. The YMCA is asking for assistance in the form of grant dollars to help support the community outreach that is needed to educate all ages about opioids. Fayette Countians of all ages and all geographic regions must also have easy and timely access to prevention, treatment, and support services. Due to the stigma that's typically associated with opioids, it can be extremely difficult to receive funds that can help get life-changing resources into the community's hands. The Y COPE mobile unit will have the ability to assess the community needs and have the ability to go out into those areas with trained professionals to deliver crucial resources, provide culturally-relevant and age-appropriate educational materials, offer medicine disposal sites, and will link individuals and families to local treatment and recovery support resources.

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Applicant	Future Plans Inc
Project Title	The Chatfield Sanctuary Project
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$705,133.31

Project Description:

The Chatfield Sanctuary Project is a community-based, holistic ecosystem supporting the wellbeing of women and children impacted by the issues and barriers that surround SUD treatment/recovery in rural Appalachian Ohio.

The project is being developed at the 99-acre former campus facilities of Chatfield College in St. Martin, Brown County, being purchased by Future Plans. The Sanctuary will provide treatment/recovery space for up to 40 residents, some independent housing for re-entry recovery and displaced tenants, a 25-acre solar farm, a small (four suites) inn, industrial kitchen, pasture fields for small herd livestock (goats, sheep), a hydroponic growing center, a remote work center, childcare, and a wellness/health center. It will become an inpatient/outpatient recovery/reentry respite care facility with support services for women and children being impacted by SUD-related trauma. The facility will provide longer term care for those who need an opportunity to start again. A complete ecosystem of services from treatment to workforce development will exist. As clients move through the continuum of care, the goal is to move them through Chatfield housing options: residential group care to step-down group housing, to step-down individual housing, and finally to community based step-out housing. Through workforce training at Chatfield, our goal is to support women and their families in moving back to small towns that are losing population, but connected to workforce opportunities through local and remote work, where they can return and open businesses, work in a local role or job, or be part of a remote job in the local shared workspace, or from their home as supported by Chatfield. Additionally, Brown County Municipal Court Judge Courtney Worley proposes a new approach of bringing the "court to the community," providing services and meetings in community centers outside of the county seat of Georgetown. Two of these centers are part of the FP/GRIT Project's small town economic recovery initiatives in Byrd Township and Sardinia. The third location will be at the Chatfield Sanctuary.

Expected Outcomes: The goal of the project is long term recovery with reintegration into supportive communities, housing, job, or training placement for 120 participants (50%) in traditional and remote positions by the end of the two-year grant period.

Service Area: Primarily, Brown County and others nearby. Services available to all Region 9 counties as space in the project allows.

Primary Partners/Sub recipients: Future Plans and the GRIT Project -fiscal agent, lead partner

Land of Goshen Treatment Center

Brown County Municipal Court-Judge Courtney Worley

South Central Ohio Education Service Center, Southern State Community College, Chatfield Edge

Other Partners: Ohio START Program – Brown County (Brown County JFS, MHAS, Dept. of Health, ABCAP-Community Action Program)

OhioMeansJobs

Byrd Township Community Center

Sardinia Community Center

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Applicant	Impact Prevention Inc
Project Title	IMPACT (Youth-Led Prevention)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$90,000.00

Project Description:

Project IMPACT will expand Youth-Led Prevention into local high schools in Adams, Pike, Ross counties through a series of summits. IMPACT is a coalition of high school youth that have been trained to plan and implement strategies to improve the environments in which they live, play and attend school. Impact Prevention (IP) co-facilitates IMPACT Youth-Led Prevention (YLP) teams with ten local schools in Lawrence County and coordinates a county-wide youth council consisting of high school youth from multiple school districts. Each team is a coalition that is grounded in science and theory through two frameworks: Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) and Youth Empowerment Conceptual Framework (YECF). Basically this tool is a roadmap to create a logic model around a problem of practice. The YECF is the tool that an Adult Ally (AA) utilizes to set up safe spaces for our youth to grow as an individual and a group. Meetings or working spaces are always inviting and fun. Guidelines are established to set up meeting environments to be welcoming while assuring all options and voices are heard. Respect and the ability for everyone to honestly say what they are thinking is found in these spaces. The YECF is not a tool that Adult Allies share with our youth, but its use leads to group cohesion and individual empowerment. Voting is an important part of a youth-led environment and there are a number of ways to do this depending on the working level of your group. In YLP adults need to have a growth mindset and be ready to learn daily about our youth as individuals and the environments in which they live because our work cannot be done with them. They are the experts in the environments that we are looking to improve.

IMPACT will recruit local high school students and AAs from Adams, Pike, Ross Counties to attend a series of youth summits to learn how to utilize the SPF. The summit will provide knowledge and skills needed to dive into data, identify a problem of practice, pinpoint an intervening variable for that problem and create a strategy to improve on the identified problem. Peer facilitators will be utilized from Scioto County Youth Council to provide educational segments such as: What is YLP?; Diving into Data; team building activities; and networking, etc.

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OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Legal Aid Of Southeast And Central Ohio
Project Title	Justice for Recovery through Legal Aid
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$100,000.00

Project Description:

The Appalachian region in Ohio has experienced a disproportionately severe impact from the opioid crisis. Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio's ("LASCO") Justice for Recovery project will utilize free civil legal services and collaborations with social service providers to address the intertwined social and legal obstacles closely associated with increased risk of substance abuse and fatal overdoses. This project aims to dismantle barriers and create pathways toward recovery and stability for individuals impacted by opioid use disorder ("OUD"). Our project has three components:

- Provide education and training to LASCO staff on OUD topics aimed at elevating their cultural competence in delivering legal services and optimizing our intake processes.
- Establish and sustain new Medical Legal Partnerships ("MLP") with treatment centers, prevention centers and other service providers that serve populations with OUD in the Appalachian region.
- Provide enhanced and expanded free legal assistance to address social and legal barriers impacting successful treatment and recovery.

LASCO serves a 36-county service area in Southeast and Central Ohio, encompassing 25 counties within Ohio's Appalachian region. Our aim is to secure funding across all OneOhio regions within our service area to create a programwide team of attorneys dedicated to improving our internal infrastructure, coordinating outreach efforts and building capacity to serve more clients impacted with OUD. If we do not secure funding for all regions, we remain committed to initiating the Justice for Recovery project on a regional basis. With OneOhio support, we can add the capacity of a full-time equivalent staff attorney dedicated to serving clients in Adams, Fayette, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, and Scioto counties.

Within the first year of the grant, LASCO will seek out an accredited expert on OUD to provide comprehensive training to our staff, ensuring they possess the cultural competence to deliver services effectively and sensitively. We are dedicated to prioritizing the provision of thorough education and support to our staff in supporting those with OUD at all levels of contact.

One of the Justice for Recovery attorneys will serve as the project leader, overseeing outreach to local organizations serving populations with OUD with the goal of creating new MLPs. MLPs are collaborative arrangements where clients are screened for legal needs while receiving medical attention and are referred to legal aid for services. By meeting patients where they are, LASCO can serve substantially more clients impacted by OUD. We will provide training on how to screen their patients for health-harming legal issues and refer them to LASCO.

By providing free legal assistance to address legal and social barriers to economic stability, people in recovery can regain stability and rebuild their lives, fostering healthier communities and reducing the devastating impact of substance abuse and overdose.

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Applicant	Nami Southern Ohio
Project Title	Hope in the Hills
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$108,900.00

Project Description:

Rural Appalachia is a diverse community characterized by high poverty, geographic isolation, economic depression, lack of access to services, and long-held stigmatization. The Appalachian community itself represents a unique population with strong cultural beliefs specific to this highly rural region, particularly in regards to mental health. Individuals in this region often deny or hide mental health conditions due to the cultural values they hold. Working through NAMI National and using their signature programs, which are evidence based approaches, we will implement three important facets to this proposal: Ending the Silence, Connection, and Sharing Hope. Ending the Silence is an evidence-based program created by NAMI National which brings together youth who have successfully learned to deal with their own mental health challenges, along with trained adults, typically family or friends who have supported them in their journey. It is designed to help middle and high school students learn the warning signs of mental health conditions and what steps to take if they or someone they care about are showing symptoms of a mental health condition. The program is primarily presented by the trained adult, but then are able to talk first-hand with youth who are recovering from their own mental health challenges and who are willing to share their personal testimony in describing their journeys to recovery. Connection is a support group which follows specific NAMI protocols which meets on a weekly basis and includes both individuals and family members. It is led by trained facilitators. One group that we will target are our aging citizens. Too often the mental health needs of elderly and older individuals are overlooked or presumed to be dementia-related due to their age. Another concern related to the mental health conditions of elderly and aging individuals is that many of these are also caregivers to grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a result of the opioid epidemic that has ravaged the region for the past two decades. Raising these children at an older age puts an additional strain on those who may already be struggling with their mental health. NAMI Southern Ohio proposes to implement Hope in the Hills, an approach to addressing mental health, including individuals or families of those with dual diagnoses including Substance Use Disorder. Finally, Sharing Hope is an initiative that reaches out into the African-American community of our region. Southeastern Ohio. While historically this part of Appalachia is predominately Caucasian, a growing number of African-American and bi-racial children reside in the area, often living with extended families. We realize that a number of these youth are experiencing emotional challenges of being a minority in Appalachia, so our program will provide opportunities to find support and resources. Our outcome will be that individuals and families who struggle with mental health issues will find hope for a bright future

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$33,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 9 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
- Building and fostering a supportive community environment.
- Effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders and neighbors
- The Importance of documentation and record keeping

By investing in the professional development of house managers, this initiative seeks to elevate the standard of services provided in recovery homes, thereby positively impacting the recovery journey of individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Moreover, by addressing the workforce shortage in the recovery housing industry, we aim to ensure the sustainability and scalability of

recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	On Our Way Home, Inc.
Project Title	Enhanced Housing And New Community Employment Partnerships (ENHANCE)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$106,962.00

Project Description:

Under this project, we will expand our recovery housing services, which we have provided in Clermont County, Ohio since 2022, into Brown County, Ohio.

While all of the Appalachian counties in Region 9 need more recovery houses, only 16% of the need for recovery housing is being met in Brown County through a single safe and sober recovery environment. Our ENHANCE program will not only add bed capacity, but will hasten residents' achievement of recovery capital needed for transitioning out into community. This represents another way of increasing bed capacity without the capital and infrastructure of additional physical recovery homes. Maintaining this project over three years is necessary to show outcomes associated with such an increase in recovery capital.

We will provide recovery housing at for 14 adults in Brown County, and we will expand the recovery support services available to our residents to include behavioral health services and activities in the home environment.

Our employer services will include assessing, training, and coaching residents toward satisfying career path employment that leads to progressive skills enhancement and meaningful and family-sustainable employment. We will work in coordination with the Brown County Public Defender's Office to resolve open legal casework so residents can reinstate driver's licenses. We require residents to provide at least 4 hours/month of volunteering in the neighborhood communities to establish relationships outside of the four walls of our facilities, and our peer-led Activities Committee plans fun events, subsidized by OOWH, that facilitate relationship-building among themselves, their friends and families, and the community.

As a result of this project, 36 residents will experience increased positive relationships and belonging in the community. Our residents benefit from the supportive, safe community environment. One goal at a time, residents will tackle the barriers to independence and be able to move out of recovery housing and back into society. For parents with children, this means less involvement with child welfare. For all residents and the community, it means improved relationships.

Our residents complete the Outcomes Survey instituted by Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) at Move-In, 6 Months, and Move-Out and Brief Assessment of Recovery Capital (BLOC-10) every 3 months. This allows us to monitor our success; we expect an increased sense of purpose and sense of belonging in community, increased earnings, and decreased debt to be reported by our residents on the ORH Outcomes surveys. More specifically, we expect at Move-out that 80% of residents will have progression of career trajectory beyond entry-level, 60% of applicable residents will be eligible to drive, and 80% of residents who are parents of minors will report improved relationships with children. At six months, we expect 100% of residents will have increased recovery capital.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Paint Valley Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board
Project Title	Prevention in Rural Ohio Using Positive Alternatives and Education to Increase Protective Factors.
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$750,776.40

Project Description:

The project will include two main initiatives derived from the strategic prevention framework. (1) Provide Strengthening Families curriculum to youth in Highland, Pike, Pickaway and Ross Counties. This curriculum will provide youth and their families evidence-based education to better communicate within their families and teach strategies to better deal with negative situations and assist with better decision-making. (2) Alternatives will increase youth centric activities and make connections with trusted adults an additional protective factor in prevention that will have a compounding effect on our local rural communities.

Alternatives is one of the six Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Strategies. The six strategies include, information dissemination; education; alternatives; problem ID and referral; Community-based processes; environmental. Alternative activities provide opportunities for the target population to participate in safe and healthy activities that exclude substance use. While redirecting target audience from problem settings. The assumption is that constructive and healthy activities provide positive alternatives to drug use and other unhealthy choices. Some examples include: Free social and recreational events; community drop-in centers; community service activities; youth/adult leadership activities.

An excellent reason to increase positive alternatives is to build youth resiliency. We know from research that when taught the appropriate skills and behaviors youth are resilient in the face of adversity. Research from the U.S. Department of Education demonstrate that resilient youth-those who do not succumb to substance abuse, school failure, or other problem behaviors even though exposed to significant stress and adversity-tend to have at least four attributes: 1. Social competence (adaptability, responsiveness, positive relations with and concern for others); 2. problem-solving skills; 3. a sense of autonomy (good self-identity, the ability to act independently and to exert control over the environment); and 4. a sense of purpose and future.

These personal attributes in turn, have been linked to three conditions in their lives: 1. a caring and supportive environment; 2. high expectations for their behavior; and 3. opportunities to participate in activities that produce a sense of usefulness and responsibility. The research further goes on to state that youth need to acquire a sense of belonging, self-worth, competence, and control over their lives. It is essential to foster a sense of being connected or bonded to family, friends, and society. Well-designed alternative activities can significantly improve a school's ability to foster these personal attributes and conditions.

Alternatives will allow our prevention specialist to integrate the education curriculum our youth are taught in the school, through reinforcing that education, with social activities to build additional protective factors in the real world .

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	The Ohio State University Foundation - Ohio Youth Resilience Collaborative
Project Title	Preventing Opioid Misuse through Resilience and Life Skills Training for Youth and Families
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	9
Requested Amount	\$627,826.00

Project Description:

This project addresses a critical need in Ohio's opioid misuse mitigation strategy by expanding and enhancing a sustainable prevention framework that complements existing prevention, treatment, recovery, and mental health efforts in the region. The Ohio Youth Resilience Collaborative (OYRC) is a partnership between local community partners and The Ohio State University to implement high-quality, evidence-based substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion programs. OYRC will leverage its experience supporting the creation of community prevention infrastructure to expand substance misuse prevention in communities in Pike, Scioto, Highland & Ross counties.

OYRC will use a multi-level approach to engage youth, caregivers, and young adults to achieve to primary aims: 1) provide youth with critical skills that bolster substance use resilience at the school, family, and community levels and 2) provide critical living skills to young adults and families at risk of opioid use or other behavioral health issues. Developing community prevention assets and resources is integral to building sustainable resilience interventions. The project will achieve this through asset building interventions at the individual level through school-based and in-home programs, at the family level through family and parenting programs, and at the social-environmental level through community education programs.

This project will implement skills-based substance use prevention and mental health promotion programs—including Botvin LifeSkills Training and prescription drug and fentanyl safety education—in local schools to enhance protective factors against substance misuse and increase youth resiliency. The project will enhance parenting support through evidence-based parenting programs, such as Active Parenting. Finally, the project will implement community-wide solutions that address opioid misuse through community education programs, like Generation Rx and BirdieLight fentanyl safety. Local partners will support high-quality evidence-based programs across the region and include OSU Extension, Community Action Committee of Pike County, Pike County Juvenile Court, Pike County Drug Court, all 5 county school districts and 2 private schools, Pike Outreach Food Pantry and Shelter, Pike Healthy Lifestyle Initiative, Pike County Service Council, Pike County Health Coalition, Family and Children First Council, Early Childhood Advisory Council, New Boston and Clay Local Schools, BirdieLight. The expected outcomes are 1) increased county-level prevention capacity, 2) bolstered protective factors against youth substance misuse, 3) strengthened parenting knowledge and skills, 4) greater awareness of prescription and illicit drug safety, and 5) enhanced community prevention capacity. The partnership will serve 500 middle- and high-school students, 25 families, and 500 outside community members in each year of the project, reaching over 3,075 individuals over the project period.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Boys & Girls Clubs Of Ohio
Project Title	Prevention Programming - Athens
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$77,000.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Ohio (BGCO) recognizes the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the PAXIS Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, the Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming.

The primary objective is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the Clubs aim to provide a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

Expanding programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues ensures broad accessibility and impact. Collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Through this initiative, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Ohio aim to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

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Applicant	Field Of Hope Community Campus
Project Title	Manage the Business Enterprise Zone
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$174,320.00

Project Description:

The proposed project "Manage the Business Enterprise Zone" will provide funding to hire staffing for the Field of Hope Community Campus Inc (FOH) Business Enterprise Zone (BEZ) startup business. Contractors at the FOH are nearing construction completion of the "Old School Cofe, LLC" as the initial business unit of the FOH Business Enterprise Zone (BEZ). The BEZ is a key part of the FOH Recovery to Work program.

The 46 acre FOH campus is home to three main outreaches - an active Food Center including a weekly food distribution to the community, a prevention program with prevention specialists in every Gallia County school, and an alcohol and other drug (AOD) rehabilitation center with both residential and outpatient services. Residential services are for women only, and outpatient are for men and women. The rehabilitation center also offers mental health (MH) and trauma counseling, and all rehabilitation/counseling services are provided by staff who are certified by the state of Ohio. All offices, procedures, etc. are also certified and inspected by the Ohio Department of Addiction and Mental Health Services (OMHAS).

The café is the first of four business units planned for the BEZ. It is in the FOH main activities and office building, adjacent to the gym. The café will provide both training and employment for FOH clients who complete their AOD/MH treatment programs. The treatment continuum of care goal is to restore client lives to become productive members of the community who can support the community and not have to take from it to survive. Learning a skill and getting a well paying job is part of that. The BEZ café will provide skill development in food preparation, food serving, planning, electronic communication and recordkeeping, and public relationships. Staffing is required to both manage and operate the café .

Outcomes of a successful café operation would be to provide a service to an underserved community in the Bidwell-Vinton area and the training/employment of FOH program graduates. In a year's time, since graduates often move on after training to their former home and family communities, an estimated 12 client graduates would benefit from the café operation. Subrecipients of the program would include their families. That would total 48 people at an average family size of four. The immediate community area would benefit from an added food source and from community members who had been unproductive due to their previous condition now contributing to the community.

The service area benefiting from FOH services, including the Recovery to Work effort represented by the BEZ, is a wide area since FOH clients come for treatment from surrounding counties. Typical counties represented by FOH clients include Ohio counties Gallia, Meigs, Jackson, Vinton, Athens, Lawrence, and Scioto. The FOH has also received clients from more distant areas like Columbus and Cleveland.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Gallia County Sheriff's Office
Project Title	Empowerment Through Reentry: Bridging Justice Involved Individuals to Opportunities for Workforce Development and Community Resources
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$174,449.23

Project Description:

The Gallia County Jail serves as a significant correctional facility, accommodating inmates from Gallia, Meigs, and Lawrence Counties, with approximately 4,600 individuals processed annually. Despite its vital role, the jail lacks a dedicated reentry specialist, hindering effective transitions for justice-involved individuals back into the community.

Purpose:

This grant proposal seeks funding to employ a full-time Reentry Specialist for Gallia County Jail. The specialist will facilitate connections between incarcerated individuals and community resources, leveraging existing partnerships to enhance workforce development and support reintegration efforts.

Current Situation:

While the jail offers limited reentry services, including workforce development opportunities through Buckeye Hills Career Center, many inmates face barriers such as suspended driver's licenses, preventing participation in vocational training programs. The Reentry Specialist will address these barriers by overseeing the inmate work program, coordinating community service hours to eliminate outstanding fines and reinstate driver's licenses.

Proposed Activities:

Screening and interviewing justice-involved individuals to assess needs and develop reentry plans.

Collaborating with Hopewell Health Centers to provide mental health treatment.

Collaborating with Buckeye Hills Career Center to provide vocational training in various fields.

Coordinating community service hours to address outstanding fines and reinstate driver's licenses.

Facilitating CPR and first aid training to enhance employability.

Educating individuals about availability of medication-assisted treatment programs within the jail.

Additional Component:

In addition to the outlined activities, the Reentry Specialist will collaborate with public health officials to provide education on available harm reduction resources, including naloxone distribution and needle exchange programs. Given the prevalence of substance use disorders among justice-involved individuals, these initiatives aim to reduce the risk of overdose and transmission of bloodborne infections, promoting public health and individual well-being.

Expected Outcomes:

Increased access to vocational training and educational opportunities for justice-involved individuals.

Reduction in recidivism rates through enhanced employment prospects and reintegration support.

Improved community safety through the successful transition of individuals back into society.

Enhanced partnerships between the jail, community organizations, and educational institutions.

Conclusion:

The employment of a dedicated Reentry Specialist at Gallia County Jail represents a proactive step towards addressing barriers to successful reentry and reducing recidivism rates. By connecting incarcerated individuals with vital resources and opportunities, this initiative aims to foster positive outcomes for both individuals and the community at large.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Impact Prevention Inc
Project Title	IMPACT (Youth-Led Prevention)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$90,000.00

Project Description:

Project IMPACT will expand Youth-Led Prevention into local high schools in Meigs, Gallia and Jackson counties through a series of summits. IMPACT is a coalition of high school youth that have been trained to plan and implement strategies to improve the environments in which they live, play and attend school. Impact Prevention (IP) co-facilitates IMPACT Youth-Led Prevention (YLP) teams with ten local schools in Lawrence County and coordinates a county-wide youth council consisting of high school youth from multiple school districts. Each team is a coalition that is grounded in science and theory through two frameworks: Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) and Youth Empowerment Conceptual Framework (YECF). Basically, this tool is a roadmap to create a logic model around a problem of practice. The YECF is the tool that an Adult Ally (AA) utilizes to set up safe spaces for our youth to grow as an individual and a group. Meetings or working spaces are always inviting and fun. Guidelines are established to set up meeting environments to be welcoming while assuring all options and voices are heard. Respect and the ability for everyone to honestly say what they are thinking is found in these spaces. The YECF is not a tool that Adult Allies share with our youth, but its use leads to group cohesion and individual empowerment. Voting is an important part of a youth-led environment and there are a number of ways to do this depending on the working level of your group. In YLP adults need to have a growth mindset and be ready to learn daily about our youth as individuals and the environments in which they live because our work cannot be done with them. They are the experts in the environments that we are looking to improve.

IMPACT will recruit local high school students and AAs from Meigs, Gallia and Jackson Counties to attend a series of youth summits to learn how to utilize the SPF. The summit will provide knowledge and skills needed to dive into data, identify a problem of practice, pinpoint an intervening variable for that problem and create a strategy to improve on the identified problem. Peer facilitators will be utilized from Lawrence County Youth Council to provide educational segments such as: What is YLP?; Diving into Data; team building activities; and networking, etc.

After the completion of the initial summit, IP will provide quarterly meetings for schools at a rotating district in each county to continue training and provide technical assistance for newly established YLP teams. An end of the year celebration will be provided for teams to come together and share their experiences and success around project strategies.

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Applicant	John Clem Recovery House
Project Title	Increasing Employment Recovery Capital for Men with Substance Use Disorders
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$122,000.00

Project Description:

In this proposed project, The John W. Clem Recovery House will partner with Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio (HFHSEO) to implement a workforce training program in the construction sector that will provide mutually beneficial “wins” for the individual in recovery, the Athens community, John W. Clem House, and HFHSEO. Ten Clem House residents pursuing sustained recovery will be hired over three years. Grant funds will be used to employ and pay for half of each resident’s wages while HFHSEO will provide the remainder of the salaries and benefits.

As part of the project, HFHSEO will provide paid, on the job training to selected residents of The Clem House for up to 8 months. During this time, residents who participate in the program will gain construction skills (while working on projects for low-income families), as well as skills training that will afford them opportunities to advance towards a career in the construction field or related industry. The project is designed to promote the development of Recovery Capital which is the internal and external resources an individual struggling with substance use disorders may draw on to facilitate recovery (1).

This project brings in to focus and addresses issues related to the epidemic of substance use disorders (SUDs) in general, its impact on the nation and Athens County, the concept of recovery capital and specifically employment recovery capital, and how strengthening employment recovery capital not only improves socioeconomic conditions for men struggling with SUDs, but also promotes long-term recovery and abstinence from substances.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$33,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 10 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
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recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Restore Recovery: Small Repairs Grants for Recovery Housing Residences
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$80,000.00

Project Description:

Ohio is facing a critical shortfall in meeting the demand for recovery housing, with only 31% of the need currently being addressed statewide. The counties served by the 317 ADAMH board, including Athens, Hocking and Vinton, are only meeting 71% of the need for Level III housing, 33% for Level II and 9% of the need for Level I housing. The counties served by the Gallia-Jackson-Meigs ADAMH board are making appropriate strides towards meeting the need for Level III housing. However, counties served by this board area are only meeting 25% of the need for Level II housing, and 0% of the need for Level I housing. Operators at lower levels of support often do not have the same connections to larger treatment entities, and are less likely to have available resources to make critical property or facility repairs. When housing is not available at lower levels of support, we see a trend where people stay longer than needed at the higher levels of support, decreasing the overall availability of housing in the area.. As we strive to bridge this gap and provide essential support to individuals on their path to recovery, it is imperative to address the challenges faced by recovery housing operators, particularly concerning minor repairs to their homes.

A small investment can make a significant difference in enabling recovery housing programs to get started and thrive. However, many operators, especially smaller ones with budgets less than \$500,000, lack the necessary resources to fund minor repairs swiftly. Without timely interventions, these operators may struggle to meet quality standards mandated by Ohio, effective January 1, 2025.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) recognizes the crucial role that recovery housing plays in facilitating successful recovery journeys. Last year, ORH offered a similar grant program, providing funds to over thirty-five properties serving more than two hundred Ohioans annually. These properties would not have attained certification standards without access to funding needed for critical

repairs. Funds for this program will run out this Fall and will not be renewed.

The impending implementation of quality standards is a positive step towards ensuring safe and supportive environments for individuals in recovery. However, there must be a clear pathway to compliance, accompanied by accessible resources. ORH understands the necessity of striking a balance between regulatory requirements and the provision of support mechanisms for operators striving to meet these standards.

Without adequate funding and support, many recovery housing operators may face insurmountable challenges in making necessary repairs and achieving or maintaining certification. It is crucial to acknowledge the inherent disparities in resources among operators and provide targeted assistance to those in need.

In light of these challenges, ORH is seeking funding in the amount of \$80000 for the establishment of a mini-grant program aimed at providing repairs mini grants.

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Applicant	Project Noelle
Project Title	Youth Prevention and living essentials
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$9,600.00

Project Description:

Project Noelle assists children who have suffered due to a loved one's addiction and/or Overdose death. We supply emergency clothing and diapers, Christmas assistance, Easter assistance, Back to school supplies and hair cuts, sports equipment, and kids support groups. We would like to expand our kids support groups and include a prevention program that we can take into the schools. We also host Fentanyl Awareness Day and many Overdose Awareness Day events and include prevention and grief programming in those for our kids.

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Applicant	The Ohio State University Extension, Community Development
Project Title	Reducing Substance Use in Communities Through Prevention Education
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$176,438.00

Project Description:

The primary intent of this project is to provide support for community-based programs that address substance use challenges. This will be accomplished by providing prevention education for individuals, families, and communities across the region and strengthen the networks of recovery support to for individuals seeking to overcome the challenges of substance use disorders. Three programs will be offered in the seven counties in Region 10: Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, and Vinton. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) will reach youth and adult audiences teaching them how to identify, understand , and respond to the signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use for adults 18 and older and youth 12-18. Generation Rx teaches individuals how to engage in community outreach efforts to ensure safe medication practices in their communities. Generation Rx toolkits are available to teach the program to elementary,teen, university, adult and older adult audiences. The Taking Action to Address Substance Use in Communities (TASC) program seeks to enable communities to take a more proactive stance on substance use by supporting efforts to develop an effective community-based intervention network. Using qualitative and quantitative information, a core group of stakeholders works to build the framework that augments the effectiveness of existing recovery resources by encouraging-community-based resources to strengthen and build the capacity of local coalitions.

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Applicant	Vinton County Health Department
Project Title	Enhancement of the Vinton County Post-Overdose Response Team
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Public Safety & First Responders
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$270,063.00

Project Description:

In 2023, Harm Reduction Ohio ranked Vinton County second highest for overdose fatalities. Vinton County, as a rural Appalachian County, has higher rates of persons in poverty, lower educational levels, less access to secondary education, lack of medical insurance and lack of infrastructure such as transportation and internet compared to the rest of Ohio. In 2022, Vinton County Health Department (VCHD) worked with community partners to develop a Peer Recovery Specialist-led overdose response team, Vinton County P.O.R.T. This team's purpose was to decrease the overdose fatality rate in Vinton County by connecting individuals who have experienced an overdose to treatment services and harm reduction services, in alignment with the Ohio Abatement Strategy to provide Early Intervention and Crisis Support. Vinton County P.O.R.T also provided referrals for those individuals and/or their family members to resources that met basic needs, meeting individuals where they are, overcoming barriers to care and providing an equitable opportunity to accept assistance. Vinton County P.O.R.T took the “Quick Response Team” Model of care delivery developed in Colrain Township, Hamilton County in 2015 and adapted this promising practice for Vinton County, going live in August of 2023. In the first 8 months, Vinton County P.O.R.T contacted 17 out of 34 people identified as having experienced a non-fatal overdose. VCHD is seeking funding to enhance Vinton County P.O.R.T. activities in order to reach more people, and improve the timeliness and effectiveness of the Vinton County P.O.R.T.

Vinton County P.O.R.T. will enhance their capacity for transporting individuals to treatment and community resources in or out of Vinton County. They will work with first responders to develop a plan for P.O.R.T. members to respond to the scene at the time of overdose. Vinton County P.O.R.T. will provide food card incentives to clients during first in-person contact to overcome barriers of distrust and pave the road for future engagements. Gas or food vouchers will be provided to individuals who have experienced an overdose when they attend treatment-based appointments. Through these enhancements, Vinton County P.O.R.T. will achieve an increased number of treatment referrals accepted by individuals who have experienced a non-fatal overdose by an additional 2 persons annually. Vinton County P.O.R.T will see an increase in the number of individuals who accept referrals for community-based resources by 2 people annually. Ultimately, there will be a 30% decrease in the number of overdose fatalities in Vinton County for the period marking July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027.

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Applicant	Warriors 4 Christ Recovery Ministries
Project Title	Project Hope Housing
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	10
Requested Amount	\$220,000.00

Project Description:

Long-term recovery has many barriers. Some of these include job placement, GED, transportation, license suspension, court costs, insurance, utilities, housing costs, and so on. Once a person gets sober, they are expected to fulfill these obligations in a short time frame. This is not a reasonable outcome. At W4C, we provide long-term housing with job skill training. Our experience has been that it usually takes a resident 6 months to 2 years to be fully able to sustain life outside of a recovery setting.

To do this, we have to pull several resources together financially to sustain no cost housing for our residents. This allows them time to put all of their resources towards fines, license reinstatement, housing, and a vehicle. On the employment side, we want everyone to have a GED upon completion. Not having a GED severely diminishes the opportunities residents may have at better paying jobs. To allow them time to complete a GED, we have to provide safe, supportive housing.

Our goal is simple. We want to expand long-term housing to men and families within our community which allows the resident more time to save and eliminate all barriers to success. We tell our clients that when they graduate, the next day they should be able to wake up in their own independent living, drive to work and provide for their family. To do this, we need additional rent and utility subsidies to provide long-term, no cost housing. This allows them to save what they need to do this. On average, our residents save between \$3000 and \$5,000 depending on their goals.

We have staff that work directly with our residents to assist with legal, educational, and job skills. We work with the local college that provides GED services and we provide the transportation. Our on-site paid internship and businesses allows residents to earn money along valuable work experiences. W4C works closely with all court systems and BMV to help residents obtain driving privileges.

Our service area is primarily Jackson County, but we accept people from all over Ohio. By providing no cost housing, our expected outcome is to see recovering families be able to sustain independent living quicker and more efficiently. Our service area is primarily Jackson County, but we accept people from all over Ohio. By providing no cost housing, our expected outcome is to see recovering families be able to sustain independent living quicker and more efficiently. Intended beneficiaries will be people with a substance use disorder and their immediate families. Our expected outcomes are that we see longer recovery, less barriers to be successful, and sustained family units.

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Applicant	Anazao Community Partners
Project Title	Expanding Access and Enhancing Care: Bringing Innovative Behavioral Health Services to Holmes County
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$66,744.38

Project Description:

Anazao Community Partners (ACP) proposes to expand its Access Service into Holmes County, introducing a transformative model aimed at enhancing accessibility and responsiveness in delivering behavioral health services. The primary activities of this program involve facilitating same-day connections to a case manager and conducting assessments, with a focus on telehealth when preferred by the consumer, streamlining access to care and providing timely interventions.

Using an innovative approach, ACP will implement the SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment) model, traditionally applied to substance use, to address mental health concerns as well. This innovative adaptation of SBIRT for mental health aims to efficiently identify individuals in need, provide brief interventions, and promptly refer them to appropriate ongoing care. By leveraging telehealth, ACP seeks to overcome barriers to access and meet individuals where they are most comfortable, thereby increasing the likelihood of acceptance and engagement with services.

The benefits of the same-day connection and SBIRT approach are manifold. Same-day connections reduce the waiting period between initial contact and clinical intervention, addressing the immediate needs of individuals in crisis and preventing further escalation of symptoms. By offering brief interventions through the SBIRT model, ACP can effectively intervene at the earliest stages of behavioral health concerns, reducing the likelihood of more severe outcomes and promoting positive behavior change. Additionally, the telehealth component enhances accessibility by eliminating geographical barriers and allowing individuals to receive care from the comfort of their own environment.

The expected outcomes of this program include reduced wait times for clinical intervention, increased engagement in care, and improved overall well-being among beneficiaries. The service area encompasses Holmes County, targeting individuals of all ages who are in need of behavioral health services. Through same-day connections and telehealth assessments, ACP aims to reach individuals who may otherwise face barriers to accessing care, ensuring that they receive timely support.

ACP will directly administer the Access Service, providing comprehensive assessments, brief interventions, and referrals to ongoing care as needed. Subrecipients are not anticipated for this project, as ACP will internally manage all aspects of service delivery within Holmes County.

This initiative aligns with ACP's commitment to meeting the rising demands for behavioral health services and addressing the workforce shortage in the region. By integrating innovative strategies such as same-day connections, telehealth assessments, and the adaptation of the SBIRT model for mental health, ACP endeavors to enhance access, responsiveness, and effectiveness in delivering vital behavioral health services to Holmes County.

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Applicant	Cedar Ridge Behavioral Health Solutions
Project Title	Cedar Ridge WORKS
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$86,500.00

Project Description:

Cedar Ridge aims to address the opioid crisis by implementing evidence-based forward-looking strategies and services to expand treatment availability, prevent substance abuse, raise awareness, and support recovery. Targeting individuals affected by substance abuse disorders, particularly those experiencing homelessness, we seek to reduce barriers to treatment engagement.

Primary activities include:

1. Expanding Treatment Availability: This involves increasing access to evidence-based treatment programs for individuals with substance abuse disorders. Mobile services will be utilized to reach underserved populations, including those experiencing homelessness.
2. Prevention Strategies: The project will develop and promote evidence-based substance use prevention strategies to reduce the incidence of substance abuse and addiction within the community by expanding services to those in need.
3. Substance Use Education: Providing substance use avoidance and awareness education to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions and resist substance abuse.
4. Decreasing Oversupply of Opioids: Efforts will be made to reduce the oversupply of both licit and illicit opioids through various means such as education, advocacy, and regulatory measures.
5. Supporting Recovery: Supporting individuals in their journey towards recovery from addiction by expanding access to qualified and appropriately licensed providers offering recovery services to those experiencing barriers to treatment and recovery.

Expected outcomes include:

- Increased access to treatment for individuals affected by substance abuse disorders, particularly those experiencing homelessness.
- Reduction in substance abuse prevalence through prevention strategies and education.
- Decreased oversupply of opioids in the community.
- Enhanced support for individuals in recovery, leading to improved overall well-being and reduced relapse rates.

The service area for this project will be Belmont county and surrounding counties through the use of mobile services based on the prevalence of substance abuse and the specific needs of the target population, with a focus on areas where homelessness and substance abuse intersect.

Intended beneficiaries include:

- Individuals affected by substance abuse disorders, including those experiencing homelessness.
- Communities grappling with the opioid crisis and its associated challenges.
- Healthcare providers and organizations delivering substance abuse treatment and prevention services.

Funding for the project will be directed towards serving individuals affected by the opioid crisis who may otherwise face barriers to accessing treatment and support services. Through the use of mobile services and evidence-based interventions, the project aims to engage and support vulnerable populations in their journey towards recovery and improved well-being.

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Applicant	City Of Salem, Ohio
Project Title	Salem Recovery Resource Hub
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$388,600.00

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to establish a Recovery Resource Hub in the City of Salem. The proposed Hub will provide a visible and accessible entry point to the recovery services available and an array of support to guide clients to ultimate recovery and lives as healthy and productive members of their communities. The Hub will be centrally located in Salem to provide optimal access for the target population and services to be provided to that population.

Bureaucracy can be difficult and frustrating for even the most capable among us. Individuals seeking a path to recovery are further challenged by not knowing how or where to start along this path and how to navigate the complex array of services available to them. They become easily discouraged and revert to self-destructive behaviors that can too often lead to fatal overdose.

The city of Salem has identified a gap in the system in which one leaves treatment and returns to the world not yet prepared to face the challenges as a recovering individual. Individuals in early recovery may end up returning to the use of substances as a result of this gap because they are in need of additional recovery supports to address barriers, connect them to resources, and provide community support before entering the workforce. The Hub can help fill this gap by providing persons in recovery place for daily support through the services of a certified peer supporter who can help them access groups, meetings and sober living activities and who will follow them through-out the recovery process.

To achieve that goal, clients would follow a process that begins when they first engage with the Hub and concludes when they obtain full time employment. During this process clients will work to eliminate barriers to recovery and employment, be referred to any needed SUD/Mental Health treatment and programs, address health care needs, and receive training that will result in employment.

The target population for the Hub are adults seeking recovery, while recognizing that the recovery process will also involve their families. It is anticipated that the target population will be primarily drawn from the city of Salem and Columbiana County although the Hub will be open to all who seek its services.

The direct outcome of the proposed Hub will be to transform the lives of recovering individuals to active/employed members of their communities. In doing so the Hub will reduce the burden on public and non profit services in the community and increase the supply of trained workers available to local businesses.

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Applicant	Family Recovery Center
Project Title	Enhancement of Community and School Based Substance Use Prevention
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$300,000.00

Project Description:

The program will focus on a comprehensive approach to enhance the quality of services provided in both school and community based substance use prevention in Jefferson and Columbiana Counties. In the school setting, prevention educators will deliver evidence-based curricula to grades K-12, alongside evidence-based interventions for selected and indicated populations, as needed. This project will also enhance the progression of the Jefferson County community prevention coalition, the United Prevention Partnership (UPP), which incorporates a youth coalition embedded within each of the local high schools. The Youth Coalition will concentrate on fostering a healthy lifestyle among students, while educating them about the advantages of maintaining a drug-free, alcohol-free, and vape-free environment. Strategic action planning methodologies such as the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) and CADCA's Seven Strategies for Community Change will be employed by both the community and youth coalitions. Their endeavors will encompass reducing stigma through community outreach, information and training sessions, and skill enhancement for individuals and families. By fortifying existing relationships with local businesses, schools, law enforcement, and other community sectors, the program aims to increase sustainability in the long term. Through strengthening preexisting relationships with local entities and organizations, the program will increase sustainability in the future. By bolstering current capacity building activities, there will be an opportunity to reach a greater number of organizations and individuals who are committed to participating in the prevention of substance misuse. The coalitions will also work on strategies that will increase access and reduce barriers, change consequences, and alter any physical design of the environment that contributes to substance use, misuse, or abuse. The coalitions will advocate in person both in Columbus and Washington D.C. for policy change that will positively impact region 11. By empowering the coalitions with additional resources, the coalitions can integrate evidence-based strategies with locally tailored solutions to address community-specific challenges more effectively. The expected outcomes will be a decrease in past 30-day use of drugs and alcohol in youth, and an increase in youth perception of harm in using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The program will maintain its proactive stance on prevention and will readily adopt new technologies and methodologies, both in the short and long term. These strategies will be executed by an expanding and well-trained workforce of professionals drawn from the communities within Region 11. Presently, the program sustains itself through community and individual support and engagement. However, these human resources and organizational efforts could be significantly enhanced with additional funding directed towards our proven program.

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Applicant	Help Hotline Crisis Center Inc
Project Title	Family Success Network, Special Population
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$127,600.00

Project Description:

The Family Success Network (FSN) is a child abuse and neglect prevention program geared toward all families in Columbiana County. This program is designed to strengthen resiliency and increase protective factors for families through information and referral, Family Coaching, Triple P, Transition to Independence, and Money 101 programs. Through this voluntary program, at risk families can gain the knowledge and skills necessary to avoid child welfare intervention. With the significant number of families, we serve being impacted by Substance Use Disorder (SUD), we aim to ensure that our services remain available to at risk families in the foreseeable future.

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Applicant	Holmes County General Health District
Project Title	Harm Reduction and Prevention Holmes County through Naloxone
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$40,000.00

Project Description:

The proposed project in Holmes County, Ohio, adopts a multifaceted approach to tackle the opioid crisis, incorporating three primary activities: Project Dawn, Naloxone distribution for first responders, and the establishment of an Overdose Review Board (ORB).

Project Dawn involves distributing Naloxone kits and conducting training sessions to empower individuals to recognize and respond to opioid overdoses effectively. This initiative aims to bolster community members' capacity to intervene in overdose situations, thus increasing access to life-saving interventions within the community.

Providing Naloxone to first responders equips frontline professionals with the necessary resources to swiftly respond to opioid-related emergencies, potentially saving lives and mitigating the immediate consequences of overdoses.

The Overdose Review Board (ORB) acts as a centralized platform for data collection, analysis, and collaboration among stakeholders. By examining overdose incidents and identifying trends, the ORB facilitates evidence-based decision-making and the development of targeted interventions to address the opioid crisis comprehensively.

Expected Outcomes: The primary objective of these activities is to reduce opioid-related fatalities and overdoses in Holmes County, Ohio. By expanding Naloxone access, raising community awareness, and leveraging data-driven strategies through the ORB, the project aims to save lives, improve public health outcomes, and alleviate the opioid crisis's impact on the community.

Service Area: The project primarily targets Holmes County, Ohio, including its urban, suburban, and rural areas where opioid-related incidents are prevalent.

Intended Beneficiaries: The project's beneficiaries include individuals struggling with opioid addiction, their families and loved ones, first responders, healthcare professionals, and the broader Holmes County community. By equipping these stakeholders with resources, knowledge, and support, the project aims to enhance community resilience and reduce the burden of opioid misuse and overdose.

Data on Overdoses and Reversals in Holmes County, Ohio is not readily available at the moment so the establishment of the ORB will be important to gather the necessary data that is being shared antidotally and not officially

Additionally, the project will incorporate Drug Take Back Days and distribute Deterra pouches for safe disposal of unused medications, further contributing to overdose prevention efforts.

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Applicant	Jefferson County General Health District
Project Title	Empower Youth: Building Resilience Against Opioid Temptations Through PreVenture
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$187,951.00

Project Description:

“Empower Youth: Building Resilience Against Opioid Temptations through PreVenture” is a prevention program that will target adolescents in Jefferson County school districts to teach skills and promote social norms that protect against using harmful substances. The Jefferson County General Health District (JCGHD) intends to provide this program to all Jefferson County middle and high school students ages 12-17. The curriculum used will be PreVenture, which consists of two learning sessions at 90 minutes each. The intervention requirements easily fit into a school partner’s limited time constraints. Letters of support have been obtained from all six of Jefferson County’s public school districts.

The JCGHD promotes mental health and skill development to work towards delaying youth substance use. While the main goal of this program will be to delay the use of harmful substances, the PreVenture curriculum will also aim to decrease conduct problems and reduce risky behaviors which will in-turn help prevent infectious diseases among youth. Program facilitators will teach the students that aspects of personality can cause risky behaviors, including substance use. Participants will learn coping skills, weighing consequences of their actions, learn how to make healthy decisions, and set long-term goals. According to the CDC, alcohol and other drug use among our nation’s youth remains a major public health problem. Substance use and abuse can increase the risk for injuries, violence, HIV infection, and other diseases.

A prevention program for youth in Jefferson County has the potential to cause a ripple effect of benefits as substance abuse impacts everyone, not only the opioid user. While “Empower Youth: Building Resilience Against Opioid Temptations” is intended to help adolescents, the impacts could be long lasting well into adulthood. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, evidence-based prevention strategies can have long-term benefits for both personal and public health, particularly when prevention strategies are implemented during childhood.

The JCGHD will collect data to better serve adolescents in Jefferson County and provide needed programs in the future. Participants in the program will be supplied with resources for mental health/substance use disorder services in the area.

Anyone who undergoes proper training with a licensed PreVenture implementation specialist can deliver the program in their community. The JCGHD will implement a position with the title of “Program Coordinator” and will also utilize a registered nurse from the nursing department. The Jefferson County Health Commissioner will also be a facilitator.

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Applicant	Tuscarawas County Family & Children First Council
Project Title	High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW)
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$156,903.26

Project Description:

It is one of the principal goals of Tuscarawas County Family & Children First Council (TCFCFC) to increase access to programs and services to help Tuscarawas County families with multi-system youth (MSY) ages 0-21 impacted by the opioid epidemic heal and build resilience through easier navigation of system resources and supports using an evidenced-based, intensive care coordination model known as High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW).

Currently, TCFCFC employs one Service Coordinator (SC). Service Coordination uses, organizes, and adapts existing community services and resources to help meet the needs of MSY and families with complex needs. Teams format the alignment, order the sequence, eliminate duplication, and monitor the intensity of services. However, due to the opioid epidemic and the severity of youth and family needs, TCFCFC proposes to utilize this grant funding to train and engage a HFW facilitator as it is not feasible for the existing SC to conduct HFW in addition to SC.

HFW provides a highly individualized support and intervention plan to meet the underlying, unmet needs of MSY who are at risk of out-of-home placement. HFW is more time-intensive and individual-focused than SC due to its emphasis on individualized planning, family and community involvement, team collaboration, continuous assessment, and adaptation. This intensive approach aims to provide comprehensive support to clients with complex needs, helping them achieve their goals and thrive in their communities.

HFW is a team-based approach designed to address the needs of individuals with complex challenges, including those exacerbated by SUD and co-occurring mental health disorders. It emphasizes family voice and choice, collaboration across systems, and individualized support to achieve identified goals. By deploying HFW within the context of the opioid epidemic, this initiative aims to streamline access to essential resources and supports, thereby fostering healing and resilience among families with MSY impacted by SUD and co-occurring mental health disorders.

Families grappling with the effects of SUD and co-occurring mental health disorders often encounter fragmented service systems, bureaucratic hurdles, and insufficient coordination among providers. HFW offers a comprehensive solution by mobilizing a dedicated team of professionals, including case managers, therapists, substance abuse specialists, and peer supports, to assist families in accessing and navigating available services. Through this approach, families gain a clearer pathway to vital supports, reducing the barriers that impede healing and recovery.

HFW aligns with the overarching goal of decreasing SUD within affected families. By fostering a collaborative and strengths-based environment, HFW empowers families to address the root causes of SUD and develop sustainable solutions. Due to the impact of the growing opioid crisis, HFW is needed to assist the most challenging cases in Tuscarawas County.

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Applicant	Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services
Project Title	The Prevention Bridge
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	11
Requested Amount	\$319,747.53

Project Description:

The Prevention Bridge will allow Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services (TCJFS) to retain their current Kinnect to Family Specialist to continue the work with impacted foster youth and families who have open ongoing abuse/neglect cases and will expand the service by creating a Kinnect to Family Court Liaison/Child Advocacy Center position to implement a collaborative partnership with Tuscarawas County Juvenile Court with unruly and/or delinquent youth and their caregivers. The efforts will work to decrease the risk of removal from the youth's home due to maltreatment related to opioids and/or any other co-occurring substance use and/or mental health condition and to identify appropriate kinship providers to decrease the number of youth (intended beneficiaries) entering foster care if the youth is unable to safely remain in their own home. There will be an increased awareness of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) risks and their negative effects on health, well-being, and life opportunities; improved knowledge of prevention and treatment strategies available in our community to youth and caregivers; increased kinship and family support strengthening relationships, enhancing family engagement with services; fewer placements into foster care, reduced length of time in care, fewer re-entries into care, and improved well-being. This grant award would be an enhanced partnership with the Noah's Hope Child Advocacy Center to have this position trained as a Forensic Interviewer/Victim Advocate to be able to complete the necessary interviews of impacted children and family members with the support of our established multi-disciplinary team in Tuscarawas County.

There will also be enhancement to our local Bridges to Wellness (BTW) Pathways HUB system by adding two Community Health Workers (CHW) to Tuscarawas County. A CHW's role is to provide a clinical-community linkages system, to identify and address risk factors at the individual and community levels. They would receive a comprehensive risk assessment, and each risk factor is translated into a "pathway" which is a step-by-step guidance for efficiently removing barriers to health and social services. The Pathways HUB model is a proven evidenced-based approach for improving the health of underserved and vulnerable populations including those impacted by opioids and/or any other co-occurring substance use and/or mental health condition. There will be an increased access to health/social services and the community. The CHWs build individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy. Intended beneficiaries have risk factors negatively impacting their physical and mental health and well-being, life opportunities such as education, job potential, increased risk of maternal and childhood health problems, chronic diseases (such as addiction), will be served.

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Applicant	Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Licking & Perry Counties Inc
Project Title	Little Steps, Big Futures: Big Brothers Big Sisters Opioid Prevention Initiative
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	12
Requested Amount	\$165,000.00

Project Description:

The Little Steps, Big Futures: Big Brothers Big Sisters Opioid Prevention Initiative will enhance and expand the great need for easily accessible, quality substance abuse prevention resources for the more than 8,500 youth living in Perry County, many of whom come from low socioeconomic households and have been exposed to substance abuse and trauma. While BBBSLP is proud to have served 72 youths in Perry County this year, One Ohio Grant funds will allow us to double that number and serve close to 150 youths by introducing a Community-Based (CB) mentoring program, providing “holiday help” to the family members of Littles participating in BBBS programming, expanding School-Based (SB) mentoring services in the school districts we currently serve, and finally by providing a SB program in Southern Local School District, the one remaining school district in Perry County that does not offer BBBS mentoring.

The CB program offers safe monitored matches between an adult volunteer (Big) and youth 6-18 years of age (Little). These matches engage in safety awareness modules, offered online through our national BBBSA The Learning Exchange (TLE) portal, as well as fun and educational activities throughout the community. Our agency provides services to the parents and guardians of our Littles. They have access to the same exceptional substance prevention and mental health resources through TLE portal as well as “holiday help” of food, gifts, clothing, and store gift cards. The COVID pandemic forced us to eliminate the CB program in Perry County, but One Ohio funding will enable us to revive the program and serve as many as 30 CB Littles and over 100 of their family members.

SB program offers mentoring opportunities for high school volunteers (HS Bigs) and elementary littles. SB matches meet once a week during the Little's lunch and recess. BBBSLP utilizes a SB Facilitated (SBF) program model, meaning a BBBS staff member is on-site for all match meetings. HS Bigs thoroughly enjoy returning to their elementary roots and mentoring a Little who is struggling with trauma at home or difficulties in school. Each SBF match doubles the number of youth served; the Little is mentored by the HS Big, and the HS Bigs are mentored by our staff. HS Bigs get immediate feedback and access to unlimited prevention and mental health resources. Our public school partners thoroughly appreciate and support the opportunities BBBS creates while monitoring and hosting students safely on school property. The SBF model is costly. However, research has proven its value. BBBSLP has been recognized for three consecutive years as a Pinnacle Agency, one of only eight in the nation. Grant funding will enable our agency to hire a dedicated middle-school SB facilitator or extend the hours of elementary coordinators to include supervised meetings at middle school. We will also hire a SBF coordinator to initiate and facilitate programming in Southern Local Schools.

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Applicant	Legal Aid Of Southeast And Central Ohio
Project Title	Justice for Recovery through Legal Aid
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	12
Requested Amount	\$300,000.00

Project Description:

The Appalachian region in Ohio has experienced a disproportionately severe impact from the opioid crisis. Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio's ("LASCO") Justice for Recovery project will utilize free civil legal services and collaborations with social service providers to address the intertwined social and legal obstacles closely associated with increased risk of substance abuse and fatal overdose. This project aims to dismantle barriers and create pathways toward recovery and stability for individuals impacted by opioid use disorder ("OUD") through three components:

- Provide education and training to LASCO staff on OUD topics aimed at elevating their cultural competence in delivering legal services and optimizing our intake processes.
- Establish and sustain new Medical Legal Partnerships ("MLP") with treatment centers, prevention centers and other service providers that serve populations with OUD in the Appalachian region.
- Provide enhanced and expanded free legal assistance to address social and legal barriers impacting successful treatment and recovery.

LASCO serves a 36-county service area in Southeast and Central Ohio, encompassing 25 counties within Ohio's Appalachian region. Our aim is to secure funding across all OneOhio regions within our service area to create a programwide team of attorneys dedicated to improving our internal infrastructure, coordinating outreach efforts and building capacity to serve more clients impacted with OUD. If we do not secure funding for all regions, we remain committed to initiating the Justice for Recovery project on a regional basis. With OneOhio support, we can add the capacity of a full-time equivalent staff attorney dedicated to serving clients in Coshocton, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Washington counties.

Within the first year of the grant, LASCO will seek out an accredited expert on OUD to provide comprehensive training to our staff, ensuring they possess the cultural competence to deliver services effectively and sensitively. We are dedicated to prioritizing the provision of thorough education and support to our staff in supporting those with OUD at all levels of contact.

One of the Justice for Recovery attorneys will serve as the project leader, overseeing outreach to local organizations serving populations with OUD with the goal of creating new MLPs. MLPs are collaborative arrangements where clients are screened for legal needs while receiving medical attention and are referred to legal aid for services. By meeting patients where they are, LASCO can serve substantially more clients impacted by OUD. We will provide training on how to screen their patients for legal issues and refer them to LASCO.

By providing free legal assistance to address legal and social barriers to economic stability, people in recovery can regain stability and rebuild their lives, fostering healthier communities and reducing the devastating impact of substance abuse and overdose.

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Applicant	Muskingum Mental Health and Recovery Services
Project Title	Crisis Notifications
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	12
Requested Amount	\$45,000.00

Project Description:

Crisis Notifications alert the appropriate crisis outreach team of a patient's behavioral health crisis in the hospital system, allowing for the appropriate follow-up care to be initiated. Since 2018, the Crisis Notifications system enables providers to provide outreach services to residents who experienced an emergency hospital visit due to a behavioral health crisis event. Crisis Notifications generate a real-time secure notification to patient health and contact information that can be used to mobilize outreach efforts, which would minimize the risk of further overdoses, suicide attempts, and other behavioral health crises. This information is sent to the patients current treatment provider or a quick response or crisis response team if the patient is not currently affiliated with treatment. Crisis Notifications was initially launched in Montgomery County in 2018 and has since been implemented in the Recovery Board jurisdiction of Preble, Allen/Auglaize/Hardin and Logan/Champaign Counties.

Expected Outcomes

- *Improved and expedited care coordination for outpatient treatment and other support services for patients experiencing a behavioral health crisis in the emergency room

- *An increase in individuals having outpatient care or other behavioral health service appointments post-discharge from the hospital

- *A reduction in the number of days from hospital patient discharge to engagement in outpatient treatment or other behavioral health service

Service Area

- *Muskingum Mental Health and Recovery Services Board serving: Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble and Perry counties.

***Hospitals**

- Online with Ascend Innovations through relationship with CliniSync, state HIE:

- *Genesis Hospital

- *Ohio Health- Southeastern Med Hospital

- Yet to agree to CliniSync activation

- *Coshocton- Prime Health Hospital

Intended Beneficiaries

*Patients with a behavioral health crisis encounter at a participating hospital emergency room requiring care coordination for outpatient treatment and other behavioral health services

Subrecipients

*Ascend Innovations is a subcontractor that develops and maintains the crisis notifications product.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	12
Requested Amount	\$33,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 12 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
- Building and fostering a supportive community environment.
- Effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders and neighbors
- The Importance of documentation and record keeping

By investing in the professional development of house managers, this initiative seeks to elevate the standard of services provided in recovery homes, thereby positively impacting the recovery journey of individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Moreover, by addressing the workforce shortage in the recovery housing industry, we aim to ensure the sustainability and scalability of

recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Restore Recovery: Small Repairs Grants for Recovery Housing Residences
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	12
Requested Amount	\$70,000.00

Project Description:

Ohio is facing a critical shortfall in meeting the demand for recovery housing, with only 31% of the need currently being addressed statewide. The alcohol drug addiction and mental health services board region serving Muskingum, Coshocton, Guernsey, Noble, Morgan and Perry Counties is only meeting 24% of the need for Level II housing and 28% of the need for Level III housing. There is no Level I housing in this region. There no identified recovery homes of any Level of Support in Monroe or Washington Counties.. As we strive to bridge this gap and provide essential support to individuals on their path to recovery, it is imperative to address the challenges faced by recovery housing operators, particularly concerning minor repairs to their homes.

A small investment can make a significant difference in enabling recovery housing programs to get started and thrive. However, many operators, especially smaller ones with budgets less than \$500,000, lack the necessary resources to fund minor repairs swiftly. Without timely interventions, these operators may struggle to meet quality standards mandated by Ohio, effective January 1, 2025.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) recognizes the crucial role that recovery housing plays in facilitating successful recovery journeys. Last year, ORH offered a similar grant program, providing funds to over thirty-five properties serving more than two hundred Ohioans annually. These properties would not have attained certification standards without access to funding needed for critical repairs. Funds for this program will run out this Fall and will not be renewed.

The impending implementation of quality standards is a positive step towards ensuring safe and supportive environments for individuals in recovery. However, there must be a clear pathway to compliance, accompanied by accessible resources. ORH understands the necessity of striking a balance between regulatory requirements and the provision of support mechanisms for operators

striving to meet these standards.

Without adequate funding and support, many recovery housing operators may face insurmountable challenges in making necessary repairs and achieving or maintaining certification. It is crucial to acknowledge the inherent disparities in resources among operators and provide targeted assistance to those in need.

In light of these challenges, ORH is seeking funding in the amount of \$70000 for the establishment of a mini-grant program aimed at providing mini grants to recovery housing operators in Region 12 for minor repairs. By offering financial assistance, we can empower operators to address critical repair needs, ensuring compliance with quality standards and safeguarding the well-being of individuals in recovery.

ORH has structured the program intentionally to coincide with the certification quality review. The operator will get not only access to apply for repairs funds, but training, technical assistance, and support to ensure that their program also meets standards

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Applicant	The Boys & Girls Club Of Washington County
Project Title	Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County Prevention Programming
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	12
Requested Amount	\$102,500.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County (BGCWC) recognizes the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Paxis Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, the Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming.

The primary objective is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the Clubs aim to provide a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

Expanding programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues ensures broad accessibility and impact. Collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Through this initiative, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County aim to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

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Applicant	Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department
Project Title	Peer Recovery Support Program
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	12
Requested Amount	\$105,184.00

Project Description:

ZMCHD recognizes the importance of utilizing Peer Recovery Support in programs and services that address substance use disorder (SUD). ZMCHD currently collaborates with Muskingum Behavioral Health (MBH) for a Peer Recovery Support staff member for our syringe service program, Safe Point. For four hours a week, the Peer works with ZMCHD staff, forming relationships with the Safe Point participants, and providing them with needed resources and referrals to care.

Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS) are effective in improving SUD outcomes, as well as improving the engagement and effectiveness of harm reduction programs. With that in mind, we would like to support efforts in our community of introducing peer work in the areas where those struggling with substance use disorder would receive services to help enhance treatment options. ZMCHD would like to hire a full-time Peer Recovery Support person to enhance current efforts in our Community Engagement & Performance Management service area.

Specifically, a Peer Recovery Support would provide assistance within our Harm Reduction Team building connections and support with community partners. New opportunities and programming in our community could include, but are not limited to, working with partners such as: Genesis ED/OB/Behavioral Health, Muskingum County Jail, City of Zanesville Jail, local MAT providers, and local obstetrics. Our current ED offers an all-volunteer warm hand off program that is underutilized. Having a peer recovery supporter present would help educate and promote this service. Currently, our local jails provide fellowship (NA/AA), faith based/spiritual supports, and re-entry services, but do not offer medical-based or peer recovery programming.

Utilization of peer-based recovery services such as peer recovery support (PRS) will be used to address the gap in connection to long-term care. These peer recovery support individuals are trained to provide informational, social, and emotional support to those with SUDs using nonclinical, self-empowerment and strengths-based methods. Unlike other models of social-based interventions, PRSs have personal, lived experience with substance use disorders and substance use recovery. Strategies to achieve recovery goals can include assisting with system navigation, supporting behavior change, harm reduction, supplying referrals for medications for substance use disorders (MAT), and inpatient or outpatient treatment options.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	ACMC Healthcare System - Glenbeigh
Project Title	Workforce Development Expansion – Earn/Learn/Live Program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$74,000.00

Project Description:

Glenbeigh is seeking funding for the purpose of expanding the workforce development Earn/Learn/Live program established in 2023 with ARC grant funding. The program concentrates on reducing barriers to entry for individuals living in Ashtabula County, who completed SUD treatment, are in recovery and interested in pursuing a career in addiction treatment. The goal is to expand and strengthen the workforce by providing housing and education opportunities to advance participants along a financially sustaining career path.

Recovery housing provides a stable substance free environment where people can maintain recovery and have access to comprehensive services. Studies show a recovery environment produces positive outcomes including employment reentry and reduced recidivism. Glenbeigh has 3 houses dedicated to the program, which can accommodate up to 8 women and 14 men.

The purpose of the program is to provide workforce development opportunities along with safe housing for individuals while providing entry level workers to regional treatment centers and organizations that serve people with opioid and other substance use issues.

Expected outcomes include affordable housing, a recovery friendly workplace, transportation and access to internet along with life and job skill development - all with the ultimate goal of achieving independent living. The initial phase of this program exceeded expectations. Originally estimating 16 participants, the program has helped these individuals take advantage of the opportunity. Graduates have secured employment and several have moved on to independent living. Participants are individuals who have completed treatment for substance use disorder and interested in working in the addiction treatment field. Available education tracks include CDCA, Peer Support and STNA training. Glenbeigh provides the required work experience and supervision required for certification.

During the project, several barriers not initially expected became evident and are at the core of our OneOhio Foundation grant request. Transportation along with educational barriers were identified as the project progressed. Glenbeigh is seeking funding to provide workforce development opportunities for up to 20 more participants along with funding for a peer support/transportation position, educational components and rental supplement to continue and expand the program.

Looking forward to 2025, future plans include the addition of a structured life skills component along with further renovation and upgrades to housing. This includes the purchase of an additional housing unit to allow more people to participate in the program.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Community Legal Aid Services Inc
Project Title	Legal Assistance with Record Sealing and Expungement to Support Recovery
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$40,000.00

Project Description:

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Funding will support CLA's provision of free civil legal assistance to low-income residents who are recovering from addiction and need support sealing criminal records to successfully walk their sustainable paths to independence and wellbeing. Substance abuse is a factor in 25% or more of criminal convictions, and time in the criminal justice system often serves only to exacerbate the challenges a person in recovery faces. Over a coming three-year period, CLA will reach approximately 40 new recovering residents with this transformative service.

Record sealing and expungement are powerful future-oriented remedies for individuals in recovery who are working to rebuild their lives and contribute in a meaningful way to society by reuniting their recipients with many rights and privileges, including the ability to tell employers, landlords, and financial institutions they have no criminal record. Doors that would otherwise be closed stay open - giving individuals in recovery a real chance to achieve financial stability and overall well being.

Often, the power of the law is needed to successfully clear records. Many factors are at play, including eligibility related to the circumstances of the criminal activity, a waiting period, and compliance with the procedures at each involved court. Clients with a history of addiction or involvement with the criminal justice system may be intimidated to access the process and some may face bias or discrimination. Finally, there may be times when a specialized knowledge of the law is required to access a full remedy - for example, some people who are not eligible for a traditional record-sealing may qualify for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) potentially opening the door for certain licenses and job positions.

The goal of this project over the three-year project period is to secure a record-sealing or expungement order for approximately 40 clients recovering from substance use disorders. As a result of this, projected outcomes for clients include that at least 70% will report 1) success finding a job in an area of expertise/ interest and/or with room for career growth; 2) making more money at their job than before record-sealing; 3) a decrease in barriers to renting or buying an affordable home in a safe neighborhood; 4) a decrease barriers to pursuing bank loans, including a mortgage or capital to start a business and 5) an increased confidence in their ability to continue on a sustainable path to healthy recovery.

Community Legal Aid is a nonprofit law firm providing legal advice, counsel, representation, and education to low-income residents facing civil legal crises across eight counties in central northeast Ohio. The organization serves individuals who live in households subsisting at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and this project will target individuals living in this lower income demographic.

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Applicant	Conneaut Municipal Court
Project Title	Conneaut Renewal Court
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$30,000.00

Project Description:

The Renewal Court is applying for OneOhio funds to enhance and expand our specialized docket's behavior modification program. The National Drug Court Institute reports that "Drug Courts improve outcomes for drug-abusing offenders by combining evidence-based substance abuse treatment with strict behavioral accountability. Participants are carefully monitored for substance use and related behaviors and receive escalating incentives for accomplishments and sanctions for infractions. The nearly unanimous perception of both participants and staff members is that the positive effects of Drug Courts are largely attributable to the application of these behavioral contingencies." Incentives are fairly provided to participants in our specialized docket that serves persons with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders to maximize outcomes. The incentives that can be utilized range from verbal praises, clapping, to gift cards and/or household items. We currently do not have a budget for any incentives and must rely on donations that do not necessarily meet the needs of our participants now and do not provide an effective response to a participant's behavior. Our goal is to provide meaningful incentives that are useful for our participants as the majority are unemployed and often unhoused when they enter the program.

The service area of this program is Conneaut, Ohio. However, participants in the Renewal Court may come from other areas of the county. Renewal Court's beneficiaries are Ashtabula County residents who have a mental health or substance use disorder or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders that have contributed to the commission of the charged offenses and who require more intensive court-monitored treatment in order to enhance their ability to lead a law-abiding life. Since January 2023, 19 individuals have been referred to Renewal Court and their demographics include 14 men (74%) and 5 women (6%); 17 (90%) were white, one was African American (5%), and one was bi-racial (5%); all were non-Hispanic; all had co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders; 8 were unemployed and 6 were receiving disability; and five were homeless. The City of Conneaut, where most the participants will come from has a demographic makeup of 88.09% White; 7.06% African American; 4.02% two or more races and 0.57% Asian. 2.2% of the population in Conneaut identify themselves as Hispanic.

Expected outcomes of this project include: ensuring persons receive the behavioral health and recovery support services they need to maintain in the community, increasing the number of persons who successfully complete the Renewal Court, reducing recidivism and ensuring public safety.

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Applicant	Crossroads Health
Project Title	Integrated Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorder Services for an Underserved Population - Youth and Young Adults
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$160,249.00

Project Description:

The proposed program provides life-saving, integrated recovery and healthcare services for youth and young adults with substance use and co-occurring disorders. A continuum of services for youth (from less-intensive outpatient to 24-hour gender-specific residential treatment and supportive living) are offered to support ongoing recovery and health with the young person and their family/supports. The primary activities include: An assessment to determine level of care and needed services; Admission to level of care to address the substance use and mental health needs of the youth; Treatment within the level of care including individual, family and group counseling; Psychiatric evaluation and medication management; Addressing the physical healthcare needs of clients (medical, dental, vision); Family education and support; Case management to ensure community supports are engaged in treatment planning and ongoing care. Approximately 15% of youth involved in services are from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake and Portage Counties with upwards of 22% of these youth being involved in residential services. Youth in services typically are: Average age (17); 52% of clients' years of age (15-17); 41% of clients' years of age (18-20); 10-30% (depending on gender) are using opiates and/or stimulants; Average years of substance use (4 years); Average age of first substance use (12 years of age); Legal involvement (81%); Family substance abuse (80%); Mental health diagnosis (90%); Trauma history (85%). We have seen an increase in the number of youth whose families are being greatly impacted by the opiate epidemic in the State of Ohio. Often the youth have a parent/caregiver incarcerated for their drug offenses and many have lost a parent/caregiver to overdose. Grandparents and other family members are stepping-in to care for the youth. However, this poses additional challenges for them and the need for education and support. Although Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) occur in all sections of the population--it is well-documented that the higher the number of traumatic experiences you experience, the higher your risk of disease, social and emotional problems including substance use and mental health disorders, as well as early disease onset and death. An ACE score of 4 is significant and found in more than 80% of the youth in services at New Directions. It is increasingly common to see youth with multiple of the following: Parental use of substances including death of parent due to overdose; Suicide by parent and physical violence; Being human-trafficked or trading sex for money; Having an incarcerated family member; Having a family member with significant mental health issues. It is well-documented that the health-related costs of untreated substance use and mental health issues are staggering. The investment of funds being requested in this proposal will assist in providing integrated healthcare that will positively impact the client, their family and community.

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Applicant	Ecumenical Shelter Network Of Lake County Inc dba Project Hope for the Homeless
Project Title	Social Services Specialist and Case Management for addressing homelessness & recovery from substance use disorders.
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$131,932.00

Project Description:

Project Hope for the Homeless serves people from Lake and surrounding counties who are without a home. We are a goal-oriented shelter that provides support services to men, women and families. The majority are struggling with substance use, mental health issues or both. Some have been recently discharged from an inpatient program, jail or prison where the recovery process was started. All guests must be clean and sober to enter the shelter. Reservations to stay at the shelter are made by dialing 211 or by calling 440.639.4420 to reach Lifeline's 2-1-1 of Lake County.

We meet the immediate needs for food, hygiene, shelter, and support, so our guests can work on the skills and resources needed for a better future. Trained staff help with goal setting and regular meetings to discuss challenges, provide education on resources, and maintain accountability for progress toward successful transition from the shelter. Per the Homeless Policy Research Institute, people who have access to financial and emotional support are more likely to successfully navigate the transition from homelessness to a permanent housing situation.

Our Social Services Specialist helps remove the barriers to a life of recovery for our guests who are working to remain clean and sober and seek housing. Housing services are a vital component of treatment for substance use disorder (SUD). This program will focus on recovery-oriented practice that includes: Life goals which focus on personally valued recovery outcomes of employment, community participation, meaningful faith participation, valued roles; client choice including choice of provider and understanding of grievance process; individually-tailored services including culturally-responsive services that address the needs of people without a home; community connection to build connections of support; and consumer involvement.

The Social Services Specialist (SSS) will provide a bridge between collaborating partners and the shelter to support the continuity and coordination of care for shelter guests. When dealing with substance use recovery, mental health issues, and trauma, making decisions and following through with instructions can be very challenging. The SSS will facilitate these activities to promote success by serving as an advocate for new unconnected guests, aiding in the transition of direct care to local social service agencies and offering guidance and assistance to guests to access available resources, including housing assistance, healthcare services, and employment opportunities.

The program's success will be measured by the percentage of successful transitions to stable housing, or a restorative program and percentage of guests successfully linked to long-term support services to maintain recovery.

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Applicant	Lake Area Recovery Center Inc
Project Title	Integrative Approach: Connecting Treatment Services for Specialty Court Participants with Co-occurring Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Conditions
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$249,500.00

Project Description:

The project aims to address the complex needs of individuals suffering from substance use disorders and/or mental health illness who are involved in specialty courts. The program is looking to establish a comprehensive system for connecting specialty court participants with tailored evidence based treatment and recovery supports. A comprehensive assessment will be completed to identify individual needs and develop personalized treatment plans. These plans encompass evidence-based interventions for both SUD and mental health conditions, including individual counseling, medication-assisted treatment, dialectical behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and cognitive-behavioral therapy.

Central to the program is the integration of various support services to address the multifaceted challenges clients face. This includes offering access to several ASAM levels of care but primarily focusing on Mental Health Day Treatment, Dual IOP, CPST services, and Recovery Support services (recovery housing, peer support services, peer support groups). By addressing social determinants of health and promoting holistic well-being, the program aims to enhance participants' overall quality of life and reduce the risk of recidivism.

The project team (counselor, CPST, peer supporter) will provide weekly reports to the specialty court team with the primary focus on achieving key outcomes including; reduced substance use, improved mental health symptoms, increased engagement in treatment, and decreased involvement in criminal activities. Evaluation will be confirmed through scheduled and reported counselor appointments, scheduled and reported CPST appointments, randomized urine drug screen (UDS) results, continued mental health reports from primary counselor, and any criminal justice reports from the specialty court coordinator and/or probation officer.

Ultimately, the project goal is to empower specialty court participants to overcome barriers to recovery, rebuild their lives, and thrive as contributing members of our community. By addressing the intersection of substance use disorder and mental health issues within the context of specialty courts, the program aims to promote long-term recovery and reduce the cycle of incarceration associated with untreated behavioral health conditions.

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Applicant	Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers Inc
Project Title	Recovery Housing
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$300,000.00

Project Description:

Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers, (LGRC) a private non-profit corporation, is proposing expansion of recovery housing in Region 13 with the purchase of a home in Lake or Geauga Counties for adult men recovering from substance use disorders. The Recovery House will provide a safe, sober, drug and alcohol free living environment for individuals after they complete a primary treatment program. Peer support, assistance from Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers' outpatient programs including Medication Assisted Treatment, or other certified outpatient programs for alcohol /drug addiction services, and other addiction recovery assistance will be offered. LGRC's Recovery House shall not limit a resident's stay to a specific length of time, rather this will be self-determined by each individual. A Recovery House Manager will live on site, provide support, accountability, monitor activities and assist with screening potential residents. The Recovery House Manager will also become certified as a Peer Recovery Support or a Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant.

All individuals will be employed in the community and will be able to pay the established rent for a single or double furnished room. Additional requirements for residency include: must be willing to follow a 12-step program or have an established recovery path, no use of alcohol or drugs, actively engaged and progressing on goals and aspirations identified in their Recovery Plan, an established peer support person or network, attendance at agreed upon treatment services from their provider of choice if needed, weekly attendance at house meetings, house chores and proper care and maintenance of the facility.

The target population for the Recovery Housing project is for adult men who have completed a primary drug/alcohol treatment program and are seeking a drug and alcohol-free living environment. Target population will not exclude anyone simply because of race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap, developmental disability, HIV infection or AIDS, or a disability co-occurring with addiction to alcohol or other addictive drugs unless such disabilities would make it difficult for an individual to function in a Recovery House. In addition to the direct beneficiaries, their families will also have access to LGRC's Family Program at no cost, providing them education, support and guidance. We strongly believe that the love, support and understanding of family members can be crucial to the healing process and can play a pivotal role in an individual's long term recovery.

Our goal is to nurture, inspire and motivate, respectfully and unconditionally, in order that individuals in recovery from substance use disorders can reach their full potential and live their most abundant life. The expected outcomes include a target of a minimum 90% occupancy rate, 60% will successfully transition into the community, with a minimum length of stay of 6 months

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Applicant	New Leaf Program
Project Title	The New Leaf Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$90,000.00

Project Description:

The New Leaf Program is a 16-24 month drug court certified by the Ohio Supreme Court Specialized Docket Section. Substance use monitoring for the New Leaf Program is essential. Throughout the program, participants are required to submit either a urine or oral drug screen at least twice per week. Per our policy, the test must be random, frequent, and observed alcohol. Our program is blessed to have strong community collaboration so that our participants can submit drug screens everyday. During court and rehabilitation services operational hours, the participants can test at either place Monday - Friday. On the weekends and holidays, the participants submit oral screens at the Geauga County Safety Center (jail). Substance abuse monitoring is not always punitive as it assists the treatment team to adjust the person's therapeutic case plan. Our goal for the drug court participants is to provide resources, support and accountability to assist in becoming productive members of our community, reducing recidivism, providing treatment instead of incarceration where appropriate, and improving the safety of the public and participants. The funds will be used to purchase drug screens, both urine and oral, and the cost of laboratory testing for confirmation of the tests. Without confirmation of the tests, they would not be able to be submitted as evidence in a court proceeding. The New Leaf Program currently is contracted with Averhealth for the supplies and laboratory testing; however, we plan to search for a new vendor in the future. In addition, the funds will be used for other recovery services directly linked to the participants in the program such as education, identification, basic necessities (food, clothing, hygiene products), child care, medications including MAT and mental health, peer support services, transportation and housing.

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Applicant	Ohio Domestic Violence Network
Project Title	Survivor Centered Recovery Services for Region 13
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$514,184.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) mobilizes a statewide voice on domestic violence and promotes quality services for survivors. In our ongoing effort to ensure that our member programs are providing best practice services, ODVN employs a Substance Use/Mental Health Program Director to improve services for survivors living with substance use and mental health concerns. To that end, ODVN is applying for funding through the OneOhio Foundation to employ a Regional Recovery Services Coordinator (RRSC) who will help navigate through multiple service systems.

The Regional Recovery Services Coordinator will work with domestic violence (DV) programs, substance use treatment and healthcare providers, drug courts and other criminal/legal system services to ensure that substance-using survivors are receiving trauma-informed care and that barriers to successful movement through these systems are reduced or eliminated. The Regional Recovery Services Coordinator will work with advocates, case managers, and Peer Support Specialists within these systems to identify needs, gaps in service, provide training on the intersection of substance use, mental health, and trauma. The RRSC will increase system collaboration to ensure that survivors are able to successfully achieve independence and recovery from substance dependence. By providing training and working with staff in these systems, the RRSC will work to increase the understanding of how complex trauma can negatively impact substance use recovery, assist staff with how to identify the strengths and barriers of a survivor's recovery progress by using the Recovery Capital Index (Peer Support), assessing social determinants of health (SDH), and provide guidance to staff on creating collaborative relationships to address barriers and support strengths.

The proposed service area is Region 13, which includes Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake and Portage Counties. Initial beneficiaries of training and technical assistance will be advocates, case managers, Peer Support Specialists, treatment providers and other direct service staff employed by the domestic/gender-based violence shelters, substance use treatment facilities, Special Dockets Courts or other criminal/legal system organizations. The ultimate beneficiaries will be substance using survivors of violence who will be safely and holistically supported in recovery.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$30,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 13 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
- Building and fostering a supportive community environment.
- Effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders and neighbors
- The Importance of documentation and record keeping

By investing in the professional development of house managers, this initiative seeks to elevate the standard of services provided in recovery homes, thereby positively impacting the recovery journey of individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Moreover, by addressing the workforce shortage in the recovery housing industry, we aim to ensure the sustainability and scalability of

recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Restore Recovery: Small Repairs Grants for Recovery Housing Residences
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$150,000.00

Project Description:

Ohio is facing a critical shortfall in meeting the demand for recovery housing, with only 31% of the need currently being addressed statewide. Ashtabula County is only meeting 36% of the need for Level II housing, and does not have any identified Level I or Level III housing. Similarly, Geauga county is only meeting 40% of the need for Level II, with no Level I or Level III housing. Lake County is meeting 11% of the need for Level II and 3% of the need for Level I, and does not have any Level III. Portage county is making appropriate strides with regards to Level III housing, but is only meeting 40% of the need for Level II housing, and does not have any Level I housing available.. As we strive to bridge this gap and provide essential support to individuals on their path to recovery, it is imperative to address the challenges faced by recovery housing operators, particularly concerning minor repairs to their homes.

A small investment can make a significant difference in enabling recovery housing programs to get started and thrive. However, many operators, especially smaller ones with budgets less than \$500,000, lack the necessary resources to fund minor repairs swiftly. Without timely interventions, these operators may struggle to meet quality standards mandated by Ohio, effective January 1, 2025.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) recognizes the crucial role that recovery housing plays in facilitating successful recovery journeys. Last year, ORH offered a similar grant program, providing funds to over thirty-five properties serving more than two hundred Ohioans annually. These properties would not have attained certification standards without access to funding needed for critical repairs. Funds for this program will run out this Fall and will not be renewed.

The impending implementation of quality standards is a positive step towards ensuring safe and supportive environments for individuals in recovery. However, there must be a clear pathway to

compliance, accompanied by accessible resources. ORH understands the necessity of striking a balance between regulatory requirements and the provision of support mechanisms for operators striving to meet these standards.

Without adequate funding and support, many recovery housing operators may face insurmountable challenges in making necessary repairs and achieving or maintaining certification. It is crucial to acknowledge the inherent disparities in resources among operators and provide targeted assistance to those in need.

In light of these challenges, ORH is seeking funding in the amount of \$150000 for the establishment of a mini-grant program aimed at providing mini grants to recovery housing operators in Region 13 for minor repairs. By offering financial assistance, we can empower operators to address critical repair needs, ensuring compliance with quality standards and safeguarding the well-being of individuals in recovery.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Portage County Adult Probation Department
Project Title	TIMEOUT-Trauma Informed Methods Engaging Outcomes Utilizing Thinking)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	13
Requested Amount	\$487,487.64

Project Description:

The Portage County Adult Probation Department proposes to expand the three (3) certified Specialized Dockets; (1) a Common Pleas Court Drug Court (HOPE Court), (2) Municipal Court Drug Court (RISE Court) and (3) a Municipal Court Mental Health Court (STAR Court) with a TIMEOUT (Trauma Informed Methods Engaging Outcomes Utilizing Thinking) component. The purpose is to improve outcomes for justice-involved individuals in Portage County, Ohio, who suffer from substance use disorders or who have co-occurring mental health disorders and who are determined to be moderate to high risk based on validated assessment tools. Project activities include enhancing equity and inclusion measures to identify eligible participants and eliminate barriers to treatment; support increased intervention with pre-trial candidates to allow earlier access to treatment, implementing new evidence-based, trauma-informed treatment groups using ACE scores; gender-responsive cognitive behavioral intervention, expanding availability of training and tools for team members; conducting infectious disease, overdose prevention and naloxone training to participants and families. Expected outcomes include: enhanced Equity and Inclusion outcomes; expedited identification for treatment services during the pre-trial phase, provision of trauma-informed, gender-specific evidence-based services; reduced recidivism by changing offender behavior; reduced overdoses and overdose deaths.

Subrecipient activities include: Contract for medical providers to educate participants and family members/significant others in the following harm reduction areas: (1) Types of medication for opioid use disorders, (2) Education on the prevention of overdose and infectious disease transmission, (3) Education on the use and administration of Narcan (with kits provided to attendees). All types of FDA approved MAT services are accessible in all of the Specialized Docket programs.

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Applicant	Access Counseling Services, LLC
Project Title	Brief Recovery Intervention & Therapeutic Engagement (BRITE)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$709,000.00

Project Description:

BRITE will be a county wide program to serve individuals experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered and underserved throughout Butler County. Most of the program will focus on Hamilton and Middletown as the largest cities with services available as needed in other locations like Oxford, Trenton, Fairfield and Monroe. Brief recovery interventions include provision of survival needs like clothing, personal care items, food, water and blankets. Referral services to medical, dental and vision providers in addition to residential treatment centers. Linkage to housing assistance, benefits, support in obtaining documentation like birth certificates and identification and provision of a secure mailing address.

Therapeutic engagement is done using brief therapeutic modalities like solution focused therapy, strategic interactional therapies and interpersonal therapy. “The key to a successful brief intervention is to extract a single, measurable behavioral change from the broad process of recovery that will allow the client to experience a small, incremental success. Clients who succeed at making small changes generally return for more successes” (SAMSHA TIP 34).

The expected outcomes include meeting immediate survival needs, engaging chronically homeless and treatment resistant individuals in the therapeutic process, increasing motivation to change and increasing the number of individuals referred to traditional treatment, shelter services and housing programs.

BRITE expects a minimum of 30 individuals to be served each month with the number of contacts to range between 45-50 monthly. The goal is to complete 15 referrals annually to traditional treatment providers and assist a minimum of 10 people annually secure stable housing. Other outcome measures will include securing identification, linkage to health insurance and social security and food benefits as well as health care providers.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Butler County Inc
Project Title	Youth Mental Health Through Mentoring
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$75,000.00

Project Description:

In Ohio, suicide is actually the leading cause of death for those aged 10-24, according to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County. ACE's, or Adverse Childhood Experiences, contribute directly to those deaths, and are directly linked to behaviors such as smoking, alcoholism, drug use, a lack of physical activity, and missed work – all poor coping methods – which lead to poor outcomes such as diabetes, depression, heart disease, stroke, STD's, and suicide attempts. Stress affects the entire immune system, which disrupts learning in early years and earning ability in adult years.

These outcomes can be prevented through the presence of a supportive adult relationship, or a mentor. Mentorship has been proven to build resiliency in youth who have Adverse Childhood Experiences. Resiliency helps to overcome instances of abuse and neglect and provides benefit to a child's mental health and well-being. Trauma-informed care focuses on prevention. Prevention is far more impactful than intervention. We use mentoring to build on success, not on deficits.

What Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County does is provide the children who need it the most with a professionally supported mentorship. Our outcomes are consistently positive with children and youth in terms of risk avoidance, especially as it pertains to substance use and abuse. The mentees in our program, or Littles, also show improvement in their academics, in their relationships with peers and family members, and in the long-term show greater satisfaction in their relationships and success in their careers, the latter as measured by average income compared to their non-mentored peers.

Our Littles come from all over Butler County, and 80% are from homes receiving some form of government assistance. We serve youth ages 7-18 through three different programs: Community-based matches, which are 1 to 1 matches that take place 2-4 times a month; the site-based program, which take place primarily as after-school programs once a week during the academic year; and the Club of Unmatched Littles, which is where staff members take children who are on the wait list to be matched on outings to both get to know them in order to make better matches and to let them experience what it's like to have a mentor, or a Big.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati
Project Title	Great Futures Start Here: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati Prevention Programming at the Jeff Wyler Boys & Girls Club
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$55,000.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati (BGCGC) is dedicated to its mission of enabling all youth, particularly those facing significant education, health, and workforce disparities, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. Through this mission, BGCGC recognizes the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the PAXIS Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, its Jeff Wyler Boys & Girls Club located in Clermont County is poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming that nurtures K-12 students' growth, build protective factors against adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), implement strategies to prevent all levels of substance abuse, and support their wellbeing.

At the heart of BGCGC's commitment to empowering youth to achieve great futures, BGCGC integrates prevention programming into its core Graduate, Ready to Serve, and Fit for Life programs. The primary objective of its prevention programming is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the BGCGC provides a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

To further expand the reach of BGCGC's prevention programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues, BGCGC plans to particularly increase teen Club member recruitment and retention within its Jeff Wyler Boys & Girls Club, located in Clermont County/Region 14. Transitional phases are challenging for any teen and are further complicated by ACEs and inequitable access to education, college, and career preparation resources that many BGCGC Club members face. Increased recruitment and retention will be achieved through collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations, as well as integrating input directly from teen Club members, to enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Aligned with the OneOhio Recovery Foundation's Prevention abatement strategy, BGCGC seeks support to expand the reach of its evidence-based prevention programming to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Boys & Girls Clubs Of Hamilton
Project Title	Boys & Girls Clubs of Hamilton Prevention Programming
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$356,400.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Hamilton (BGCH) recognizes the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the PAXIS Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, the Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming.

The primary objective is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the Clubs aim to provide a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

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Expanding programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues ensures broad accessibility and impact. Collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Through this initiative, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hamilton aim to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

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Applicant	Brigids Path Inc
Project Title	Growing Support: Empowering Women and Children Affected by Addiction
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$127,720.00

Project Description:

Brigid's Path seeks this funding to provide compassionate care for babies and mothers, and to foster a safe environment where families can thrive and find hope for a better future.

Brigid's Path is the first - and only - newborn recovery center in Ohio. Here, families find medical support for their babies, as well as compassionate guidance to build a new way of living. We provide medical care to newborn babies as they experience symptoms of withdrawal from prenatal substance exposure. And, we accompany mothers and families to help identify their next right steps. We meet each mother where she is, identify her strengths, and then work with her to create a plan to move forward and achieve long-term stability.

Brigid's Path will primarily use this funding to increase the number of babies served from 50 babies per year to 75 babies per year by funding salaries of nursing, family advocacy, marketing, and security staff. Specifically, Brigid's Path will use the funding to hire 24/7 charge nurses, which we do not currently have the ability to staff, and to increase the number of nurses that work night shift by paying the nurses a more competitive salary. Brigid's Path will also designate funding to pay for outreach nursing services that connect families with other community providers, and for on-call administrative services to help assist families outside of normal Brigid's Path hours.

In sum, this funding will enhance and expand Brigid's Path's compassionate care and support for newborn babies and mothers impacted by addiction by expanding key support services for both babies and mother.

Expected Outcomes: Our goal is to serve a larger number of babies and families (roughly 70 babies per year), leading to improved health outcomes for more newborns, successful addiction treatment for more mothers, and sustained stability for more families. We help reduce the state's burden in caring for children; 80% of babies served by Brigid's Path avoided placement in foster care and the public costs associated with placement.

Service Area: In 2023, we served families from nine Ohio counties. Brigid's Path is able to serve families from all regions in Ohio.

60% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 8.

31% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 14.

8% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 15.

Intended Beneficiaries: Our efforts primarily benefit newborns exposed to addictive substances and their mothers navigating substance use disorder. However, we also provide support services for fathers, family members of moms and babies, and the broader community to help promote healthier family dynamics.

Subrecipients: This project is dedicated to enhancing and expanding compassionate care for babies and mothers impacted by addiction. We aim to create a safe and nurturing environment where more families can thrive and build hope for a brighter future.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Butler County Family & Children First Council
Project Title	Butler County Prevention +
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$917,964.00

Project Description:

The Prevention + Project will serve 18,600 individuals in Butler County including youth, their caretakers, and the community volunteers and professionals who support them. Through enhanced collaboration and prevention infrastructure, the members of the Prevention Coalition within the Butler County Family & Children First Council (BCFCFC) will work to increase protective factors and mitigate emerging risk factors that are putting youth at greater risk of alcohol, marijuana, opioid, and other substance use in our county. Edge Teen Center, Envision Partnerships, the Fairfield Coalition, Middletown Connect, and the Coalition for a Healthy Community-Oxford Area will join to communicate coordinated countywide messaging, increase evidence-based programing, expand youth-led prevention efforts, and identify youth and families impacted by the opioid epidemic to connect them to needed services.

Butler County is the 7th largest in the state with a unique mixture of urban, suburban and rural communities. We were hit extremely hard by the opiate epidemic, and then the pandemic. Butler County experienced significant and disproportionate numbers of residents with substance use disorders, too many of which result in unintentional overdoses. The age-adjusted death rate for unintentional drug overdoses in our county is 4x higher than the national average and higher than our state average. The community impact of this syndemic (epidemic +pandemic) included exposure to trauma, loss of a primary caregiver for many children, and increased mental health needs. Our prevention efforts will address the ever-evolving drug epidemic, overall community wellness measure, and resources to bring healing and build resilience.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	City Of Middletown
Project Title	Middletown Outreach Expansion
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Public Safety & First Responders
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$76,330.00

Project Description:

Since 2016, the City of Middletown has had Quick Response Team in place. The program consisted of a community outreach worker, police officer and fire personnel. The QRT Outreach Team responds to overdoses in the city and conducts in-person follow-up visits to survivors of an overdose. The community outreach worker is responsible to engage the individuals and provide them with access to treatment in the community. The community outreach worker will navigate and provide immediate access to support to the families and individuals with substance use disorder.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Clark County Combined Health District
Project Title	One2One Harm Reduction Program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$225,000.00

Project Description:

The project that will be introduced for the expansion of the One2One Harm Reduction Program will be to introduce a mobile unit for our program. One2One has been providing services to individuals in Clark County since 2018. This program has a client base that has come to our brick-and-mortar location for years, sometimes traveling miles by foot or bike. While this program has seen success with limiting the spread of Hepatitis C as well as other unexpected diseases associated with IV substance use, we know that there is a client base that is not being reached. This mobile unit will be supplied the same as our current locations with syringes, prevention packs, tourniquets, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, and naloxone. This mobile unit will also allow for the on-site nurse to expand the testing of HIV, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis. With this funding we will also be able to supplement some of the work that our nurse does. This will allow him to expand some hours to better serve the community in a larger capacity. We expect this mobile unit to reach those individuals in underserved populations who are unable to make it to the normal locations. This program will also allow us an opportunity to provide services to more of Clark County and not just Springfield. Currently, all our One2One locations fall within Springfield City limits and the hope is to expand to reach individuals outside of Springfield. We know that there are many unreached individuals that reside in rural areas and have limited access to these resources. By providing these services to unreached populations, we are breaking down barriers and looking to provide this support to those in need. Having this mobile unit will allow us to create relationships and build trust. The more our unit is in the community the more relationships we will be able to foster. In turn, this relationship and trust will allow us to empower individuals to seek the help they need.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Clark County Partners in Prevention
Project Title	Strength in Community: Empowering Youth and Families Facing Adversity
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$92,165.00

Project Description:

This project outlines the design and implementation of a comprehensive program aimed at preventing substance use, strengthening families, enhancing parenting skills, and minimizing the risk of future personal problems with youth and adults experiencing adverse childhood experiences. This initiative builds on previous programming implemented through the Children of Incarcerated Parent's Initiative. The primary objective is to incorporate evidence-based programming in neighborhoods with at-risk youth, parents in treatment, and reentry programs through Clark County Partners in Prevention Coalition members.

Creating Lasting Family Connections (CLFC) is a cognitive behavioral program that is proven effective in enhancing protective factors, modifying attitudes towards substance use, enhancing parenting skills, and building resilient youth. The goal is to expand the program throughout the community, utilizing coalition partnerships to implement programming. Springfield Promise Neighborhood, a youth-serving organization providing afterschool and community-based services for youth and families in at-risk neighborhoods will implement CLFC in afterschool programs and neighborhood outreach opportunities. Other essential collaborations include the Clark County Department of Reentry, Opportunities for Individual Change (OIC), Many Pathways (recovery program) each organization will implement with their clients and populations. CLFC has been shown to be particularly effective in reducing substance abuse and recidivism when implemented in these community settings.

Outcomes expected include increased communication and refusal skills for resisting negative influences. Promotion of emotional awareness and expression skills to help those in recovery. Promote relationship and family strengthening skills and promote self-efficacy. This project strives to cultivate strong families and communities through empowerment, education, advocacy, and policy change.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Clermont County Mental Health And Recovery Board
Project Title	The Clermont County Crisis Receiving Center (CRC)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$1,000,000.00

Project Description:

The Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board (MHRB) will design and implement a Crisis Receiving Center (CRC), an evidence-based crisis strategy, to serve any person in behavioral health (BH) crisis in Clermont County, Ohio. CRCs provide short-term observation and crisis stabilization services to all referrals, regardless of acuity, in a home-like, non-hospital environment. It offers no-wrong-door access to BH services – a place to go for persons experiencing a substance use and/or mental health crisis. Clermont County’s (CC) crisis continuum has 2 of the 3 core elements of a crisis system – a crisis call center (someone to talk to) and mobile crisis (someone to respond). It lacks a CRC. CC has seen an increase in the need for crisis services with a 58% increase in crisis hotline calls since 2017. Lack of crisis services results in law enforcement (LE) serving as emergency response for BH crises. 31% of CC jail inmates report drug use or a mental health problem. Emergency Departments (EDs) are also impacted. Mercy Hospital Clermont’s ED saw 1,892 persons in 2022 for BH issues. Only 43% needed to be admitted. LE and EDs serving on the psychiatric front lines leads to unnecessary incarceration, inappropriate ED utilization, and does not address the needs of people in BH crisis. MHRB will collaborate with community partners to plan and implement the CRC. The planning goal is to develop a CRC operational plan over 12 months. Key planning activities include work with a CRC design Consultant; tour 2 CRC model programs; develop a CRC operations guide; formalize data sharing agreements; hire/train a treatment team; train stakeholders on client referral protocols; develop plans for step-down respite care; and conduct community education. The implementation goal is to implement the CRC to reduce BH-related calls to LE and ED visits for persons in BH crisis, and to increase linkage to BH treatment. Implementation activities will occur over 24 months and include: convene an implementation team to oversee operations/sustainability; provide crisis services; collect/review data for continuous quality improvement; and operationalize a sustainability plan. The CRC will serve 2,300 persons in BH crisis. The clinical care goal will be rapid stabilization and treatment linkage. Services will include screening/assessment; crisis de-escalation; and treatment; including medication access, detox, peer support, and care management to facilitate service linkage. The MHRB will contract with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services and Child Focus to operate and provide clinical services. These agencies will be subrecipients. By statute, the MHRB cannot provide services directly to clients and must contract with treatment providers. OneOhio funds will build crisis capacity to bring the right response and responders at the right time to deemphasize LE/EDs roles in BH crises, safely address BH concerns, and redirect resources from containment to treatment.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Emerge Recovery & Trades Initiative
Project Title	Recovery on Wheels
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$70,000.00

Project Description:

Recovery on Wheels will provide access to transportation for individuals 18 to 64 with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions who reside in the Miami Valley region and surrounding counties.

To accommodate the community demand for services in Greene County, Emerge Recovery and Trade Initiative (ERTI) proposes funding for Recovery on Wheels, a fleet of four vehicles to transport residents and clients to assessments, treatment appointments, community support meetings, and a variety of recovery oriented activities. This will accommodate our growing needs and give access to services for more clients in more locations.

With collaborative partners in Montgomery and surrounding counties, there is often a need to transport a justice-involved or homeless individuals for treatment or housing services. Recovery on Wheels will increase our ability to reach beyond our current residents and into the community at large to assist with linkages to services at Emerge with a re-entry population and those who lack reliable transportation.

Recovery on Wheels will overcome the geographic barriers, ensure timely attendance, expand treatment options, and promote preventive care for those seeking services at the Emerge campus in Xenia, Ohio and at Emerge Springs Recovery Housing in Yellow Springs, Ohio. This services will help build recovery supports, linkages to peer supporters, connections to community advocates, reunification of families through family programming, and educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities to impact better health outcomes for sustained recovery.

In addition to the daily routes for clinical services and support meetings, ERTI will also provide transportation services to our campus for various opportunities including attendance in the Aspire Program, a GED instruction program with the Miami Valley Career Technology Center and The Trades Institute, an accredited trade school that offers certifications in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, manufacturing, and soon to offer business technology and automotive training.

The vehicles will be vital in connecting our expanded program participants residing at Emerge Springs Recovery Housing (ESRH) in Yellow Springs with daily routes to our main campus in Xenia, just 7 miles away. Recovery on Wheels will transport 20-40 men from ESRH to our main campus for clinical services, outpatient counseling, support groups, and job skills training.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Franklin City Schools
Project Title	PATHS: Positive Actions To Help Success
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$304,000.00

Project Description:

Franklin City School District proposes to enhance the current student wellness infrastructure by instituting a school-based prevention program targeting over 600 students in grades 3-5 on one campus. The City of Franklin lies in the far Northwest corner of Warren County Ohio. According to the Ohio Department of Health Social Vulnerability Index, Franklin is a vulnerable community with portions of the community having a social vulnerability index score of 7.5 and higher.

Results from the 2022 Warren County Youth Wellbeing Inventory show that our students have complex challenges. Key findings from the Inventory indicate that by middle school, 25% of the youth who report using alcohol before middle school, 9.8% of youth who report using marijuana used before middle school, and 36% of middle school have self-harmed or contemplated self-harm. Among the seven hundred sixty 7th through 12th-grade students who participated in the Inventory, 30% have lived with someone who is a problem drinker, 24.6% report living with someone who abused illegal drugs and 47% report living with someone who is mentally ill. These results indicate the need for evidence-based prevention programs at elementary schools to build resiliency among youth to mitigate difficult circumstances.

Prevention/Intervention strategies will follow the Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Elementary Students (DBT-E). At the school level, this is not therapy, but skills training that will be a core Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program for all students. Franklin City Schools will expand its partnership with community mental health partners (Regional Mental Health Board of Warren County) to facilitate prevention strategies based on their areas of expertise.

Less than 50% of Franklin students live with a biological mother and father and 46% of our students are economically disadvantaged. FCS must take a bold stand to help our students with these complex challenges.

OneOhio Regional Grant Application Abstracts 2024

Applicant	Greene County Public Health
Project Title	Expanding Harm Reduction Services in Greene and Clinton Counties
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Harm Reduction
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$329,222.20

Project Description:

Greene County Public Health (GCPH) proposes an expansion of its harm reduction services to address the opioid crisis in Greene and Clinton Counties. This initiative aims to integrate the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP), deploy a mobile unit in rural and underserved areas, and augment the Quick Response Team (QRT) with peer-delivered post-overdose continued coaching. These measures are designed to increase the community's capacity to delivered targeted harm reduction services, reduce overdoses, and improve referrals for treatment and linkage to care.

ODMAP will improve overdose surveillance and response, enhancing emergency coordination and resource allocation. The mobile health unit will tackle barriers like transportation and stigma by delivering on-site harm reduction services including naloxone distribution, overdose education, testing for communicable diseases (HCV, HIV, and syphilis) and referrals for treatment. The introduction of peer-delivered coaching in QRT aims to increase treatment engagement and retention among overdose survivors, utilizing peers' lived experiences and empathetic support to build trust and motivate connection to harm reduction services and recovery.

In 2021 Ohio saw a 27% increase in unintentional overdose deaths, with fentanyl implicated in over 80% of these cases. Addressing this critical need, GCPH's expansion plans are expected to enhance access to harm reduction services, improve health outcomes, and increase community engagement in overdose prevention and response. This approach aligns with documented best practices and leverages previous successes to further reduce fatal and non-fatal overdose rates in Greene and Clinton Counties.

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Applicant	Hope Hub Xenia
Project Title	Hope Hub Xenia
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$60,000.00

Project Description:

For our existing home new windows need to be purchased to improve energy efficiency, comfort and safety of current residents. New windows will also lower the cost of our monthly utility cost. This program also needs a transport vehicle to be able to transport up to 12 people. This will enable us to transport our residents with insurance in a safe and timely manner to appointments, meetings, activities, and events. The cost of insurance, gas and maintenance is included in this request.

We are requesting additional funds for a second transformational living home that provides much needed housing for women and children. The purpose of this home is to allow women time to focus hard on recovery for the first 6 months and also allow them the opportunity for reunification with their children. Tools unique to this program include: affordable housing, employment assistance, available childcare, individual health and wellness coaching, peer support, Introduction to family living, re-entry, parenting support and education, and a working relationship with children services/local schools. We serve women 18 and older, women with children, and pregnant women who struggle with SUD in Greene county and surrounding areas

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Applicant	McKinley Hall
Project Title	Alive and Well & New Hope Recovery Houses
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$95,880.00

Project Description:

McKinley Hall is a substance abuse treatment facility, located in Springfield, OH, proposing to open two 8-bed, level III recovery houses (Alive and Well and New Hope). The funds are being requested to furnish the two houses since the Clark County Commission and the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene, and Madison Counties have already allocated funds for capital improvements and operations.

McKinley Hall currently operates 6 Ohio Recovery House certified homes. Three of the level II houses, totaling 16 recovery beds are for men and 4 additional beds for their children. The other three houses, for women, are comprised of 2 level II houses and 1 level III house, totaling 30 beds 9 additional beds for children. Currently, we have no level III housing for men and the 3 houses for men that we currently operate are often at capacity.

These recovery houses are part of a larger project that includes our Expanded Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine (E-RAAM) Clinic. While all of the spaces have different entrances, the recovery houses are under the same roof as our E-RAAM Clinic. Since they are level III supervised 24/7 houses, some residents will likely be engaged in outpatient withdrawal management services in the clinic. This project provides a supervised, safe, structured, drug-free space to live while residents transition to treatment.

This housing structure is unique in that it is separated but both living quarters can be accessed by staff using a key fob. This space can be used for men and women or expanded to one gender, based on need at that time. Even though this space will adhere to the Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) standard of unlimited length of stay, traditionally as residents move through their recovery journey, they step down to a lower level of housing. Our expectation is that this recovery house will likely have an average length of stay of about 60 to 90 days before stepping down to a level II house or securing stable housing elsewhere. We have some capacity to transition clients who will be living in the new level III houses.

Alive and Well and New Hope houses will be utilized by Clark County, Greene, and Madison County residents. However, outside counties will be able to access the housing as well with a board contract. The anticipated result is that a minimum of 60% of the residents will stay committed to treatment for 6 months or more, thereby enhancing their chances for the most effective outcome.

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Applicant	McKinley Hall
Project Title	Expanded Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinic (E-RAAM)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$326,579.57

Project Description:

Rapid Access to Addiction Medication (RAAM) Clinics, established in Ontario Canada, provide evidence-based services that will increase capacity and further advance our current behavioral health continuum. RAAM Clinics are drop-in clinics for individuals seeking medical assistance to reduce or stop their substance use, offering access to withdrawal management, brief counseling, support and community linkage to needed services.

Our proposed project to implement the RAAM model, with tailored enhancements, aims to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits for non-emergent withdrawal-related care and enhance treatment retention post withdrawal management services to decrease fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the community. The Expanded Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine (E-RAAM) Clinic at McKinley Hall in Springfield, Ohio, is designed to address immediate substance withdrawal needs for adult men and women upon arrival for care while simultaneously initiating strategies to facilitate transition to the next level of care. The three main strategies include rapid access, transition to next level of care and extended length of stay in treatment, once engaged. Services are accessible to residents of Clark, Greene, Madison, Clinton and Warren Counties, providing crucial intervention and crisis support for multiple communities.

In addition to incorporating evidence-based practices from RAAM Clinics to provide rapid access to withdrawal management medication, addressing co-occurring disorders, and referral with patient engagement to the next level of care for treatment, this proposed project goes further by enhancing the model. It includes 8 withdrawal management beds for individuals who do not qualify for ambulatory withdrawal management protocols, operating on a 24/7 basis. The E-RAAM Clinic collaborates with local Fire/EMS services and the local Mobile Crisis Response Team for direct patient reception. Moreover, the clinic offers warm hand-offs and transportation services for individuals requiring a higher level care, such as the local psychiatric hospital.

Adjacent to the E-RAAM Clinic are two 24-hour supervised level III Recovery Houses, accommodating 16 residents who have completed withdrawal management at the clinic but lack a drug-free and stable environment post-discharge. This E-RAAM Clinic serves individuals, families, and first responders by providing a centralized location for crisis intervention support, withdrawal management, and treatment transition care.

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Applicant	Miami University - Global Health Research Innovation Center & the Department of Anthropology
Project Title	R-silience: Expanding Access to Free Recovery Support Services
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$64,287.00

Project Description:

We want to make it easy for people to find recovery houses that fit their needs so that they can achieve sustainable recovery. R-silience is a free evidence-based resource (website and app) designed to improve access to recovery services, specifically to enable people to more easily find recovery housing that fits their needs. Its creation was supported by the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and will continue to be housed at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. We have worked hard to ensure that this remains a free resource: free for people searching for housing, and free for recovery house managers. With this proposal, we seek funding to conduct focused outreach and develop partnerships expanding the recovery support access that R-silience offers in our region of Ohio, Region 14. The recovery community is one that is founded on personal relationships, and we propose to dedicate time and resources with intensive outreach to ADAMH boards, recovery house managers, and to those who would serve those who need recovery housing (community service organizations, peer supporters, family support organizations, judicial system officials, and treatment facilities). Expanding the number of recovery house managers who list their houses on R-silience, and expanding knowledge about R-silience as a free resource, will make it easier for people with lived experience to find the recovery house that fits their needs so that they can achieve sustainable recovery.

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Applicant	On Our Way Home, Inc.
Project Title	Enhanced Housing And New Community Employment Partnerships (ENHANCE)
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$97,081.00

Project Description:

Under this project, we will enhance the recovery housing services we have provided in Clermont County, Ohio since 2022.

In Clermont County, Ohio, there are on average 157 people in Intensive Outpatient Treatment for substance use disorder. The target population for this project faces major barriers to recovery. Clermont County is split between rural and suburban areas, with the rural portion in southern/southeastern part of the county, where OOWH operates. As compared to the suburban area, the rural part of Clermont County has lower per capita income and difficulty with access to resources. This vulnerable population is at high risk for relapse and overdose. Recovery housing is a crucial type of support for SUD recovery that mitigates the impact of cyclic relapses.

We will continue to provide recovery housing at for 14 women in Bethel, Ohio and 22 men in New Richmond, Ohio, and we will expand the recovery support services available to our residents to include behavioral health services and activities in the home environment.

Our employer services will include assessing, training, and coaching residents toward satisfying career path employment that leads to progressive skills enhancement and meaningful and family-sustainable employment. We will work in coordination with the Clermont County Public Defender's Office to resolve open legal casework so residents can reinstate driver's licenses. We require residents to provide at least 4 hours/month of volunteering in the neighborhood communities to establish relationships outside of the four walls of our facilities, and our peer-led Activities Committee plans fun events, subsidized by OOWH, that facilitate relationship-building among themselves, their friends and families, and the community.

As a result of this project, 36 residents will experience increased positive relationships and belonging in the community. Our residents benefit from the supportive, safe community environment. One goal at a time, residents will tackle the barriers to independence and be able to move out of recovery housing and back into society. For parents with children, this means less involvement with child welfare. For all residents and the community, it means improved relationships.

Our residents complete the Outcomes Survey instituted by Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) at Move-In, 6 Months, and Move-Out. This allows us to monitor our success; we expect an increased sense of purpose and sense of belonging in community, increased earnings, and decreased debt to be reported by our residents on the ORH Outcomes surveys. More specifically, we expect at Move-out that 80% of residents will have progression of career trajectory beyond entry-level, 60% of applicable residents will be eligible to drive, and 80% of residents who are parents of minors will report improved relationships with children. At six months, we expect 100% of residents will have increased recovery capital.

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Applicant	Phoenix Place Inc
Project Title	Expansion of Peer-Run Organization
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	14
Requested Amount	\$40,000.00

Project Description:

Hope Community Center is a peer run organization situated in rural Clermont county. Hope Community Center (HCC) provides peer-to-peer support groups and educational classes in the areas of recovery, wellness, education, employment, life skills, social skills, creative expression, and personal growth. HCC provides services to individuals across the spectrum of lived experience of mental illness or addiction. Our proposed project is an expansion to our peer run organization, in order to address disparities in recovery supports in rural areas. Our object is to increase availability and accessibility of services, in order to increase and diversify the base of individuals we serve and increase their recovery capital. Our activities will include building recovery community, hosting and participating in sober community events, community outreach and engagement, capacity building, community-based interventions and prevention, and building community coalitions. Our expected outcome would be to increase our daily individuals served from 11 to 15+, gain 5 new members per quarter, and offer one sober event/outing per month. Transportation barriers in our rural area prevent some members from accessing our regular daytime peer support services, and prohibit group outings for our center which studies show can be essential in recovery. Purchase of a van would allow us to increase our impact on the community.

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Applicant	Brigids Path Inc
Project Title	Growing Support: Empowering Women and Children Affected by Addiction
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$32,960.00

Project Description:

Brigid's Path seeks this funding to provide compassionate care for babies and mothers, and to foster a safe environment where families can thrive and find hope for a better future.

Brigid's Path is the first - and only - newborn recovery center in Ohio. Here, families find medical support for their babies, as well as compassionate guidance to build a new way of living. We provide medical care to newborn babies as they experience symptoms of withdrawal from prenatal substance exposure. And, we accompany mothers and families to help identify their next right steps. We meet each mother where she is, identify her strengths, and then work with her to create a plan to move forward and achieve long-term stability.

Brigid's Path will primarily use this funding to increase the number of babies served from 50 babies per year to 75 babies per year by funding salaries of nursing, family advocacy, marketing, and security staff. Specifically, Brigid's Path will use the funding to hire 24/7 charge nurses, which we do not currently have the ability to staff, and to increase the number of nurses that work night shift by paying the nurses a more competitive salary. Brigid's Path will also designate funding to pay for outreach nursing services that connect families with other community providers, and for on-call administrative services to help assist families outside of normal Brigid's Path hours.

In sum, this funding will enhance and expand Brigid's Path's compassionate care and support for newborn babies and mothers impacted by addiction by expanding key support services for both babies and mother.

Expected Outcomes: Our goal is to serve a larger number of babies and families (roughly 70 babies per year), leading to improved health outcomes for more newborns, successful addiction treatment for more mothers, and sustained stability for more families. We help reduce the state's burden in caring for children; 80% of babies served by Brigid's Path avoided placement in foster care and the public costs associated with placement.

Service Area: In 2023, we served families from nine Ohio counties. Brigid's Path is able to serve families from all regions in Ohio.

60% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 8.

31% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 14.

8% of the babies and families we serve reside in Region 15.

Intended Beneficiaries: Our efforts primarily benefit newborns exposed to addictive substances and their mothers navigating substance use disorder. However, we also provide support services for fathers, family members of moms and babies, and the broader community to help promote healthier family dynamics.

Subrecipients: This project is dedicated to enhancing and expanding compassionate care for babies and mothers impacted by addiction. We aim to create a safe and nurturing environment where more families can thrive and build hope for a brighter future.

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Applicant	Wright State University: College of Health, Education and Human Services; School of Professional Psychology
Project Title	Disseminating Behavioral Couple Therapy for Substance Use Disorders
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$54,212.00

Project Description:

Individuals who receive behavioral couple therapy for substance use disorders (BCT for SUDs) are shown to exhibit better substance-related and relationship outcomes than those who receive bone fide individually-based treatments for SUDs. Despite the demonstrated superiority of BCT for SUDs over individually-based treatments for SUDs, most programs and providers only offer individually-based SUDs treatment that typically excludes or offers minimal inclusion of concerned significant others in treatment. A major reason for this service gap is the lack of provider training, knowledge, and skill in the delivery of BCT for SUDs. This proposal seeks to leverage the expertise of Dr. Jeremiah Schumm, who is the only expert and master trainer in BCT for SUDs within the State of Ohio, to train SUDs treatment providers in the community in the delivery of BCT for SUDs. Dr. Schumm is Clinical Professor in the Wright State University School of Professional Psychology who has dedicated the last 20 years of his career to research, delivery, and training in BCT for SUDs. Dr. Schumm will provide foundational training via a foundational training workshop along with follow up consultation to SUDs treatment providers within the community. It is expected that by receiving training and consultation in BCT for SUDs that providers will demonstrate an increase in their knowledge and skill in delivering BCT for SUDs. It is also expected that providers will report increased efficacy and intention to deliver BCT for SUDs to the clients whom they are serving. In this initial dissemination pilot program, Dr. Schumm has enlisted the partnership of TCN Behavioral Health Services, Inc., which serves approximately 5,000 individuals with SUDs yearly throughout Regions 8, 14, and 15. With the support of this grant, TCN Behavioral Health leadership is committed to hosting Dr. Schumm to train its SUDs treatment providers in the delivery of BCT for SUDs. The beneficiaries of this grant will include the patients with SUDs served by TCN Behavioral Health. If this pilot program is successful, Dr. Schumm will expand to offer trainings and consultation to other providers and agencies who serve individuals with SUDs within the State of Ohio.

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Applicant	Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions
Project Title	Lima MRT, TREM, and Seeking Safety Training Program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$30,000.00

Project Description:

LBHS will use the funds to train providers to furnish MRT, TREM, and Seeking Safety training services to its clients. The funds will allow LBHS to train their counselors on the provision of MRT, TREM, Seeking Safety services to assist more clients with trauma to reduce their anxiety, depression, and negative emotions. These services are especially beneficial to clients with substance use disorder and severe mental health conditions. The beneficiaries of the transportation program are LBHS residents and clients with substance use disorder or in recovery who would benefit from additional treatment services.

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Applicant	Mental Health And Recovery Services Board, Aah
Project Title	Allen/Auglaize County Peer Center
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$38,500.00

Project Description:

The MHR SB will contract with Lighthouse Behavioral Solutions to operate a peer recovery center serving Allen and Auglaize county residents.

At Lighthouse, substance use disorder treatment is more than just recovery – it's individuals living and thriving again. Our compassionate team of caregivers provides substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health treatment services that are evidence-based and effective. The Center will help remove the barriers between our clients and access to care in their community: helping them restore their dignity, wellness, and sense of purpose.

Lighthouse Community Center will be a free and accessible peer led facility. The Community Center will also serve families and loved ones affected by addiction, the opportunity to both offer and receive support. The Community Center will promote personal empowerment through education and peer support, helping individuals to take control of their own recovery. The Center will host a wide variety of one-on-one peer support, group peer support, recreational activities, computer lab, a media center & more. The facility will offer many peer-led support groups each week. These include mental health, alcohol & other drug & trauma informed support groups & more. Peer community centers help individuals develop personally and at the community level by providing recovery information and mobilizing resources to reduce barriers to successful recovery. Individuals will receive employment skills training, connecting them to local community social services, and educational opportunities. The Center will provide a sense of hope, belonging and empowerment, with programming based on national standards and best practices in providing peer recovery support services and reflective of peer choice. Individuals will self-report abstinence, employment, housing stability, recidivism, and relationship(s) satisfaction. The organization will report numbers served, demographics of those served, and individual program completions.

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Applicant	Mental Health And Recovery Services Board, Aah
Project Title	Dedicated Intervention Specialist
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$33,114.40

Project Description:

The Juvenile Court specialist will collaborate with probation officers and community partners to deliver prevention services, facilitate group interventions, and perform screenings and make referrals at the Allen County Access Center. This substance abuse intervention specialist will perform services in Allen County for youth involved with local systems including MHR SB, Allen County Children Services, ODJFS, Allen County FCFC, Allen County ESC, Allen County Board of DD, Allen County Schools, and Law Enforcement Agencies. The outcomes for this new position will increase number of youth in AoD related groups, number of youth in awareness/prevention activities, number of Access youth referred to services, number of Access youth currently involved in juvenile court.

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Applicant	Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital
Project Title	Mental Wellness Support for Addiction Recovery
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$100,000.00

Project Description:

Our goal is to employ counselors/therapist to work with families and loved ones of members of our community who are suffering from addiction. While the individual/addict is working the recovery steps, we want to provide support and guidance to those who are impacted by the individuals addiction. We hope to strengthen these individuals to help them cope with the addiction issue, but also to be better equipped to support the individual during and after recovery.

We want to offer individual, family, and group counseling to equip the addict's family and friends support to equip themselves and the addict through the recovery process and the years to come.

Addiction affects many more than just the individual who is physically suffer with the addiction.

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Applicant	Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center, LLC
Project Title	MOUD Navigator Project
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$144,087.90

Project Description:

St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, OH (Mercy) provides screenings, assessments, and treatment for patients with an opiate use disorder (OUD), substance use disorder (SUD), or mental health (MH) diagnosis in the Emergency Department and other acute care settings. Despite efforts to improve outcomes, the number of patients who come to Mercy seeking care for these conditions continues to escalate. Since 2021, the hospital has experienced an exponential increase in the number of patients diagnosed with an OUD, SUD, and /or MH diagnosis, and the 30-day readmission rate for these patients has not improved. To address this critical issue, grant funds are requested to support the development and implementation of an MOUD (Medication for Opioid Use) Navigator project. This comprehensive project, supported by an MOUD Navigator and a Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PSS), will provide capacity for enhanced screenings and assessments, brief interventions, and linkages to resources, as well as the expansion of relationships with local providers to directly connect patients with care in the community. Through this project, an estimated 2880 unique patients with an OUD, SUD and/or MH diagnosis will benefit from being connected to the care they need, when they need it.

The experienced team will work with patients who have an OUD, SUD, and /or MH diagnosis to navigate treatment options and to provide care that is best aligned to patients' needs. They will ensure coordinated care by guiding patients and families through the healthcare system and social service agencies, and by supporting a continuum of care by assisting with access and follow-up to services in the community that are effective, safe, timely, and complete. The MOUD Navigator and PSS will provide education, coaching, and strength-based supportive resources for patients and families. In addition to screenings and brief interventions, the project will provide opportunities for strengthened community partnerships to ensure patients are efficiently connected to additional care options, providing a streamlined approach. Peer support services will provide pathways for patients to remain engaged in the process of recovery, improving long-term outcomes. Through this comprehensive approach, anticipated outcomes of St. Rita's MOUD Navigator project include expansion of treatment options for patients with an OUD, SUD, and /or MH diagnosis by improving access and linkage to services, and improvement in recovery outcomes for patients with an OUD, SUD and / or and MH diagnosis.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$33,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 15 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
- Building and fostering a supportive community environment.
- Effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders and neighbors
- The Importance of documentation and record keeping

By investing in the professional development of house managers, this initiative seeks to elevate the standard of services provided in recovery homes, thereby positively impacting the recovery journey of individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Moreover, by addressing the workforce shortage in the recovery housing industry, we aim to ensure the sustainability and scalability of

recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Restore Recovery: Small Repairs Grants for Recovery Housing Residences
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$100,000.00

Project Description:

Ohio is facing a critical shortfall in meeting the demand for recovery housing, with only 31% of the need currently being addressed statewide. The counties served by We Care People, the mental health and recovery board for Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties have made significant progress with regards to ensuring that individuals in their county region have access to Level III and Level II housing, but there is a need for Level I housing in the area. The Counties served by the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services, Darke, Miami and Shelby, are only meeting 55% of the need for Level III housing, 9% for Level II and 7% for Level I. The Tri County Board serving Mercer, Van Wert and Paulding Counties is only meeting 30% of the need for Level II housing and none of the need for Level III or Level I housing. Similarly, Preble County is only meeting 24% of the need for Level II housing, and none of the need for Level I or Level III and the counties served by the Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board of Logan and Champaign Counties is only able to meet 21% of the need for Level II housing and none of the need for Level II or Level III.. As we strive to bridge this gap and provide essential support to individuals on their path to recovery, it is imperative to address the challenges faced by recovery housing operators, particularly concerning minor repairs to their homes.

A small investment can make a significant difference in enabling recovery housing programs to get started and thrive. However, many operators, especially smaller ones with budgets less than \$500,000, lack the necessary resources to fund minor repairs swiftly. Without timely interventions, these operators may struggle to meet quality standards mandated by Ohio, effective January 1, 2025.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) recognizes the crucial role that recovery housing plays in facilitating successful recovery journeys. Last year, ORH offered a similar grant program, providing funds to

over thirty-five properties serving more than two hundred Ohioans annually. These properties would not have attained certification standards without access to funding needed for critical repairs. Funds for this program will run out this Fall and will not be renewed.

The impending implementation of quality standards is a positive step towards ensuring safe and supportive environments for individuals in recovery. However, there must be a clear pathway to compliance, accompanied by accessible resources. ORH understands the necessity of striking a balance between regulatory requirements and the provision of support mechanisms for operators striving to meet these standards.

Without adequate funding and support, many recovery housing operators may face insurmountable challenges in making necessary repairs and achieving or maintaining certification. It is crucial to acknowledge the inherent disparities in resources among operators and provide targeted assistance to those in need.

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Applicant	Premier Health
Project Title	Evidence-Based Approach to Opioid Use Disorder Screening, Treatment, and Provider Education in the Hospital Setting
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$141,030.00

Project Description:

Substance use disorder (SUD) is a complex medical condition often intertwined with social determinants of health, trauma and impacted by healthcare bias. Hospitals play a crucial role in identifying and treating individuals with SUD, necessitating evidence-based practices for screening; treatment; provider education; trauma-informed care; addressing healthcare bias; and integrating graduate medical education (GME). The primary activities proposed in this multi-regional program (Regions 8,14 & 15) will be implemented throughout Premier Health's service area, including Montgomery, Butler, Greene, Warren, Miami, Clark, Shelby and Darke counties. The subrecipients of this grant include Miami Valley Hospital, Atrium Medical Center, and Upper Valley Medical Center.

The proposed program includes the use of Substance Use Navigators (SUN) to evaluate patients and facilitate coordinated care in the hospital. The revision of policies and processes allow for increased care for SUD patients. Conducting educational sessions for staff, providers and physicians will impact implicit bias and bolster proficiency in caring for patients admitted with substance use and addiction issues. Ensuring patients admitted to the hospital with SUD receive appropriate treatment will ensure timely, evidence based intervention. Implementing telehealth services will extend support, accessibility and continuity of care. Reviewing policies, processes and prescribing of opioids will help prevent SUD.

Implementation of these activities is critical for improving patient outcomes and reducing disparities. Embracing these practices will enhance care quality, promote recovery among those with SUD, and optimize healthcare delivery processes. Just a few of the expected outcomes include:

- Increase SUD screening for all patients in the hospital setting as part of usual care
- Increase in patients with SUD to be evaluated and provided with transition of care from substance use navigators
- Increase number of newly diagnosed OUD patients started on MOUD
- Increase in harm reduction services provided in the hospital
- Increase in SUD based education for hospital staff, physicians, resident physicians and fellows in training

This proposed program will improve education and engagement, leading to improved evidence-based care, utilizing hospitalization as a first step to treatment for SUD. Decreasing healthcare bias and trauma will ultimately lead to increased care for all patients, including those with SUD and/or co-occurring mental health issues. Expansion of the SUN program within the hospital setting will increase the number of patients being evaluated and will facilitate coordinated care before the patient is discharged. An education conference will engage the

medical and greater community, along with first responders, in increasing awareness and understanding of SUD, helping to provide nonjudgmental support and collaboration for SUD impacted individuals and their families.

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Applicant	Samaritan Works Inc
Project Title	Expansion of housing. Samaritan Works has two Level 2 recovery homes, both certified with ORH. We intend on using this grant money to purchase a third location to be certified as a Level 1 recovery home.
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$250,000.00

Project Description:

Samaritan Works intends to purchase a duplex within the city of Sidney to be certified and then used as a level 1 recovery home. Recovery housing is a vital component of the continuum of care for those in recovery from substance abuse disorders. Residents of recovery homes are more likely to engage in recovery support activities, when living in a sober living environment. According to the ORH 2022 Outcomes Survey, across Ohio, only 31% of recovery housing need is being met across all levels, 1,2,& 3. In Shelby, Miami, and Darke County, where our two level 2 homes are already located, we meet the need by only 9% in level 2, and 7% in level 1 homes. Samaritan Works will use money awarded from this grant cycle to purchase a duplex to be certified and used as a level 1 home, with one half for women, and the other half for men. Our intent is to purchase this fall, renovate if needed, get it certified, and begin using it by the end of this year. We have several people on our waiting list who will be ready to occupy this home as soon as we are ready. Often times, residents remain in our level 2 homes longer than they desire, simply because of the non existence of a level 1 sober home for them to move into. This grant will allow us to meet this unmet need in our community. Sober living is key. Ohio experienced \$35 million in cost savings in 2022, due to utilization of recovery homes. If we increase the housing capacity by only 25%, we will save an additional \$8.5 million. With the addition of a third home, into our program, we will be expanding our services for longer periods of time for those able to move into the level 1 house. We will also expand our staffing by hiring a second full time Peer Support Specialist to be on-site during the evening and weekend hours. The Peer Supporter will conduct classes, take residents to evening appointments, and facilitate weekend activities at both our level 2 homes, as well as the new level 1 home. This added support to our residents will prove most beneficial to the success of their sober lifestyles. All studies show that the longer the contact with sober living programs, the better the outcome. Outcomes reported are a 61% increase in employment, more engaged in recovery activities, improved mental/physical health, with 60% living in recovery homes longer than six months reporting their health to be "good most days" as apposed to only 47% stating the same, if only living in a recovery home for less than 6 months. This grant will be used to purchase a home, to be certified and used as a level 1 recovery home, and to hire a second peer support specialist who will be able to work evenings and weekends providing transportation, support groups, and guidance to our level 1 and level 2 residents.

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Applicant	Shelby County Sheriff's Office
Project Title	Shelby County Sheriff's Treatment and Recovery (S.T.A.R.) House
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$74,800.00

Project Description:

The Shelby County Sheriff's Treatment and Recovery (S.T.A.R. House) is a transitional recovery house designed for Shelby County residents who are formerly incarcerated adult males who are on community corrections supervision and are in recovery from substance use disorders (SUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders. The S.T.A.R. House provides a safe, sober and structured living environment in which residents can work on their recovery from addiction. The S.T.A.R. House staff provides services such as referrals to counseling and treatment, employment assistance, re-entry assistance, supervision, guidance, life skills training and Peer Recovery Support.

Prior to leaving jail or a Community Based Correctional Facility, program participants get connected with S.T.A.R. House staff to assess their recovery and re-entry needs. The participants are able to start the recovery process while still incarcerated and are given a warm-hand off to the S.T.A.R. House staff as they enter the program. Staff ensures that residents get enrolled in Medicaid/health benefits, get enrolled in SUD treatment, make appointments with primary care providers, dentists, and probation officers. They begin the job search immediately as staff assists them with resume building, applying for jobs, and communicating with employers. Residents attend recovery support meetings in the community to build their sober support network and learn to engage in pro-social behaviors.

The S.T.A.R. House is a supportive program that utilizes evidence-based practices such as the Social Model of Recovery, Certified Peer Recovery Support and accepts those that are using Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT). The program utilizes local outpatient SUD treatment providers that implement evidence based treatment practices and provide MAT, mental health services and medication, if needed. S.T.A.R. House staff maintains communication with those providers to ensure that residents are receiving needed treatment and are making progress toward treatment goals. The S.T.A.R. House takes a collaborative approach as residents work toward completing SUD treatment, working a full-time job, and maintaining compliance with probation requirements. Open lines of communication are available (with residents authorizing releases of information) among those various community partners, to ensure the resident is on a successful path in multiple dimensions of their recovery.

Residents are able to build recovery capital and increase their value to their local community as they progress through the program. Residents build their social support network as they attend SUD treatment groups, 12-step recovery support groups, faith-based activities and other supportive groups of their choosing. As they meet with mentors, sponsors, accountability partners and treatment staff, residents learn new coping skills and behaviors that will help them maintain their sobriety and create a new recovery lifestyle.

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Applicant	Sojourner Recovery Services Llc
Project Title	Residential Treatment
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$300,000.00

Project Description:

The proposed project involves the construction of an addition to Sojourner Recovery Services' facility in Preble County, Ohio, to expand its capacity for providing residential treatment services for substance use disorders. The primary activities of the project include building 24 semi-private bedrooms within the facility to accommodate more individuals seeking intensive care and support for their recovery journey.

The expected outcomes of the project include:

Increased capacity to serve a larger number of individuals in need of residential treatment for substance use disorders.

Improved access to comprehensive care and support services for patients in Preble County and surrounding areas.

Enhanced recovery outcomes, including reduced relapse rates and improved sobriety, among program participants.

The service area of the facility primarily encompasses Preble County, Ohio, and neighboring regions, where individuals seeking intensive residential treatment for substance use disorders reside. The intended beneficiaries of the project are individuals struggling with substance use disorders, including those with co-occurring mental health conditions, who require a higher level of care and support to achieve sustained recovery.

While specific subrecipients may not be identified at this stage, potential collaborators could include local healthcare providers, mental health agencies, and community organizations that work closely with Sojourner Recovery Services to enhance the scope and effectiveness of the program. These subrecipients would contribute to the delivery of comprehensive support services and resources to program participants, furthering the goal of promoting recovery and rehabilitation in the community.

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Applicant	Specialized Alternatives For Families And Youth Of Ohio Inc
Project Title	Evidence Based Interventions for Foster Youth Impacted by Substance Use Disorders
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$58,720.00

Project Description:

Researchers have found a direct link between opioid use and child maltreatment. The opioid epidemic transformed Ohio's child welfare system, causing an increase in younger children entering care, children remaining in care longer, and children having more complex needs. The Public Children's Services Association of Ohio reported that in 2015, 50% of children entering out-of-home care had parental drug use as a factor, 28% specifically opiates or heroin. At that time, of children in care 70% under the age of 1 and 60% under the age of 5, had a parent who used opiates – these children would now be between the ages of 9 and 14 years old. Youth affected by opioids and other substances often present with complex behavioral and mental health needs. Such pressures can create harmful stress levels, making it harder for caregivers to provide a nurturing environment. SAFY of OH services offer a supportive and inclusive environment that recognizes each youth's unique needs and experiences. We are proposing to offer an array of targeted services and interventions to youth affected by opioid use and other substance use disorders and their caregivers stabilizing their foundation of well-being and improving long-term outcomes.

Building well-being is essential to unlocking the skills and potential of our community's youth, so they can fully play a part in our society. Given the significant challenges faced by youth experiencing foster care, it is essential to provide comprehensive support and services to ensure their success. SAFY of OH proposes equipping our Case Managers with evidence-based practices aimed to better prepare youth for long-term success. We will prioritize the use of evidence-based practices, including Motivational Interviewing (MI), Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and The Seven Challenges®. MI is an evidence-based tool to help break through resistance and barriers in treatment. TF-CBT is effective in reducing symptoms of PTSD, depression, and anxiety in youth who have experienced trauma (Cohen et al., 2017). The Seven Challenges program is an evidence-based program that helps youth to overcome challenges and build positive relationships. If youth build skills and knowledge before exiting foster care their chance of success might improve. Our program aims to do offer education, training, and support while youth are in foster care prior to emancipation so youth exit care with the skills needed to succeed on their own and knowledge to seek resources for assistance as needed.

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Applicant	TCN Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
Project Title	Men's Residential and Recovery Housing
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Infrastructure
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$300,000.00

Project Description:

TCN Behavioral Health Services, Inc. seeks funding to increase the number of men’s residential and recovery beds in Region 15. With this grant, TCN will make necessary renovations to “The Farmhouse” and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) at 1512 N. County Rd. 25A Troy, OH. The vision for the Farmhouse includes men’s, high-intensity dual residential treatment and recovery housing. TCN owns this property and looks to provide an additional 20 beds of men’s recovery and residential housing to the region.

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Applicant	WORTH Center
Project Title	Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	15
Requested Amount	\$16,240.15

Project Description:

To utilize The Hazelden Companies Mental and Emotional Health Series for Clients with Clinical Diagnoses as it is a flexible curriculum that allows customization to optimize the care for clients who are diagnosed with a mental health disorder. Drawing on evidence-based approaches including acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), the complete series includes a facilitator guide, a Trauma & PTSD workbook and video. This would also include the following related books that are often underlying issues when dealing/treatment of Trauma clients. Anxiety which is designed for individuals who are diagnosed with chronic or severe anxiety that interferes with their quality of life, exercises in the Anxiety Disorders workbook encourage clients to examine and challenge unhelpful thought patterns and practice healthy habits. Worksheets explore the brain science behind common anxiety disorders and guide clients in grounding practices, mindfulness techniques and medication management. Depression designed for clients with chronic or severe depression, the Depressive Disorders module focuses on the science of depression, the importance of treatment compliance and ways to incorporate wellness practices into daily living to better manage mental health. Worksheet exercises help clients evaluate and challenge thought patterns that may be reinforcing depression. Bi Polar content and exercises in the Bipolar Disorders workbook are designed to help clients with Bipolar Disorder Types I and II recognize and manage symptoms of mania, hypomania and depression. Worksheets on mood tracking and triggers encourage clients to reflect on past episodes and determine when to seek assistance. Exercises on thought management help clients cope with racing, distressing and suicidal thoughts. Additional content discusses medication options and treatment plans to help clients understand the importance of adherence and regular monitoring.

Proposed activities would be to have appropriately screened clients attend the above mentioned groups from start to completion with one of our qualified facilitators. The outcome would be for the client to have a better understanding of their trauma, the underlying issues as well as appropriate tools to cope with their trauma and/or the underlying issues. Clients gain a practical and personal understanding of how mental health conditions affect different aspects of their lives. With a focus on identifying healthy habits and coping strategies, clients learn techniques and practices for grounding, mindfulness and assertive communication as well as planning for ongoing support and relapse prevention. We would utilize with the four counties that we service in region 15 Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, and Shelby.

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Applicant	Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.
Project Title	ABLE Medical-Legal Partnership Rural Opioid Project
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	16
Requested Amount	\$148,500.00

Project Description:

ABLE's proposed project aims to provide legal services to address systemic issues related to Substance Use Disorder (SUD), building on its established Medical-Legal Partnership for Children (MLPC) project. With over 17 years of experience, the award-winning MLPC project has provided comprehensive legal services to enhance children's well-being by positively influencing the social determinants of health (SDOH).

SUD is often intertwined with various legal and social issues, such as housing and income instability, and involvement with the justice system. ABLE can offer legal support to individuals affected by SUD to help address the underlying legal and social determinants that contribute to their condition.

The intended beneficiaries are individuals and families affected by SUD, particularly those facing economic disadvantages and legal barriers. ABLE aims to provide legal assistance, including brief counsel and advice and limited services. With Rebecca Steinhauser's leadership, the project will leverage her extensive legal expertise, specializing in healthcare, public benefits, and trauma-informed advocacy.

ABLE will provide legal services to approximately 70 individuals impacted by OUD/SUD, helping clients achieve positive outcomes on legal issues related to SDOH. Free legal services for people impacted by SUD in Region 16's rural counties can play a vital role in ensuring access to justice, addressing legal barriers to treatment, preventing relapse, and fostering healthier and more resilient rural communities.

ABLE will collaborate with and receive referrals from local organizations, including Ohio Guidestone, a state leader in community behavioral health care, Westwood Behavioral, a mental health and substance abuse treatment facility as well as and rural law enforcement agencies who may engage with individuals impacted by SUD who would benefit from free legal assistance.

The project will implement evidence-informed outcome measurements to track key indicators related to SDOH and overall well-being, ensuring accountability and effectiveness in driving change for better outcomes for individuals affected by SUD.

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Applicant	First United Methodist Church
Project Title	Bridging the Gap Transportation Ministry
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	16
Requested Amount	\$70,408.08

Project Description:

Transportation barriers often exacerbate the challenges faced by individuals dealing with mental health and substance use disorders. The inability to access essential services such as medical appointments, therapy sessions, rehabilitation centers, and employment opportunities significantly hinders their journey towards recovery. Recognizing this critical need, our proposal seeks to establish a Transportation Ministry dedicated to providing reliable transportation services tailored to the unique needs of individuals experiencing mental health and substance use disorders.

Access to transportation is a fundamental determinant of health and well-being. However, for individuals grappling with mental health and substance use disorders, this access is often compromised due to various factors including financial constraints, lack of reliable transportation options, and stigma associated with seeking help. As a result, many individuals miss crucial appointments, disengage from treatment, and face challenges in accessing employment opportunities, perpetuating the cycle of illness and disadvantage.

The Transportation Ministry aims to bridge this gap by offering safe, affordable, and supportive transportation services to individuals experiencing mental health and substance use disorders. Our proposal outlines the following key components:

1. **Transportation Services:** We will provide door-to-door transportation to and from medical appointments, therapy sessions, rehabilitation centers, and workplaces. Our fleet will include vehicles equipped to accommodate individuals with diverse mobility needs, ensuring accessibility for all.
2. **Trained Staff and Volunteers:** Our team will consist of trained drivers and volunteers who understand the unique challenges faced by our target population. They will receive training in mental health first aid, crisis intervention, and trauma-informed care to provide compassionate support during transit.
3. **Flexible Scheduling:** Recognizing the unpredictable nature of mental health and substance use disorders, we will offer flexible scheduling options to accommodate individual needs. This includes early morning, evening, and weekend appointments, as well as on-demand transportation for urgent situations.
4. **Partnerships with Service Providers:** We will collaborate with healthcare providers, rehabilitation centers, community organizations, and employers to streamline transportation services and ensure seamless coordination of care. By establishing strong partnerships, we can identify transportation needs proactively and tailor our services accordingly.

The establishment of a Transportation Ministry will have profound positive impacts on individuals, families, and communities. By removing transportation barriers, we empower individuals to access essential services, engage in treatment, pursue employment opportunities, and rebuild their lives.

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Applicant	Paulding County Common Pleas Court
Project Title	Recovery Housing for Paulding County Drug Court Participants
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	16
Requested Amount	\$30,000.00

Project Description:

Many of those participants in the Paulding County Drug Court program have minor children. Program participants need a sober place to live in order to get sober and maintain sobriety. The best way to help the youth in our community is to get their parents off drugs. However, the cost of providing recovery housing continues to rise each year. In 2022, the Court, through later detailed grant funds, paid \$8,860.00 in rental assistance to drug court participants. In 2023, the Court paid \$10,316.80. The Court has already paid \$7,516.58 in the first quarter of 2024 alone. At least seventy children in Paulding County now have the benefit of sober parents due to the efforts of the Paulding County Drug Court program. No other program in this area can say that. Therefore, the Paulding County Common Pleas Court is asking for \$30,000.00 to further assist those in need of a sober place in which to reside.

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Applicant	Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio
Project Title	Serenity Haven Women's Residential Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	16
Requested Amount	\$55,000.00

Project Description:

Serenity Haven offers residential treatment for women in the four-county area of northwest Ohio. We primarily serve Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams Counties although we do accept referral from all Ohio counties, including neighboring Lucas and Wood counties.

Serenity Haven is a division of Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio. Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio has been providing drug and alcohol treatment services to the community since 1975 and moved into residential treatment in 1999 with the opening of Serenity Haven in Fayette, Ohio. We have grown significantly since 1999, both in terms of women served and services offered. We have expanded and now offered treatment for co-occurring disorders which allows women to experience recovery from both alcohol/drug addiction and also mental health concerns. Staff: Program Director, Sarah Lohman, LISW-S, 2 LSWs Therapists, 3 Behavioral Health Technicians, 2 Case managers, a part time nurse, and our psychiatrist has availability weekly for our patients, and they have access within 7 days of admission. This really sets our program apart from other residential programs. This multi-disciplinary team of women really allow our patients to thrive in their early recovery. Many times, women come into residential treatment with significant trauma histories and additional mental health concerns that have previously gone unaddressed, the contact with all the disciplines at SH allows the women to start achieving true stabilization in recovery and find success.

We encourage the women to practice a whole person model of wellness- mind/body/spirit. We encourage the women to partake of a healthy diet and exercise regularly. We require a physical and then recommend follow through with medical needs. We encourage contact with a dentist and an eye exam as so frequently women in addiction don't tend to their own health needs. We use the Duke health profile to monitor the women's perspective of their health and also their mental health symptomology. Typically, we like to see the women improve their perspective on their physical health by thirty percent within 90 days and see decrease in mental health symptomology of thirty percent as well within their stay in residential. Time and time again the women engaged in our program overwhelmingly meet and exceed these milestones of success reporting their health to be better and their mental health symptomology to be decreased! Women at serenity haven have the opportunity to engage in a number of spiritual oriented activities with community volunteers that come into the facility as well.

The women's length of stay is individualized to their specific needs, however on average the stay is about 90 days. We provide clinical services 7 days a week and each discipline of the team focuses on different aspects of addiction/recovery. See attached Outcomes

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Applicant	Triangular Processing Inc
Project Title	Recovery Services Transportation
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	16
Requested Amount	\$200,000.00

Project Description:

Significant portions of the Northwest Ohio region do not have access to public transportation or ride share services. National data and area health assessments identify lack of transportation as a barrier to treatment and recovery. A pilot project was been initiated with funding from the Four County ADAMhs Board to assist individuals access transportation to obtain services as well as address quality of life needs. Preliminary results are astounding. Recipients and their support systems report an increase in community participation, independence and overall quality of life. Case managers report an increase in effectiveness because they are not spending as much time intervening when services are delayed or dropped due to lack of transportation. Our funding request is for \$100,000.00 a year for three years or \$300,000.00 total. These funds are requested to serve Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams Counties. This request equates to \$25,000 of Foundation dollars per year per county to address transportation barriers. This combined with the ADAMhs Board funding will allow us to determine capacity for transportation needs and services. Combining the One Ohio Foundation dollars with local funding will allow for us to serve a minimum of 600 individuals at a cost of less than \$270 per person for an entire year to meet their transportation needs and all but eliminate transportation barriers to successful treatment and recovery. Understanding capacity needs and collecting data on unmet transportation needs will allow for service planning with direct and immediate impact as well as long term planning. Addressing transportation will immediately benefit the success of all other mental health and recovery services. This will be a significant achievement for our rural communities. This project is a collaboration with all area community mental health and recovery service providers. This funding will assist all of these providers better serve their individuals. There is no doubt this funding will more than pay for itself.

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Applicant	WORTH Center
Project Title	Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	16
Requested Amount	\$7,178.55

Project Description:

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Applicant	Young Women's Christian Association Of Van Wert County, dba YWCA Van Wert
Project Title	Wrap-around supports for survivors with substance use disorder
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	16
Requested Amount	\$72,000.00

Project Description:

YWCA Van Wert is the only emergency and long-term victim service program in Van Wert and Paulding County, serving underserved, rural survivors. It is unique as it provides both emergency and long-term shelter to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking in five rural counties (Van Wert, Paulding, Mercer, Putnam and Auglaize). Services offered include a 24/7 crisis hotline, court advocacy services and wrap around supports. YWCA case managers work with each survivor, focusing on individual goals such as obtaining and maintaining employment and permanent housing. As trust is built and the survivor is willing, staff also address underlying factors including substance use, through partnerships and referrals to licensed mental health providers.

Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking are an at-risk population for substance use disorder. Per YWCA Van Wert data, nearly 85% of residents that enter its shelter are either in recovery or actively using substances. These trends are in line with national data that closely links sexual trauma with substance use disorder. Individuals that experience trauma face unique barriers to entering and completing treatment programs.

Recognizing the high need for recovery resources in the survivor community, YWCA Van Wert seeks to expand its wraparound services to meet the full range of needs of survivors with substance use disorder. Specifically, YWCA seeks to purchase a van that will be used to transport residents to out-patient treatment programs, counseling appointments, support groups, and other services to support recovery. YWCA also seeks to offer childcare to residents to attend treatment programs, work, counseling sessions, and other important appointments. YWCA piloted a small child care program in fall 2023, and it was clear that there is a high interest and need for this service for residents. A number of peer-reviewed studies over the past several decades have demonstrated that when wraparound supports such as those provided by YWCA Van Wert are provided to individuals with substance use disorder, individuals are more likely to engage with and stay in treatment.

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Applicant	Family Resource Center Of Northwest Ohio Inc
Project Title	Streamline operational processes and elevate care quality through the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning.
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Infrastructure
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$50,000.00

Project Description:

The Behavioral Health industry has started to lean into technology to help solve some of its most pressing issues, including staff turnover and administrative costs, through the use of CareOps Automation. CareOps Automation integrates care operations with agile software principles, enabling healthcare providers to automate tedious administrative tasks and thus, spend more time and energy on patient care. It's like having an intelligent assistant dedicated to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the entire patient journey. It means using technology to automate the operational tasks and workflows involved in delivering care. There are many tasks that are inefficient for a clinician to perform, or just not the most effective use of their time, that CareOps Automation can handle for them. Our project uses Eleos Health software to accomplish this goal. Eleos is an innovative technology platform designed specifically for behavioral health settings, offering tools for automated documentation, data analysis, and personalized care planning. This technology will enable us to significantly reduce clinician administrative load and utilize data-driven insights to tailor client care effectively.

Eleos has been available for a number of years and has gathered significant empirical data that shows its implementation makes a quantifiable difference by way of staff turnover reduction, enhanced compliance and claims, higher patient attendance, and administrative time savings. Two illustrations highlight how our goals can be met. First, one current Eleos client reported that 90% of their providers who were given access to Eleos reported feeling less job-related stress, and nearly 8 in 10 of those providers said Eleos would positively impact their tenure in their current position. Second, another current client reported it was able to reduce documentation time from 10 minutes per session to about 4.8 minutes per session, a savings of 5.2 minutes. For a provider who conducts 5 sessions per day, 5 days per week, 50 weeks per year, the cumulative time saved would amount to 6,500 minutes, or about 108 hours, per year. More than 2.5 weeks of time that was spent on documentation can now be used for patient care.

This project would be limited to a pilot rollout of the Eleos software focused in our main service area in Hancock County. The main focus will be on reducing documentation time and improving documentation accuracy. We would start with case managers and counselors and limit the number to twenty. This will provide enough data to determine the success of the rollout. We expect to see an almost immediate reduction in documentation time and a gradual ramp up over the twelve-month project to 40%. During this time, we will also use our internal data collection structure to quantify the effect Eleos has on work stress and job satisfaction.

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Applicant	Hardin County Domestic Relations Court
Project Title	Hardin County Domestic Relations Court Diversion Program
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$49,103.00

Project Description:

Hardin County Domestic Relations Court proposes to serve and treat parents who have lost or are at risk of losing their children with a mental health and/or substance use disorder and need intensive treatment and case management. The mission of this parallel program to Hardin County Family Dependency Court (FDTC) will be “to set in motion a new direction and sense of purpose for non-violent, substance dependent adults (male and female) by improving mental health, reducing substance abuse and improve their functioning/involvement/outcomes with themselves and their families.” A multi-disciplinary team will utilize evidence-based practice services to improve functioning in multiple areas of their lives, their children, their families,’ and the community.

Hardin County is a rural, mixed agricultural community located in northwest Ohio. The 2020 Census estimates shows a population of 30,696, of which 7,060 (23%) are under age 18. 18.2% of Hardin County is living in poverty. HCDRCDP will serve adults with pre-adjudication contact with Hardin County Job and Family Services or Hardin County Domestic Relations Court who are non-violent males and females with mental health and/or substance use; 10 slots will receive evidence-based treatment services. HCDRCDP will provide services to meet the individual and collective needs of adults and their families. Using the Clinical and Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN) assessments, a treatment plan is initiated and needs are identified focusing on the areas needing attention for each family member (self, children, family, and community). Evidence-based programs, gender-specific programming, intensive supervision, random drug screening, home visits, office visits, judicial reviews, individual/family counseling, and psycho-education make up the program. The Hardin County Domestic Relations Court Diversion Program (HCDRCDP) must engage and demonstrate to the Hardin County community that HCDRCDP: 1. Keeps or Reduces the time children are away from their parents; 2. Provides program participants access to treatment (including fidelity based evidence base treatment) within no more than 10 days of entering HCDRCDP; 3. Reduces the number of children being removed from their homes during HCDRCDP participation; 4. Reduces additional episodes of child dependency, abuse, neglect; 5. Reduces additional episodes of foster or kinship placements; 6. Improves overall family well-being health; and, 7. Improves work force development and involvement, independent living skills, and positive engagement with the community.

List the essential activities tied to the outcomes the FTC must achieve.

1. Access to Evidence-based treatment (substance use and mental health) available for all program participants.
2. Access to Positive Peer Support for program participants and their extended families/close friends.
3. Access to IOP, MAT, housing, transportation, and employment.
4. Access to Mental Health and Psychiatric care.

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Applicant	Hardin County Recovery Court
Project Title	Hardin County Recovery Court Defense Counsel
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$75,000.00

Project Description:

We are requesting defense counsel representation for our drug court participants during our treatment team meeting, status review hearings and termination hearings. This will be on a weekly and as needed basis. Our expectation is to see an increase in participants successful completion from our program. Our goal is to see appropriate advocacy from defense counsel in our meetings, timely admissions into our program and faster processing on sanction and termination hearings when needed.

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Applicant	Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions
Project Title	Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions Kenton Transportation Assistance
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$25,879.00

Project Description:

LBHS will use the funds to pay the salary of one full-time driver for their transportation program in Kenton. Currently, LBHS owns one vehicle for their transportation program in Kenton, but the vehicle is not operational because LBHS does not have a driver. The funds will secure LBHS' ability to hire and pay for a full-time driver. The beneficiaries of the transportation program are LBHS residents and clients with substance use disorder or in recovery who need reliable transportation services.

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Applicant	Marion-Crawford Prevention Programs
Project Title	A Community's Response to Preventing Substance Abuse
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$174,661.00

Project Description:

This proposal will allow community substance abuse efforts to be expanded and collaborative efforts elevated. The mission of Crawford County Prevention Coalition (CCPC) is to improve the quality of life in our community through action, education and prevention. CCPC will increase the community's readiness and capacity to address risk and protective factors of opioid use disorder. Increasing community collaboration will include increasing participation of youth in the Youth Advisory Board. Youth led programs are distinct because they develop young people's knowledge, skills and attitudes to be catalysts for positive change within their communities. The Crawford County Prevention Coalition will collaborate with community sectors to design opportunities to build resiliency among Crawford County residents. Protective factors balance and buffer risk factors and reduce vulnerability. Increasing parents' knowledge of the harmful effects of underage alcohol use, marijuana use and vaping will be an additional objective of this proposal. The Coalition will work on efforts to reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and recovery. Responsibilities of the Coalition Coordinator will be to establish a core team, analyze data, build capacity, and develop an action plan as well as implement, evaluate and create a sustainability plan.

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Applicant	OhioGuidestone
Project Title	SUD Services Training in Wood County and Hancock County
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$22,833.58

Project Description:

OhioGuidestone proposes to use funding from the OneOhio Foundation to increase our Substance Use Disorder service capacity in Wood County and Hancock County. Funding will support training in the promising practice of Matrix Model, as well as the evidence-based ASAM Criteria as revised in 2024.

Adding this training to staff will increase the availability of quality assessment and treatment in these counties. Outcomes will include increasing our capacity to offer Matrix Model programming and increasing the accuracy of our assessment and treatment planning for persons with SUDs.

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Applicant	Ottawa County Department of Job and Family Services
Project Title	Fresh Start II
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$65,866.00

Project Description:

The Fresh Start II program will provide job training, supports and job placement assistance to individuals who may not be appropriate for traditional performance based job training programs. The intended beneficiaries are individuals who are unemployed, underemployed or dislocated workers, and have a history of Substance Use Disorder, but have taken steps toward recovery. Traditional job training programs are focused on individuals who are already “job ready” and do not face significant barriers to success. The Fresh Start II grant will identify individuals facing significant barriers to success due to Substance Use Disorder. These individuals will be identified through existing career services in the OhioMeansJobs Ottawa County location, and outreach efforts with Ottawa County Courts and treatment providers. Motivational interviewing will be used to identify interests, aptitudes and career goals, along with strengths and obstacles to those goals. From there an individualized career plan will be developed, including job training options (classroom or on-the-job training), supportive services needed to successfully complete training, and job placement assistance. Supported careers will be identified as “in demand” or “critical occupations” by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, or locally in demand. Training may be provided in traditional classroom format, and/or on-the-job training for individuals directly hired but in need of training. Supportive services, such as mileage, tools and equipment, will be provided to ensure successful completion of training activities and job placement and retention. Training providers will be selected using the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Workforce Inventory of Eligible Training Providers (WIET). It is anticipated that of the individuals participating in this program, 80% will be placed into employment, and of those individuals, 70% will continue to be employed six months after job placement.

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Applicant	Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center Inc
Project Title	TNT Mentoring
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$65,866.00

Project Description:

The TNT Mentoring program is a project of the Family Advocacy Center. The goal of the program is to engage Ottawa County students and their mentors in school based mentoring that will empower students to realize their full potential, offering meaningful opportunity for the mentor to give back to the community and ultimately increase community connectedness. The program is county wide and engages mentors and students in all of the public school districts as well as some of the private schools. The goal is to strengthen self-esteem, provide social/emotional support, and introduce the concepts of goal setting and career exploration. The schools will identify those children that are at-risk and make the referral to the program where they will be matched in a 1:1 relationship with a trained adult mentor.

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Applicant	Sandusky County Department of Job and Family Services
Project Title	Northwest Ohio Treatment Foster Care MST expansion/ FCFC The Incredible Years: Home Visiting Coach Model
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$236,000.00

Project Description:

Our NW treatment foster care (NWTFC) project has grown to encompass a large population of children who enter care due to the opiate crisis with a wide range of needs related to mental health, physical health, violence and delinquency, educational needs, etc. As such, those children with less severe needs (but needs nonetheless) are being placed within the traditional foster care system and children with higher needs are in congregate care (Group Homes and Residential Centers). Having treatment foster care homes available as a placement option will provide a placement option between family foster care and congregate care. Tiers within our program also allow for a reset in terms of who should be served through traditional foster care, treatment foster care, and congregate care. Outcomes for children are better served in a family setting and their needs have a higher level of attention by treatment foster parents as opposed to staff of a congregate care setting. Additionally, we have been able to keep children closer to family and staff and reduce the amount of time it takes to travel to visit children each month. This includes the increased ability to visit family members face to face by reducing the barrier of travel across the state. This could enhance reunification efforts, as well. Besides the cost savings of staff time, the daily per diem rate of a treatment foster home is nearly 1/5 the cost of a congregate care setting. Our collaboration, includes the counties of Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot and Ottawa, with the plan to add Wood County by the end of the year. Our treatment foster care program is a trauma-informed approach incorporating the training of Pressley Ridge Treatment Foster Care Pre-Service Curriculum, which is the only evidence-based Pre-Service Training designed specifically for treatment foster parents. To enhance our NWTFC we hope to add the evidence based practice of (Intensive Home Based Treatment/ Multi System Therapy (IHBT/MST) to our NWTFC program.

As a robust partner in prevention work and a referral source to Wraparound Services, we are partnering with Sandusky County Family Children First Council to add a request for funding to incorporate and add the Incredible Years (IY) and IHBT/MST programs to our county array of services. We are finding more and more behavioral needs and interventions are needed for younger children. In order to do more upstream prevention work, our Sandusky County partners would benefit from the ability to provide these contracted services to families of younger children involved in wraparound services. Our initiative aims to provide targeted support to multi-system youth and their families, as well as kinship caregivers impacted by the ongoing opioid epidemic. Through the utilization of evidence-based practices and the introduction of a Family Parent Coach, we seek to enhance the well-being of vulnerable populations in our community. This service area would be in Sandusky County.

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Applicant	Sandusky County Public Health
Project Title	Sandusky and Seneca County Prevention Initiatives
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$128,414.00

Project Description:

Sandusky County Public Health- Prevention Partnership Coalition in collaboration with our local and regional partners including Seneca County Hope in Fostoria-CARSA Coalition, Sandusky County TASC and Sandusky County Family and Children First Council (FCFC), presents this grant proposal to address Funding Priority #5 – Prevention: Community Outreach and Engagement. Our initiative aims to maintain and strengthen community coalitions to prevent opioid overdose deaths through the implementation of the evidence-based framework titled: the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). One of our focuses is on the Capacity Building component of the SPF. Another focus is the rural mailing of medication deactivation bags of parents with children ages 12-17 in SVI zones in Seneca and Sandusky Counties. Thirdly we are partnering with Sandusky County TASC to expand and implement a step-down program aimed at fostering accountability through random drug screening beyond clients' engagement periods. We are serving the rural residents of Seneca and Sandusky County.

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Applicant	Seneca County Common Pleas Court
Project Title	PIVOT (Participating in Victory of Transition) Program of Seneca County
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$157,665.00

Project Description:

The PIVOT (Participating in Victory of Transition) Program, a court initiative spanning a minimum of 15 months, provides participants with a structured pathway under the supervision of PIVOT Program Judges Steve C. Shuff, Damon Alt, and Rhonda Best. Regular court sessions assess progress, participation, and accomplishments, with the duration of participation contingent upon compliance and progress through its phases.

Recognizing the significant role substance use plays in numerous crimes and its profound impact on many lives, the Court aims to address the root causes of certain crimes in Seneca County by connecting offenders whose actions are linked to substance use with essential treatment and life services. Through this approach, the Court seeks to catalyze positive and enduring transformations in individuals and families, aiming to deter future criminal behavior and involvement with the legal system.

The PIVOT Drug Court program follows a structured progression, with reporting requirements transitioning from stringent to less stringent as participants acquire new skills and advance in their recovery journey. Participants must attend regular hearings, maintain communication with their caseworker and probation officer, adhere to treatment and self-help meeting schedules, undergo regular drug and alcohol testing, follow program and probation rules, and fulfill all legal obligations.

Rehabilitation offers numerous advantages over incarceration, including reduced recidivism, cost-effectiveness, employment, and economic stability. The PIVOT Program aims to address the root causes of criminal behavior, such as substance abuse or mental health issues, thereby reducing the likelihood of individuals re-offending upon release. Additionally, the program is more cost-effective than incarceration in the long term. By investing in programs like PIVOT that help individuals reintegrate into society and become productive citizens, governments can potentially save money on incarceration costs and related expenses. Moreover, by assisting individuals in acquiring job skills, education, and support networks, the PIVOT program increases the likelihood of successful reintegration into society, leading to greater economic stability for individuals and their families and reducing the likelihood of future criminal activity.

The overarching objective of the PIVOT Program is to furnish participants with the necessary resources, guidance, support, accountability, and skills to enable them to achieve their full potential. PIVOT focuses on addressing the underlying causes of criminal behavior, promoting accountability, and supporting individuals in their journey towards positive change and reintegration into society.

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Applicant	The Ohio State University Extension, Community Development
Project Title	Reducing Substance Use Through Prevention Educationn
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$49,290.00

Project Description:

Abstract: Region 17

The primary intent of this project is to provide support for community-based programs that address substance use challenges and provide prevention education for individuals, families, and communities across the counties in Region 17: Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood, and Wyandot. Mental Health First Aid provides skill-based training that teaches people how to identify, understand, and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health, or substance use challenges in adults 18 and over and youth ages 12-18. Generation Rx develops research-based resources to use in communities to teach safe medication practices across the life span. It guides people to effectively use those resources in their communities with program toolkits for elementary, teen, university, adult, and older adult audiences. Taking Action to Address Substance Use in Communities (TASC) uses a collaborative approach to prevention education to address substance use disorder (SUD). TASC addresses limited access to treatment providers in rural areas and stresses the importance of prevention education needs for individuals with SUD to fully benefit from recovery services. The program calls for community-based approaches and collaboration among organizations and individuals involved in SUD prevention education and recovery support.

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Applicant	Wood County Childrens Services Association
Project Title	CRC's Co-Occurring Disorders Program
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$223,873.00

Project Description:

The Children's Resource Center's reinstated Co-Occurring Disorders Program (COD) will provide a comprehensive approach to substance abuse and mental health services for youth and adolescents throughout Wood County, Ohio. Services provided will be tailored to the developmental stage of individuals aged 11 to 21, encompassing youth, teenagers, and young adults. The program will also include multiple levels of care based upon severity of issues presented, ensuring the unique needs of each youth served are met. Clients will engage in COD activities up to four days a week including one day of individual counseling, two days of group counseling, and one day of case management. This holistic approach aims to address the underlying causes of mental health issues that contribute to substance abuse and high-risk behaviors. Various trauma-informed, evidence-based therapy methods will be utilized in conjunction with individual and group counseling including Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Matrix Model, and Motivational Interviewing. Case Management services will assist clients in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other services essential to meeting basic human needs. Anticipated outcomes for Wood County youth include: a decrease in maladaptive behaviors; a reduction in the frequency, duration, and intensity of substance use; enhanced functioning and relationships; and improved insight and critical thinking abilities concerning substance use, impacting their long-term readiness to change.

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Applicant	Wood County Prevention Coalition
Project Title	Sustainability Consultant Project
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$9,611.00

Project Description:

As the Wood County Educational Service Center's (WCESC) Drug-free Communities (DFC) grant draws to its tenth and final year of funding (funding ends 9/29/24) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it becomes imperative that sustainability of the Wood County Prevention Coalition (WCPC), funded primarily by the DFC grant, be preserved. The proposed project is to engage a paid consultant to ensure the continuation of the WCPC's work by training/supporting WCESC staff to carry the work forward into the future. The project timeline is for up to 12 months.

The purpose of the proposed project is found in the WCPC's mission: "We are a coalition of compassionate community members working together to coordinate high quality programs for the prevention of youth substance abuse in Wood County." The vision statement provides added insights: "Helping youth be drug-free, responsible, and productive citizens." The Coalition's purpose statement is "Uniting for a drug-free community since 2004."

To support the importance of addressing the need to prevent youth substance use, the National Institute of Health reports, "Exposure to alcohol and illicit drugs during early adolescence has been associated with poor outcomes in adulthood." Research evidences community-based coalitions as a prevention strategy. According to CADCA, "Throughout the United States, community coalitions make a significant difference. Local coalitions continue to change the way that American

communities respond to the threats of alcohol and prescribed medication misuse and tobacco and other substance use. By mobilizing the entire community—parents, teachers, youth, police, health care providers, faith communities, business and civic leaders, and others—communities can transform themselves."

The consultant will provide 250 hours of service between September 30, 2024 and September 29, 2025. Expected outcomes are noted fully in Exhibit A. The strategies for ensuring success are found in providing new staff with the tools needed to carry on the Coalition's work:

- Support/train staff in quarterly meeting planning/implementation to include volunteer database maintenance;
- Assist/train staff in grant writing to ensure future sustainability;
- Train staff on development of logic models, SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework Development, renewal of CADCA Blue Ribbon Coalition status (expires January 2025);

- Support staff in the DFC grant close-out process;
- Train staff in utilization of various online mechanisms crucial to the Coalition to include Constant Contact (seasonal newsletters).

The proposed project is limited to Wood County, Ohio. The intended beneficiaries are school-aged youth; however, the ramifications of addiction affect an entire community. As a result, this project benefits all living in Wood County. There are no proposed subrecipients.

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Applicant	WORTH Center
Project Title	Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation Center
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$9,440.95

Project Description:

To utilize Thecas it is a flexible curriculum that allows customization to optimize the care for clients who are diagnosed with a mental health disorder. Drawing on evidence-based approaches including acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), the complete series includes a facilitator guide, a Trauma & PTSD workbook and video. This would also include the following related books that are often underlying issues when dealing/treatment of Trauma clients. Anxiety which is designed for individuals who are diagnosed with chronic or severe anxiety that interferes with their quality of life, exercises in the Anxiety Disorders workbook encourage clients to examine and challenge unhelpful thought patterns and practice healthy habits. Worksheets explore the brain science behind common anxiety disorders and guide clients in grounding practices, mindfulness techniques and medication management. Depression designed for clients with chronic or severe depression, the Depressive Disorders module focuses on the science of depression, the importance of treatment compliance and ways to incorporate wellness practices into daily living to better manage mental health. Worksheet exercises help clients evaluate and challenge thought patterns that may be reinforcing depression. Bi Polar content and exercises in the Bipolar Disorders workbook are designed to help clients with Bipolar Disorder Types I and II recognize and manage symptoms of mania, hypomania and depression. Worksheets on mood tracking and triggers encourage clients to reflect on past episodes and determine when to seek assistance. Exercises on thought management help clients cope with racing, distressing and suicidal thoughts. Additional content discusses medication options and treatment plans to help clients understand the importance of adherence and regular monitoring.

Proposed activities would be to have appropriately screened clients attend the above mentioned groups from start to completion with one of our qualified facilitators. The outcome would be for the client to have a better understanding of their trauma, the underlying issues as well as appropriate tools to cope with their trauma and/or the underlying issues. Clients gain a practical and personal understanding of how mental health conditions affect different aspects of their lives. With a focus on identifying healthy habits and coping strategies, clients learn techniques and practices for grounding, mindfulness and assertive communication as well as planning for ongoing support and relapse prevention. We would utilize with the four counties that we service in region 17 Hardin and Hancock Counties

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Applicant	Wyandot Memorial Hospital
Project Title	Healing Opioid Patients through Empowerment (HOPE) Project
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	17
Requested Amount	\$99,170.00

Project Description:

Wyandot Memorial Hospital (WMH) proposes the Healing Opioid Patients through Empowerment (HOPE) Project to expand its mental and behavioral health treatment program with a focus on individuals experiencing co-occurring substance and opioid use disorders in alignment with the treatment & healthcare services and intervention & crisis supports priorities for OneOhio Region 17. With this funding, WMH will recruit, hire, and retain two highly-qualified Licensed Independent Social Workers (LISWs) to provide care in Wyandot County. WMH seeks grant funding for three years of salaries and benefits for these two positions. The LISWs hired by this grant will maintain deep connections within the community to provide culturally competent care while meeting patients where they are. The two new LISWs will expand upon WMH's current mental and behavioral health treatment program, which has successfully brought decades of combined experience to the community. WMH recognizes that there is still work to be done in responding to the opioid and mental health crises and that the two are closely linked. This requires an all-encompassing and evidence-based solution, which WMH has identified and is prepared to implement with the strong backing of the community. The project will focus on the treatment of individuals with co-occurring substance use disorders in a service area where residents have been severely impacted by the lingering opioid crisis. The HOPE Project expects to result in an increased number of patients seeking out mental health treatment and care for co-occurring substance use disorders, a reduction in the number of unintentional overdose deaths in Wyandot County, a decrease in wait times for mental and behavioral health treatment, and a lessening of the burdens patients must experience by travelling outside of the area to receive mental health care and treatment for substance use disorders. The HOPE Project will benefit those experiencing any variety of mental or behavioral health disorders, but it will primarily serve those who have co-occurring substance or opioid use disorders, their families, and those with whom they interact.

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Applicant	Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Licking & Perry Counties Inc
Project Title	Little Steps, Big Futures: Big Brothers Big Sisters Opioid Prevention Initiative
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$150,000.00

Project Description:

The Little Steps, Big Futures: Big Brothers Big Sisters Opioid Prevention Initiative will enhance and expand the already established, highly successful BBBS of Licking and Perry County programming. This initiative will address the great need for easily accessible, quality substance abuse prevention resources for the more than 35,000 youth living in Licking County, many of whom come from low socioeconomic households exposed to substance abuse and trauma. Ohio. While BBBSLP is proud to have served 435 youths this year, One Ohio Grant funds will allow us to double that number, serve close to 1,000 youths, and expand mentoring services into four Licking County school districts that do not have access to BBBS programming.

Currently, BBBSLP serves four school districts in Licking County: Heath, Lakewood, Newark, and North Fork Local. Our matches involve at-risk children and youth (Littles), high school volunteers (HS Bigs), and adult volunteers (Bigs). BBBSLP currently offers two types of one-to-one mentoring programs: Community-Based (CB) and School-Based (SB). The CB mentoring model has always been the standard delivery method for BBBS and offers mentoring matches between a Big and a Little 6-18 years of age. These matches engage in safety awareness modules as well as fun and educational activities throughout the community. SB mentoring has gained popularity in the last 5 years and offers mentoring opportunities between Bigs/HS Bigs and elementary Littles. They meet once a week during the Little's lunch and recess. If the match has had one year of supervised matches by an SB coordinator, and the Little is rising to the middle school, the match may continue meeting at the new school unsupervised. Our first proposal is to enhance this program by hiring an SB middle school coordinator to supervise middle-school match meetings using the grant funds. Our agency currently supports 40 community-based matches and 269 school-based matches. With OneOhio funding, we plan to double our CB and SB programs within a 3-year timeframe, meaning that by August of 2027, we will serve 80 CB matches and 600 SB matches. But those numbers are only the tip of the iceberg. The families of our Littles will also be impacted.

While the parents and guardians do not participate in match meetings, the families of the Littles are impacted in both tangible and intangible ways. BBBSLP offers access to quality training material regarding a wide array of topics, including substance prevention and mental health. According to our end-of-the-year Guardian Surveys, 100% are satisfied with their child's program involvement and would refer the program to a friend or relative. Each year, our agency offers "holiday help" to more than 100 family members related to Littles involved in the programs. They receive food, gifts, clothing, and store gift cards. With the increase of our CB and SB programs, we plan to offer training modules and holiday help to 200 Littles' family members.

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Applicant	Cardington-Lincoln Local School District
Project Title	School Navigator
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$170,993.00

Project Description:

The Cardington-Lincoln Local School District, in partnership with the non-profit Prevention Awareness Support Services (PASS), is seeking funding for a School Navigator program rooted in evidence-based practices to enhance students' educational experience. The Navigator will establish a cohesive and collaborative relationship with school staff, families, community behavioral health providers, and substance use disorder services to facilitate unified intervention and communication.

Central to this initiative is the utilization of an evidence-based curriculum aligned with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Prevention Education Tier I Strategies. These strategies are designed to cultivate knowledge and skills for healthy behaviors and decision-making, thereby increasing awareness of the risks associated with behaviors such as substance use, suicide, bullying, and others.

Navigation tasks will encompass coordinating communication between schools, students, and families and providing support for the implementation of interventions. The School Navigator's role will align with three prevention strategies outlined by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP): problem identification and referral, prevention education, and alternate activities.

The Navigator will work closely with district staff, students, and families to identify areas of need related to substance use, vaping, PBIS, absenteeism, mental health, wellness, behavioral skills, and social-emotional learning (SEL), such as PAX GBG. Additionally, they will act as a conduit between the schools and community resources, collaborating with various stakeholders to provide referrals and promote a positive school climate through awareness, education, prevention, and support.

Participation in staff development and meetings will ensure effective communication and engagement within the school community. Expected outcomes include a reduction in chronic absenteeism, increased referrals to community services, enhanced interactions with students and families, and a decrease in suspensions and expulsions.

By leveraging evidence-based practices and addressing adverse childhood experiences, the School Navigator program aims to create a positive school climate, promote social-emotional learning, and provide trauma-informed education, thereby preventing behavioral problems and reducing the need for disciplinary actions. This aligns with the CDC's Adverse Childhood Experiences Prevention Resource for Action, with intended outcomes including strengthening economic support for families, promoting protective social norms, ensuring a strong start for children, teaching skills, and intervening to minimize immediate and long-term harms.

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Applicant	Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
Project Title	Data System Consultation
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Infrastructure
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$150,000.00

Project Description:

This request would fund consultant costs to enable the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to analyze and refine a system wide data solution for expanded/enhanced program evaluation. The Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board contracts with 11 certified behavioral health providers and over 50 community partners. The consultation will guide the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board in program evaluation, data analysis and how to ensure equity in data, as well as calculating return on investment in over 50 programs that serve more than 20,000 residents. This funding will ensure that local levy dollars are spent on evidence-based certified behavioral health services that are accessible, efficient, effective, and perceived as helpful by the persons served.

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Applicant	Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
Project Title	Delaware and Morrow Counties Crisis Intervention Referral and Data Collection Software
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$101,800.00

Project Description:

Delaware and Morrow Counties are revolutionizing their approach to handling behavioral health emergencies, recognizing the importance of swift and effective long-term support beyond initial safety measures provided by police or EMS. The current referral system suffers from inefficiencies, hindering the timely connection of individuals in crisis with vital resources. However, a new tech solution has been identified to transform this process, offering streamlined and immediate support.

The challenges of the existing referral system faces several challenges, including limited coverage among public safety agencies (i.e. 4 of nearly 20 agencies), cumbersome manual processes leading to delays, and subsequent gaps in care for individuals in crisis. These inefficiencies not only prolong the referral process but also detract from crucial rapport-building moments between officers and those in crisis.

A Promising Future: An improved, cutting-edge referral software solution is under development to address these issues comprehensively, promising significant improvements:

1. **Universal Access:** The new software will be accessible to all public safety agencies across both counties, ensuring comprehensive coverage regardless of jurisdiction and facilitating seamless connections to appropriate resources.
2. **Automation:** By automatically generating referrals based on call information, the system reduces errors and administrative burdens, allowing officers to focus on de-escalation efforts and fostering trust with individuals in crisis.
3. **Swift Response:** Electronic transmission of referrals immediately after crisis calls ensures rapid access to necessary care, minimizing critical gaps in support and potentially mitigating worsening conditions.
4. **Real-time Monitoring:** Integrated workflow tracking enables real-time monitoring of referral progress, ensuring accountability and intervention if needed, thus preventing anyone from falling through the cracks.
5. **Data Insights:** The system collects and analyzes data on referral volume, response times, and service utilization, enabling continuous improvements and targeted adjustments to enhance effectiveness and community impact.

This innovative referral system represents a significant advancement for both counties, promising faster access to crucial support services for individuals in crisis while optimizing resource allocation and response effectiveness for public safety agencies. Through data-driven refinements, the system ensures ongoing adaptation to community needs, ultimately fostering a safer and more supportive environment for everyone involved in behavioral health emergencies.

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Applicant	Kenyon College
Project Title	Research of the Psychological Factors Associated with Prevention
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$4,000.00

Project Description:

The Department of Psychology would like to secure funds to cover the participant costs for an online study examining factors associated with prevention of drug and alcohol addiction. Several courses offered through the psychology department at Kenyon College will research and choose assessments for various aspects of positive psychology, cognitive capacity, drug and alcohol experience and perception. Each semester, research methods courses for psychology majors lead students into individualized research projects regarding positive psychology factors. Since positive psychology variables and traits have been consistently associated with reduced risk for drug addiction, we aim to enhance our research training by declaring theses courses as "Community Engaged Learning" classes, and collecting data from a Knox County sample of participants. Students in the research methods course will learn about positive psychological characteristics and how they are associated with reduced risk. Each student will select 2 assessments to include in an overall set that will be made available through Prolifik, a website for data collection. Participants will be paid through Prolifik, as well. Typical assessment packets used in this course may take up to 45-60 min to complete. Participants will be paid \$10 for completion of the assessments. Students will report data and findings in the form of a paper, and a research poster presentation. Both descriptive data and hypothesis testing will be reported. This data collection effort will be made in the Spring of 2025 and 2026, and results will be presented publicly at a live information sharing section, as well as published on a webpage.

Goal: Our goal for the students is to have the opportunity to work with actual data from Knox County, in hopes of better understanding issues related to drug prevention and positive psychological traits.

Participants: We need about 200 people for each year's data collection effort. They will be paid \$10. Only Knox County adult residents will be included in this study.

Materials: A survey packet will be created that includes approximately 15-30 assessments on positive psychology (e.g., Satisfaction in Life Scale, Positive and Negative Affective Scale), cognitive capacity (e.g., cognitive failures questionnaire, mindful awareness attention scale), and drug use experience scales. All chosen scales will be reliable based on data already present in the literature.

Procedure: Participants over 18 years of age can volunteer by going to an advertised link that directs them to register and complete the survey in Prolifik. Once the surveys are completed, participants will be compensated with \$10.

Expected Results: Students will present descriptive data, as well as hypothesis tests regarding the relationship between observed assessments and drug use. Results will be made available through public presentation, a webpage, and the databases will be available to the public.

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Applicant	Legal Aid Of Southeast And Central Ohio
Project Title	Justice for Recovery through Legal Aid
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$300,000.00

Project Description:

Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio's ("LASCO") Justice for Recovery project will utilize free civil legal services and collaborations with social service providers to address the intertwined social and legal obstacles closely associated with increased risk of substance abuse and fatal overdoses. This project aims to dismantle barriers and create pathways toward recovery and stability for individuals impacted by opioid use disorder ("OUD"). Our project has three components:

- 1) Provide education and training to LASCO staff on OUD topics aimed at elevating their cultural competence in delivering legal services and optimizing our intake processes.
- 2) Establish and sustain new Medical Legal Partnerships ("MLP") with treatment centers, prevention centers and other service providers that serve populations with OUD in the Appalachian region.
- 3) Provide enhanced and expanded free legal assistance to address social and legal barriers impacting successful treatment and recovery.

LASCO serves a 36-county service area in Southeast and Central Ohio. Our aim is to secure funding across all OneOhio regions within our service area to create a programwide team of attorneys dedicated to improving our internal infrastructure, coordinating outreach efforts and building capacity to serve more clients impacted with OUD. If we do not secure funding for all regions, we remain committed to initiating the Justice for Recovery project on a regional basis. With OneOhio support, we can add the capacity of a full-time equivalent staff attorney dedicated to serving clients in Delaware, Fairfield, Knox, Licking, Marion, Morrow, Union counties.

Within the first year of the grant, LASCO will seek out an accredited expert on OUD to provide comprehensive training to our staff, ensuring they possess the cultural competence to deliver services effectively and sensitively. We are dedicated to prioritizing the provision of thorough education and support to our staff in supporting those with OUD at all levels of contact.

One of the Justice for Recovery attorneys will serve as the project leader, overseeing outreach to local organizations serving populations with OUD with the goal of creating new MLPs. MLPs are collaborative arrangements where clients are screened for legal needs while receiving medical attention and are referred to legal aid for services. By meeting patients where they are, LASCO can serve substantially more clients impacted by OUD. We will provide training on how to screen their patients for health-harming legal issues and refer them to LASCO.

By providing free legal assistance to address legal and social barriers to economic stability, people in recovery can regain stability and rebuild their lives, fostering healthier communities and reducing the devastating impact of substance abuse and overdose.

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Applicant	Licking County Alcoholism Prevention Program
Project Title	Community Addiction Outreach and Response Team (CO-ART)
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$173,000.00

Project Description:

The Licking County Alcoholism Prevention Program (LAPP) aims to launch a Mobile Community Outreach Addiction and Response Team (CO-ART) to decrease disparities in recovery support for opioid and other substance related crises affecting rural areas in Licking County with limited or absent behavioral health services and transportation. The purpose of this initiative is to increase access to support for individuals struggling with substance use by providing transportation, outreach, resources, evaluation, and ongoing community service coordination. CO-ART will distribute Naloxone-Overdose Kits, acquired through community partners (Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox Counties, Licking County Health Department, Newark Homeless Outreach, and Harm Reduction Ohio).

In addition to outreach into rural areas, the CO-ART team will provide substance abuse treatment services to individuals immediately following their release from incarceration. The CO-ART will coordinate with care providers in the Licking County Justice Center for the release of individuals and provide transportation, complete diagnostic assessments, and assist with immediate access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), for appropriate clients, to prevent overdose when re-entering the community. Evidence shows individuals who have been incarcerated have the highest rate of overdose during the first two (2) weeks of release, due to the inability to obtain MAT in jail, lowering tolerance levels. LAPP has ongoing relationships with a number of providers, agencies, and pharmacies that would satisfy the demand of formal linkage.

LAPP is requesting grant funds to acquire a full-sized vehicle for our CO-ART program and associated costs (insurance, registration, maintenance). Additionally, we are requesting a one-year salary for (2) CO-ART positions (Licensed Outreach Coordinator, Case Manager) and associated costs (Training/Development, Supervision/Administrative, Outreach Supplies).

This initiative aligns with the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox Counties (MHR)'s Prioritized Continuum of Care and LAPP is the identified agency as the "front door" and "gateway" to substance use related issues in Licking County. CO-ART will expand crisis services by providing evaluation, triaging based on identified needs, outreach, and support (Tier 1, 1.1). In addition, the team will provide support and assistance to access emergency higher levels of care, link to (Tier 1, 1.3). CO-ART will provide assistance in transportation to additional crisis supports such as, BHP Urgent Care Services and Pathways resource hotline (Tier 1, 2.4). This program also aligns with tier 2 treatment services for high-risk by providing access to MAT, withdrawal management and engaging with high-risk individuals in the community and jail. LAPP continues to provide approvals on MHR's behalf to higher levels of care and CO-ART will fill the gaps of transportation access (Tier 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4).

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Applicant	Marion-Crawford Prevention Programs
Project Title	Building Better Communities
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$330,000.00

Project Description:

This proposed project intends to implement programs and activities to foster resilience among Marion County youth and their families. By adding a full-time Family Engagement Coordinator, the opportunities to develop and implement trauma responsive strategies acknowledges the impact trauma has on communities and strives to mitigate those effects. Families living in Marion experience traumas such as overdose deaths, poverty, and violence which can prevent people from building trust and healthy relationships. Using trauma informed tools and practices, the purpose of this proposal is to eliminate some of those barriers by fostering connections between residents, bolstering community resilience and promoting emotional intelligence. Efforts to support children, families and communities, so they can create a culture that supports safe, stable and nurturing relationships, hold great promise. Supporting and teaching the adults in children's lives to learn to heal from trauma and learn resilience themselves will be just one effective strategy implemented through this project.

This proposal will provide schools with training on evidence-based practices to support the whole child, particularly in social-emotional and behavioral health, including substance abuse prevention and intervention. Professional development for educators will be offered routinely with the goal that the entire community will share the understanding of trauma's impact on learning and will build student coping and protective skills. Strengthening parenting skills and promoting nurturing and supportive family environments will be the expected outcome of this project. Helping students develop stress management, effective problem solving skills, and skills to manage their emotions will develop student resiliency. Additionally, this project will partner with existing prevention efforts aimed at reducing adversity and increasing community resilience.

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Applicant	Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County
Project Title	Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Expansion
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Intervention and Crisis Support
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$262,739.40

Project Description:

The proposed initiative is designed to enhance the current mobile behavioral health crisis response infrastructure in Union County. According to Union County law enforcement data there has been a 23% rise in emergency calls for suicide threats from 2022 to 2023, and a 20% increase in calls involving behavioral health issues other than suicide in the same timeframe. This consumes valuable public safety resources and hinders the provision of prompt and effective behavioral health care services. A recognized solution is the deployment of mobile crisis response teams, which can work alongside law enforcement or independently to respond to crises in a community setting. Union County's behavioral health system has already established Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) to deliver immediate support for individuals under 21 facing acute behavioral or emotional challenges. This project aims to extend these services to individuals of all ages, consistent with national best practices.

Activities will include establishing a county-wide crisis steering committee to evaluate the present state of behavioral health crisis services in all areas and conduct an inventory of existing services. Subsequently, the committee will develop a mobile crisis team response plan for adults, which will be coordinated with current crisis services. Where necessary, existing services will be adjusted to enhance efficiency and eliminate redundant efforts. A contracted behavioral health provider will hire a full-time licensed clinician and a full-time certified peer recovery supporter to form the core staff of the mobile crisis team. Once procedures are in place, the adult mobile crisis team will start responding to crisis calls within the community and the hospital emergency department. To further expand the crisis infrastructure, a contract with Ascend Innovations, Inc. will be established to implement a crisis notification system that delivers notification of an emergency behavioral health interaction from local hospitals to response teams, providers, and the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

The project goals are to increase the number of community discharges for individuals presenting to the emergency department for a behavioral health concern, reduce the percentage of law enforcement Crisis Intervention Team contacts that result in transport to the hospital emergency department and to link adults experiencing a crisis to immediate follow-up care to prevent future hospitalization.

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Applicant	Morrow County Court Of Common Pleas
Project Title	Morrow County Probation Services Transportation Initiative
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$200,302.66

Project Description:

Transportation is always considered a barrier and a responsivity factor in the role of substance abuse treatment, recovery and in after care services. It can also be a barrier within the criminal justice system, in that the lack of transportation can lead an individual to miss not only court dates, but also mandated treatment, which can lead to sanctions including incarceration and to relapse in their recovery. Two of the evidence-based risk and needs assessment tools that are used by the Court to determine the risk of the individual's level of recidivism in not only committing another offense, but also in measuring their rate of recidivism in their substance abuse recovery, are the Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) and the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS). At several stages in utilizing these assessment tools with the clients of the Court, transportation can present itself as a barrier. The barrier is not only for Court appearances, but also for treatment, school, work, after care, relapse prevention, and other programs the client may be required to participate. If the client is without a valid driver's license, or proper mode of transportation, they are bound to miss any of the above-mentioned activities. This in turn can lead the client to be at a risk of relapse, having a warrant issued, being fired from their job, missing school, or being let go from any treatment program. This can then lead the client to have a violation filed with the Court and possible incarceration. Morrow County is a rural county and there are no modes of transportation available, unless the client has Medicaid. Even at this level, it can take days to schedule a ride, which the client does not have. The client needs to have reliable, quick, and substantial modes of transportation at their fingertips. The Morrow County Transportation Initiative will serve all the clients of the Court, no matter the stage of supervision or age. The program will aid youth participating in all types of programs offered by the Court, and all adults from arraignment to any type of supervision. The Morrow County Transportation Initiative will aid Court clients in meeting their needs and reducing their risks utilizing evidence-based programing, given through the Court and through local treatment providers. Through providing a means to reduce this risk, it will provide an enhancement of successful sobriety, recovery, treatment, and participating in other cognitive behavioral programs to. Several treatment providers will be working consistently with the Morrow County Transportation Initiative. Some of the treatment providers the Court works with regularly include the following: Riverside Recovery; MaryHaven; Southeast; Access Ohio; and Knox Recovery. All treatment providers who work with the Court shall provide evidence-based practices and be certified by the State of Ohio.

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Applicant	New Directions - The Domestic Abuse Shelter Of Knox County
Project Title	Youth Thrive Through Strength Based Prevention
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$100,000.00

Project Description:

“Youth Thrive Through Strength Based Prevention” program will invest in school-based prevention programming to prevent drug misuse and prevent the uptake and use of opioids through the development of the THRIVE strength-based school program that will utilize evidence-based prevention programs Sources of Strength, Safe Dates, and Green Dot for implementation at the middle school level. New Directions will also invest in providing Sources of Strength school based programming at the middle school level. Sources of Strength is a radical strength-based, upstream suicide prevention program that offers tools to help students & parents navigate the transitions they may face, by focusing on mental health promotion & building protective factors that increase connection, coping, resiliency, & wellness, which in turn prevents suicide, violence, bullying, substance abuse & so much more. Safe Dates is a violence prevention program that helps youth recognize the strengths to engage in caring, supportive relationships, skills needed to create and foster positive relationships, and the tools they need to develop these important life skills. The Green Dot Program mobilizes people across settings and contexts to create safe, healthy, and respectful spaces. By equipping individuals with the knowledge, skills, and motivation necessary to do their part, cultures can shift, and all forms of risky behaviors can be reduced. These developmentally appropriate, strength-based prevention programs meet Ohio Department of Education Social Emotional Relationship Skill standards providing students the knowledge & skills to establish & maintain healthy relationships with diverse individuals & groups, promoting respect, communication, active listening, social, & conflict resolution. An investment in environmental scans will be made to identify the effectiveness of this program’s efforts and realign our prevention response to emerging risk factors and the changing patterns of substance misuse. The THRIVE program will utilize local data collected by the Teen Advisory Council (TAC) collection of their PEER Environmental Scan. The collection of this data highlights what is impacting youth & provides a better understanding of the connection between alcohol & substance misuse, violence, mental health, & connections to caring adults in Knox County. The Youth Thrive Through Strength Based Prevention project will support the Teen Advisory Council’s youth-led administration of the Peer Environmental Scan and the implementation of the THRIVE program within the Knox County middle school classrooms in the 5 local school districts. Through the facilitation of the THRIVE program, ND expects to see increased rates of connection, coping, resiliency, & wellness among middle school students, as well as a decrease in risky behaviors.

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Applicant	North Central Ohio ESC
Project Title	Prime for Life: Prevention and early intervention education for substance use
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$43,780.33

Project Description:

The Prime for Life program is an evidenced-based curriculum that is designed to provide early intervention and prevention education to anyone ages 11 and up. When delivering this program through our ESC, the intended population is students in grades 6-12. The expected outcomes are as follows: adolescents participating in the Prime for Life Program will have increased awareness of their own risk for developing the disease of addiction; be able to determine what low-risk choices they need to make to prevent development of addiction; be equipped with education they can share with peers and family members regarding risk for developing an addiction.

This program will be conducted via Zoom and will be open to all counties in Region 18. The instructor, Amanda Gase, will travel to districts and/or agencies to present the Prime for Life program to counties in the Region as needed and scheduled also.

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Applicant	Ohio Department of Corrections Office of Holistic Services
Project Title	Brixadi on Release Pilot
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$540,000.00

Project Description:

ODRC wishes to implement a pilot program providing long-acting injectable buprenorphine (Brixadi) prior to release to interested incarcerated persons participating in the Opioid Treatment Program at the Ohio Reformatory for Women, Region 18. Criteria for receiving Brixadi shall be established based on current MOUD, resources available for continuity of care in the community, willingness to participate in the program, risk for relapse and overdose, and release date. Success of the program shall be tracked through communication with the Adult Parole Authority through the Departmental Offender Tracking System. Participants in the Brixadi prior to release program will be monitored for drug related violations, compliance with continuity of care in the community, and recidivism.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Peer to Professional: Guiding House Managers to Excellence
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Workforce
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$33,000.00

Project Description:

The Ohio Recovery Housing “Peer to Professional” initiative seeks funding to address critical gaps in the recovery housing sector by hosting comprehensive training for house managers. With an acute workforce shortage and an escalating demand for recovery housing services, it is imperative to grow the recovery housing workforce. Currently, there is no standardized training or support for individuals seeking to become house managers that ensures that they have the needed skills and knowledge to provide high-quality support for individuals in recovery who choose a recovery housing residence as a home.

This grant proposal aims to support the training of up to 75 house managers over the 36 month timeframe in Region 18 , enhancing their capacity to effectively manage recovery homes and deliver essential services to region residents. The training curriculum will cover a range of topics essential for effective management, including but not limited to:

- Understanding addiction and recovery dynamics.
- Implementing evidence-based practices in recovery support.
- Crisis intervention and conflict resolution.
- Ethical considerations and boundaries in a residential setting.
- Building and fostering a supportive community environment.
- Effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders and neighbors
- The Importance of documentation and record keeping

By investing in the professional development of house managers, this initiative seeks to elevate the standard of services provided in recovery homes, thereby positively impacting the recovery journey of individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Moreover, by addressing the workforce shortage in the recovery housing industry, we aim to ensure the sustainability and scalability of

recovery housing services in the region.

The proposed training program will be delivered through a proven model, developed, and previously implemented by RecoveryPeople in Texas and in Ohio by Ohio Recovery Housing. Program delivery consists of a combination of self-paced online modules, practical exercises, and live webinar training, allowing participants to acquire knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to their roles as house managers. The flexibility of the courses allows for house managers to integrate the training into their existing schedules easily. Additionally, ongoing support and mentorship will be provided to participants to reinforce learning and facilitate the implementation of best practices in their respective recovery homes.

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Applicant	Ohio Recovery Housing
Project Title	Restore Recovery: Small Repairs Grants for Recovery Housing Residences
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$140,000.00

Project Description:

Ohio is facing a critical shortfall in meeting the demand for recovery housing, with only 31% of the need currently being addressed statewide. The Counties served by the Crawford-Marion ADAMH board have made critical strides in meeting the needs for Level III and Level I housing, and they are meeting 76% of the need for Level II housing. It is essential that these resources be protected to ensure that they continue to meet this need. However, there are no certified recovery homes in Delaware or Morrow Counties, leaving a critical need in that area for homes to become certified or be established. The Counties served by the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Licking and Knox counties are only meeting 50% of the need for level II housing, and do not have any certified Level III or Level I homes. Fairfield county is only meeting 52% of the need for Level III homes, and 59% for Level II homes, and there are no certified Level I homes in Fairfield County.. As we strive to bridge this gap and provide essential support to individuals on their path to recovery, it is imperative to address the challenges faced by recovery housing operators, particularly concerning minor repairs to their homes.

A small investment can make a significant difference in enabling recovery housing programs to get started and thrive. However, many operators, especially smaller ones with budgets less than \$500,000, lack the necessary resources to fund minor repairs swiftly. Without timely interventions, these operators may struggle to meet quality standards mandated by Ohio, effective January 1, 2025.

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) recognizes the crucial role that recovery housing plays in facilitating successful recovery journeys. Last year, ORH offered a similar grant program, providing funds to over thirty-five properties serving more than two hundred Ohioans annually. These properties would not have attained certification standards without access to funding needed for critical

repairs. Funds for this program will run out this Fall and will not be renewed.

The impending implementation of quality standards is a positive step towards ensuring safe and supportive environments for individuals in recovery. However, there must be a clear pathway to compliance, accompanied by accessible resources. ORH understands the necessity of striking a balance between regulatory requirements and the provision of support mechanisms for operators striving to meet these standards.

Without adequate funding and support, many recovery housing operators may face insurmountable challenges in making necessary repairs and achieving or maintaining certification. It is crucial to acknowledge the inherent disparities in resources among operators and provide targeted assistance to those in need.

In light of these challenges, ORH is seeking funding in the amount of \$140000 for the establishment of a mini-grant program aimed at providing mini grants to recovery housing operators in Region 18 for minor repairs.

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Applicant	Project Noelle
Project Title	Youth Prevention and Living Essentials
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	18
Requested Amount	\$25,400.00

Project Description:

Project Noelle assists children who have suffered due to a loved one's addiction and/or Overdose death. We supply emergency clothing and diapers, Christmas assistance, Easter assistance, Back to school supplies and hair cuts, sports equipment, and kids support groups. We would like to expand our kids support groups and include a prevention program that we can take into the schools. We also host Fentanyl Awareness Day and many Overdose Awareness Day events and include prevention and grief programming in those for our kids

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Applicant	Alcohol, Drug, Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Erie County
Project Title	Erie County Youth Resilience Project
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$81,538.41

Project Description:

The Erie County Youth Resilience Project, spearheaded by the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board in Erie County, Ohio, aims to address substance use prevention and promote mental health among youth in grades 6 through 12. Through funding support from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, the project endeavors to expand its support services beyond the conclusion of the HOPE curriculum, ensuring continuous support and assistance for youth between curriculum cycles. By providing ongoing support services between curriculum cycles, the project aims to prevent youth from reverting to previous habits and behaviors. This comprehensive approach encompasses evidence-based practices such as Mental Health First Aid, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), and Sources of Strength, in addition to the foundational HOPE curriculum. Through this expansion, the project endeavors to actively engage youth, strengthen their resilience, and cultivate healthy behaviors, ultimately reducing substance misuse rates, improving mental health indicators, and enhancing protective factors among youth.

In addition to supporting youth in grades 6 through 12 directly, the proposed project will enhance prevention support through the Erie County Correctional Facilities, focusing on parents incarcerated due to substance misuse. This approach will focus on enhancing protective factors for the targeted youth by encompassing high risk families and utilizing evidence-based practices to instill knowledge and support.

The anticipated outcomes of the project encompass a decline in substance use initiation and frequency, diminished instances of mental health challenges like depression and suicidal ideation, and an upsurge in help-seeking behaviors among youth. The service area encompasses Erie County, Ohio, casting its focus on middle and high school students across urban and rural locales. Intended beneficiaries encompass youth in grades 6 through 12, alongside families, schools, and communities grappling with substance use and mental health issues.

Bayshore Counseling Services will serve as the sub-recipient under the guidance and oversight of the ADAMHS Board. Collaboratively, they will deliver opioid prevention services and execute evidence-based interventions tailored to the needs of Erie County youth. By enlisting local schools, community organizations, and other stakeholders, the project endeavors to make significant strides in enhancing the health and well-being of Erie County's youth population. Through this concerted effort, the project aims to cultivate resilience, foster positive behaviors, and mitigate the prevalence of substance use and mental health challenges within the community.

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Applicant	Anthonys Villa Inc
Project Title	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Services for Impacted Children and Families
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$200,000.00

Project Description:

The proposed grant will support MST programming in Erie and Huron Counties, which play a vital role in addressing the complex needs of children impacted by the opioid epidemic. MST offers intensive, family-based therapy to address underlying issues contributing to substance abuse and other behavioral problems. Anthony's Villa recently received an approximately \$405,000 grant from Case Western Reserve to implement MST services in Erie and Huron County, which falls within region 19 of the One Ohio grant. Erie and Huron County have not had an approved provider of MST services in over 17 years.

Multisystemic Therapy or MST is an intensive family- and community-based treatment program for children and adolescents who have serious emotional or behavioral problems, as well as their families. MST is typically used for youth involved in the juvenile justice system or at risk of out-of-home placement. The goal is to empower families to address the multiple factors contributing to the youth's problems, such as family dynamics, peer relationships, school, and community influences, in order to improve their functioning and prevent out-of-home placement.

The opioid epidemic has had a devastating impact on families in our community, with many children experiencing trauma, neglect, and instability as a result of parental substance abuse. The high rate of Disciplinary Incidents per Student, at 73.7%, indicates a need for holistic support services to address behavioral challenges and promote a positive learning environment. Additionally, the rate of substance abuse disorders in the Sandusky City student population is 2.5 times the state average, underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive mental health screenings and prevention within our schools.

Relation to the Opioid Epidemic:

Children of parents with substance use disorders are at a significantly higher risk of experiencing behavioral and emotional difficulties, including substance abuse, mental health disorders, and academic problems. Erie and Huron Counties have not had an approved, license MST provider in nearly two decades. Anthony's Villa will provide timely and effective interventions to help vulnerable youths and their families overcome the trauma and instability caused by parental substance abuse, ultimately breaking the cycle of addiction and improving outcomes for future generations.

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Applicant	Appleseed Community Mental Health Center Inc
Project Title	Co-Occurring Services
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$95,909.05

Project Description:

Appleseed Community Mental Health Center is respectfully requesting funding support from the One Ohio Recovery Foundation to offer assessments, group therapy, and case management and linkage services in Ashland County Jail to those with a co-occurring disorder to reduce relapse of co-occurring symptoms, decrease the need for first responder and crisis services, and reduce recidivism through compliance and engagement in services. Inmates will be provided with assessments which will include setting up an initial treatment plan and establishing case management, linkage services, and pharmacological management and other treatment needs upon release from jail. In addition, the program will provide two separate co-occurring group therapies to individuals in jail, including a Seeking Safety therapy group for females and a Strategies for Self-Improvement and Change therapy group for males. Treatment practices will incorporate Solution Focused Brief Therapy. Data of pharmacological management activities will be collected from prescriber notes as well as collected from participants using a Likert Scale survey to measure engagement in group therapy and aggregated in an Excel spreadsheet. The overall goal is to reduce depression and substance misuse symptoms which will be measured using the PHQ-9 (depression), ASAM patient placement criteria (addiction and co-occurring disorders) and UNCOPE (substance misuse) screeners.

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Applicant	Ashland County Council On Alcoholism And Drug Abuse
Project Title	Ashland County Quick Response Team & Deflection Team
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Public Safety & First Responders
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$52,946.00

Project Description:

The Ashland County Quick Response Team (QRT); in partnership with ACCADA, the Ashland County Sheriff's Office, the Ashland Police Department the Village of Loudonville Police Department, and the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Ashland County started a program in 2020 capitalizing on a recent METRICH (Metro-Richland County) grant to engage persons who have recently overdosed on opioids. The Quick Response Team or "QRT" team consists of a Peer Recovery Support Person from ACCADA and law enforcement personnel from either the Sheriff's Office, Ashland or Loudonville Police Departments. QRT is a response model which partners law enforcement and emergency medical personnel with social workers and peer support specialists. The partners are tasked with positively impacting the disease of addiction by conducting "in-person" follow up with those who overdosed. The term follow-up means members of the QRT seek out and engage with those who overdosed while also engaging with family members, friends, or others close to the individual(s). The continuance of QRT in Ashland County is necessary to provide in-home triage assessment of those who have overdosed intending to link them to appropriate resources and treatment services. The QRT team conducts these follow-ups as an attempt to reduce deaths associated with overdoses and as a means of increasing the likelihood that those with SUD will understand there are resources available to help. Expected outcomes are to reduce the incidence of repeated overdoses, increase education/support to those who have overdosed, increase support for those with a substance use disorder (SUD) and their families and reduce the secondary victimization related to the criminal behavior characteristics associated to those who have a SUD. The service area for the Ashland County Quick Response Team is Ashland County-Ohio. The intended beneficiaries are those individuals impacted by substance overdose and their families, friends and those that are close to the individual with an SUD who have overdosed. The subrecipients for this proposal are the Ashland and Loudonville Police Departments and the Ashland County Sheriff's Department.

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Applicant	Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Summit Medina And Stark Counties Inc
Project Title	Big Brothers Big Sisters Site Based Mentoring Programs
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$52,528.00

Project Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Summit, Medina, and Stark Counties endeavors to combat the likelihood of youth engaging in drug use while providing support to those affected by personal or familial opioid and substance misuse. The program achieves this through several key strategies:

Mentorship: Matching youth impacted by substance misuse with caring adult mentors fosters a one-to-one mentoring relationship, providing guidance and support.

Education: Increasing awareness about opioid abuse among youth, mentors, and parents/caregivers helps equip them with the knowledge to make informed decisions and resist substance misuse.

Support Services: Offering guidance and support specifically tailored to youth with family members using opioids helps them navigate the challenges associated with substance use within their family unit.

Family Engagement: Involving families in collaborative efforts to develop solutions empowers them to support and guide their youth effectively.

Targeting youth below grade-level proficiency in reading or math, especially those whose families are grappling with opioid addiction, the program aims to intervene early and provide vital support. Its structure includes both Community-based and School-based programs, offering flexibility and accessibility.

In the School-based program, mentors meet weekly with their mentees during or immediately after school, engaging in activities centered on social-emotional learning competencies. Community-based mentors meet at least twice a month for enriching activities aimed at building trust and rapport.

Recruitment efforts involve partnerships with businesses, volunteer fairs, community events, and word-of-mouth referrals.

Assessment tools such as the Risk and Protective Inventory (RPI) and interviews with parents/guardians and children allow for personalized matching and tailored support. Virtual interviews are also offered to accommodate individual comfort levels.

Data gathered from participants informs program adjustments, training enhancements, and strategic interventions. Mentor training includes pre-match training on The Learning Exchange and in-person sessions covering program overview, relationship development, and child safety. Mentors working with youth impacted by opioids undergo additional training on Fentanyl Facts and Overdose Risks. This training, conducted by Jessica Hulsey, founder and CEO of The Addiction Policy Forum, and former BBBS Little, provides valuable information and educational materials on the fentanyl crisis and how to support youth as they navigate the challenges associated with substance use.

Overall, the program's holistic approach addresses the multifaceted needs of youth affected by substance misuse, aiming to empower them with the skills, knowledge, and support systems necessary to resist drug use and thrive.

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Applicant	Boys & Girls Clubs Of Northeast Ohio
Project Title	Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio Prevention Programming
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$500,000.00

Project Description:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio (BGCNEO) recognize the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Paxis Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, the Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming.

The primary objective is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending after-school and summer interventions, the Clubs aim to provide a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

Expanding programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues ensures broad accessibility and impact. Collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Through this initiative, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio aim to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

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Applicant	Community Legal Aid Services Inc
Project Title	Legal Assistance with Record Sealing and Expungement to Support Recovery
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$20,000.00

Project Description:

Medina/Wayne (19): \$20,000 40 cases

Funding will support CLA's provision of free civil legal assistance to low-income residents who are recovering from addiction and need support sealing criminal records to successfully walk their sustainable paths to independence and wellbeing. Substance abuse is a factor in 25% or more of criminal convictions, and time in the criminal justice system often serves only to exacerbate the challenges a person in recovery faces. Over a coming three-year period, CLA will reach approximately 40 new recovering residents with this transformative service.

Record sealing and expungement are powerful future-oriented remedies for individuals in recovery who are working to rebuild their lives and contribute in a meaningful way to society by reuniting their recipients with many rights and privileges, including the ability to tell employers, landlords, and financial institutions they have no criminal record. Doors that would otherwise be closed stay open - giving individuals in recovery a real chance to achieve financial stability and overall well being.

Often, the power of the law is needed to successfully clear records. Many factors are at play, including eligibility related to the circumstances of the criminal activity, a waiting period, and compliance with the procedures at each involved court. Clients with a history of addiction or involvement with the criminal justice system may be intimidated to access the process and some may face bias or discrimination. Finally, there may be times when a specialized knowledge of the law is required to access a full remedy - for example, some people who are not eligible for a traditional record-sealing may qualify for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) potentially opening the door for certain licenses and job positions.

The goal of this project over the three-year project period is to secure a record-sealing or expungement order for approximately 40 clients recovering from substance use disorders. As a result of this, projected outcomes for clients include that at least 70% will report 1) success finding a job in an area of expertise/ interest and/or with room for career growth; 2) making more money at their job than before record-sealing; 3) a decrease in barriers to renting or buying an affordable home in a safe neighborhood; 4) a decrease barriers to pursuing bank loans, including a mortgage or capital to start a business and 5) an increased confidence in their ability to continue on a sustainable path to healthy recovery.

Community Legal Aid is a nonprofit law firm providing legal advice, counsel, representation, and education to low-income residents facing civil legal crises across eight counties in central northeast Ohio. The organization serves individuals who live in households subsisting at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and this project will target individuals living in this lower income demographic.

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Applicant	Hope Recovery Community Inc
Project Title	Hope Recovery Community Diversity Program Services Expansion
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$120,000.00

Project Description:

Recovery isn't always easy for people struggling with substance use disorders to navigate. Barriers like stigma, transportation, housing insecurities, legal issues, and adequate healthcare often impact people's ability to access and sustain recovery. Minority communities, especially, have struggled in our community to access and navigate long-term recovery. Recovery support services has lacked in specialized programs to meet the unique needs of diverse communities in Medina County.

In an effort to increase access and equity in community-based recovery support services, HRC is requesting \$120,000 over two years for program services expansion focused on diverse populations. This program services expansion will include starting on-going programming targeting: youth, justice involved individuals, individuals facing homelessness, racially marginalized groups, and the LGBTQ community. We will serve youth and adults in Medina County and we expect to serve 500 people in the first 2 years.

We currently offer over 30 hours of programming a week serving only adults. We are busy but we know we are missing certain groups of people due to accessibility and cultural issues. Many groups are facing too many recovery barriers and lack recovery capital. We look to build collaborations and create specialized diverse programming to reach additional groups of people who are struggling to access recovery support services in Medina County today. We see the unique unmet recovery needs of these populations as a gap in our current system in Medina County. This gap can lead to overdoses, trauma, and harm.

We expect this program services expansion to have a massive impact in our community. With these funds, we will have several listening sessions to engage these communities and connect to technical assistance through the Peer Center of Excellence and Faces and Voices. We will then create and implement sustainable, specialized programming targeting these marginalized groups. We believe that everyone deserves access to recovery, and we believe these funds will create this access.

As an RCO, we spend everyday removing barriers, increasing recovery capital and creating opportunity for people to connect to long-term sustainable recovery. We believe every Medina County resident impacted by SUD should have the opportunity to recovery and these dollars will strengthen individuals, rebuild families, and ultimately improve our community!

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Applicant	Hope Recovery Community Inc
Project Title	Level I Hope Recovery Housing Expansion
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$151,000.00

Project Description:

Hope Recovery Community (HRC) is requesting \$151,000 to expand our Level 1 Recovery Housing program. This money will be used to purchase, renovate, and furnish a condo in the city of Medina that will be used as Level I male recovery housing. Once renovated and furnished to meet ORH and NARR standards, this condo will increase our Level I housing beds by 27% and total beds by 7.5%. To continue our long-time commitment to operate at the highest standards of evidence practice, we will seek ORH certification on this property within 6 months of taking possession. Residents will begin to move in 4-6 post possession.

We are currently receiving about 25-30 requests for recovery housing beds each month. Due to a lack of beds and a long waiting lists, we can only meet the needs of 20% of these requests. We need more recovery housing in Medina, Ohio but affordable property is difficult to find and/or secure in a timely fashion. We see a big need for Level I as we have many residents ready to move into long term recovery housing, but these beds are limited. This funding will decrease housing barriers, increase our level 1 recovery beds by 27% and free up 3 beds in our Level 2 program immediately.

The condo we are purchasing is currently owned by Medina Medtropolitan Housing. They have been a long-time community partner and have committed to holding this property for us pending this grant application. They believe in our mission and have seen the impact of HRC in our community!

This housing will open up beds for 3 additional adult males in recovery from a substance use disorder who have completed our Level 2 Recovery Housing program. Our recovery housing program serves Medina County residents and residents from around Ohio. Additional Level I housing strengthens our recovery support services that reduce barriers, increase recovery capital, and increase sustainable recovery for those impact by SUDs.

Recovery Housing is best practice in a continuum of care and for long term recovery. It is included in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. According to SAMHSA, Recovery housing that meets nationally recognized standards (e.g., Oxford House, Inc. and NARR) are evidence-based. Recovery housing can be a critical asset in supporting an individual on their journey of recovery. Research has demonstrated that recovery housing is associated with a variety of positive outcomes for residents including decreased substance use, reduced likelihood of return to use, lower rates of incarceration, higher income, increased employment, and improved family relationships.

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Applicant	Huron County Family & Children First Council
Project Title	Family-Based Preventative Supports for Huron County Multi-System Youth and their Families
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$143,867.72

Project Description:

Over recent years, there has been an increase in mental health concerns amongst our youth, 0-25 years. Our Huron County youth are dealing with anxiety and stress due to toxic environments in the home (substance use), peer pressure, and after-effects from the COVID pandemic.

We recognize that positive parenting skills can have a lasting impact on a youth's overall development. We are proposing to implement family-based programs along with our local partners to build engagement and relational skills that are an essential component of healthy development for a child. We hope to take a more upstream approach when working with families by reaching out to youth as early as age 3 to address immediate needs and help families navigate systems to ensure a more positive outcome for the family as a whole. Our project proposal incorporates leadership opportunities as well for our older youth and young adults through the Youth Peer Support program and development of A.R.I.S.E., Huron County's first youth-led prevention coalition. We hope to give youth a voice against substance use and offer opportunities for them to build leadership skills to assist us in promoting substance use prevention in Huron County.

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Applicant	Huron County Juvenile Court
Project Title	Huron County Family Dependency Treatment Court Incentives
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Criminal Legal System
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$10,000.00

Project Description:

The Family Dependency Treatment Court of Huron County would like to increase/enhance the incentives available to the individuals served by this program to encourage their progress toward sobriety, recovery, and reunification with their children.

The mission of the Family Dependency Treatment Court of Huron County is to serve the best interests of children, by providing collaborative evaluation and treatment services for substance abusing parents who have lost, or are at risk of, losing custody of their children to abuse, neglect or dependency. These intensive services will improve the mental health of parents and the well-being of their children through intervention and treatment in a holistic, strength-based, community-supported justice system.

Family Dependency Treatment Court of Huron County targets those who are in the high risk/high need category. The program's focus is on parents, single or married, who are evaluated, and diagnosed as having substance abuse/dependency issues, coupled with a filing of abuse, neglect, or dependency regarding one, or all of their children. Client must be a willing participant and will not be excluded from the program based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. The Family Dependency Treatment Court serves those individuals who have been:

- Legal residents of Huron County.
- Identified as having certain behavioral health issues (mental health, substance dependency, substance abuse, etc.).
- Referred to Family Dependency Treatment Court of Huron County.

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Applicant	Ignited
Project Title	OneOhio Ignited: Empowering Recovery through Housing
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$200,000.00

Project Description:

OneOhio Ignited: Empowering Recovery through Housing aims to establish recovery housing facilities to support women recovering from substance abuse disorders and trauma. Empowerment is achieved by providing safe and supportive housing, access to counseling and therapy services, life skills training, employment, and community integration support. The expected outcomes include reduced rates of relapse, decreased recidivism, improved overall well-being, increase in employment, and successful reintegration into society for participants.

The service area for the program includes Richland County with a focus encompasses various communities across Ohio, with particularly high rates of substance abuse and limited access to recovery housing. Intended beneficiaries are individuals recovering from substance abuse disorders who require a supportive living environment to sustain their recovery journey. Subrecipients may include local service providers, counselors, churches, and community organizations collaborating with Ignited to deliver comprehensive support services to program participants.

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Applicant	Let's Get Real, Inc
Project Title	Certified Peer Support
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$63,284.00

Project Description:

The primary activities of this proposal are to add originally intended activities and ensure the continuation of current services to our Community Independent Projects in both Lorain and Huron County to enhance our certified peer support outreach.

The outreach desk in each county receives nearly 100 phone calls each month, which includes calls are from family members seeking either support or help for a loved one. We have a success rate of slightly over 50%, which means we were able to arrange and transport an individual to either a detox, rehabilitation center, recovery house, or other recovery support services. Under the original model of this project, the peer navigators working the outreach desk also conducted the follow-up phone calls. However, as the demand for certified peer support services has increased, the peer navigators have not had the time to consistently conduct the follow-up phone calls.

In addition to working directly with individuals in need of recovery support services and their families, the peer navigators also act as community liaisons with the courts, jails, treatment centers, hospital staff, and other recovery organizations. They have to stay current on all of the projects and recovery options throughout the county and greater area in order to successfully do their jobs on a daily basis.

Due to changes in funding streams previously in place, we are losing over \$40,000 in funding, which is critical to the operations of our outreach desk. Additionally, the demand for services increase each year which increases the expenses for continuing services. With the budget cuts, there will be no additional funding provided, so the current funding deficit will only increase with the demand for services. The request for continuation under this grant will not allow us to maintain current services, but to continue services previously offered that were set aside when we were informed we would be losing funding.

Finally, we want to increase trainings available to our community outreach staff to enhance their understanding and skills in working with a culturally diverse group of individuals, avoiding compassion fatigue, and consistently providing trauma-informed care.

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Applicant	Oneeighty Inc
Project Title	Partnership for a Drug Free Wayne County
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$95,000.00

Project Description:

OneEighty is submitting this proposal on behalf of the Partnership for Drug Free Wayne County. Originally known as the Opiate Task Force, the Partnership is a broad-based community coalition that was created in 2015 with the mission to "eliminate overdose deaths". The Partnership made significant progress towards this goal until the pandemic. Overdose deaths increased again during this time and the Partnership languished. The Partnership is now attempting to reinvigorate itself to address the new community challenges related to substance abuse. A survey was conducted to identify community priorities and gaps. Prevention was chosen as the top priority. This proposal is to request funding to conduct a comprehensive community prevention planning process. Community Coalitions Action Theory is the evidenced based practice that will be utilized to guide this process. A primary focus will be to engage in creative strategies to reach a widespread group representing underserved populations to participate in the planning process. Funds will be used to hire a consultant that will lead the Partnership through the planning process, fund a community outreach campaign to educate the public about the plan and to fund one or two pilot prevention projects that are selected based upon the plan objectives. Evaluation efforts will be implemented through the process to assure widespread participation, fidelity to the evidence-based practice and success in preventing substance abuse. The service area is Wayne County, and the intended beneficiaries are the residents of Wayne County. Prevention is one of Region 19's priorities.

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Applicant	Orrville Area Boys And Girls Club
Project Title	Wooster Prevention Programming
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Prevention
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$159,500.00

Project Description:

Orrville Area Boys & Girls Clubs (OABGC) and Boys & Girls Clubs of Wooster (BGCW) recognize the pressing need to address the impact of the opioid epidemic on youth in our communities. Leveraging partnerships with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Paxis Institute, and State Opioid Response projects, the Clubs are poised to deliver comprehensive preventative programming.

The primary objective is to reduce youth risk behavior, particularly opioid and substance abuse, through evidence-based prevention strategies. By extending afterschool and summer interventions, the Clubs aim to provide a safe environment during critical unsupervised hours. Research underscores the significance of this period, highlighting the correlation between unsupervised time and increased risk factors for drug use.

Club programming serves as a vital extension of a holistic prevention strategy, fostering social skills, promoting academic success, and reinforcing drug-free messages. By offering a diverse array of activities including sports, volunteer work, and academic support, the Clubs provide a positive outlet for youth, reducing susceptibility to drug use.

Expanding programming across after-school sessions, summer camps, leadership initiatives, and sports leagues ensures broad accessibility and impact. Collaborations with local stakeholders such as schools, law enforcement, healthcare providers, and community organizations enhance the Clubs' ability to create a supportive network for youth.

Through this initiative, Orrville Area Boys & Girls Clubs/Boys & Girls Clubs of Wooster aim to reach at-risk youth, breaking the cycle of opioid addiction and fostering a healthier future for our communities.

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Applicant	Riveon Mental Health and Recovery
Project Title	Expanding access to care through evening and weekend hours
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$90,100.00

Project Description:

The LCADA Way is wanting to expand assessment services to be able to provide “on demand” assessments in the evenings and on weekends. This would allow LCADA to capitalize on customer readiness for treatment. When a client becomes willing to entertain the thought of AoD services and then is told they would need to wait until the next business day, they may become frustrated, hopeless, and/or unwilling/unable to wait to access an assessment. Expanding intake/assessment services would be for adults over the age of 18 years of age in Lorain County and could eventually expand to the other counties we serve and the adolescent population.

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Applicant	Riveon Mental Health and Recovery
Project Title	Transportation - removing the barrier
Project Length	12 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$95,040.00

Project Description:

The LCADA Way is seeking to remove the barriers to treatment by providing transportation to its customers and their children. The LCADA Way has historically transported the majority of our customers to and from their home to treatment for Assessments, IOP, MAT, Group, Individual and various community appointments such as court, JFS, OBGYN, Primary care, lab work and Psychiatry. The primary focus area will be Lorain County, however our fleet of vans currently serves Erie County and coordinates with Medina County Drug Court when needed.

Transportation is a major barrier to the Substance Abuse Disorder population. Over 50% of cancelled appointments can be attributed to the lack of transportation. The LCADA Way transports individuals ranging from 15 to 70 and we will allow a mother to bring their child up to age 5 with them to remove the barrier of child care. The majority of our transportation is within Lorain County, however we do provide transportation in Erie County as well. Our expected outcome is to improve access to care hence decreasing cancelled appointments and improving recovery outcomes.

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Applicant	Sandusky Artisans Cooperative
Project Title	Building Peer Recovery Supports Services for Underserved Populations
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$110,088.00

Project Description:

Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center(SARCC), a certified OhioMHAS Peer Run Organization, proposes new peer support service programs to address the underserved populations of Erie County. SARCC will address the impact that Substance Use Disorders and/or Mental Health challenges perpetuated by the Opioid crisis has had on these underserved populations. SARCC will also address the impact that Opioid overdose deaths have had on these underserved populations. SARCC will implement new programing and hire new peer supporters for these new peer services for the following underserved populations: youth/young adults, older adults and families. SARCC currently doesn't have peer support services specifically designed to reach these underserved populations. SARCC will establish these specific peer groups, advocate and promote access to these newly designed peer support services and programs through Recovery Oriented Systems of Care(ROSC) and community collaborations.

SARCC will add a new Recovery Art Gallery Café meeting space on its first floor. The Recovery Café will establish a specific area within our Center to implement these new peer recovery supports services. The Recovery Café will provide a safe and nurturing area where SARCC will dedicate these new proposed peer support services and programs to occur. SARCC's proposal will build recovery capital for these underserved populations by removing barriers and promoting a life of recovery through peer supporters. The Recovery Café will cultivate an atmosphere of Diversity Equity Inclusion(DEI). The Recovery Café will advocate and promote easy access to SARCC's many programs, peer services, peer supporters and recovery activities.

SARCC will employ the ROSC model in developing these innovative peer support programs. SARCC's peer supporters will advocate and model effective coping techniques specifically designed for these underserved populations. SARCC's adherence to the ROSC model will cultivate, build and expand SARCC's peer support outreach to these underserved populations. SARCC will coordinate a network of community-based activities, peer support services and peer supporters that are person-centered, Trauma Informed Care dedicated and DEI inclusive. SARCC will build on the strengths and resiliencies of these underserved individuals and families to improve their health, wellness and quality of life. SARCC's peer recovery support services are non-clinical services that will be delivered by SARCC's peer supporters.

SARCC reported to the ADAMHS Board of Erie County that at the end of FY23 SARCC had served a total of 17,585 walk ins. These daily data and quarterly reports will enable SARCC to keep track of SARCC's proposed efforts of recovery support services to the potential beneficiaries of these identified underserved populations. SARCC is data driven by their daily numbers that are reflected in SARCC's quarterly reports to SARCC's Board and to the ADAMHS of Erie County.

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Applicant	The Nord Center
Project Title	Dual Diagnosis Intensive Outpatient Program
Project Length	24 Months
Abatement Strategy	Treatment and Healthcare Services
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$271,612.67

Project Description:

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Applicant	The Road To Hope Inc
Project Title	Trinity House: Recovery Housing for Women with Children
Project Length	36 Months
Abatement Strategy	Recovery Supports
Region	19
Requested Amount	\$650,000.00

Project Description:

The Road to Hope is expanding the availability of quality recovery housing for women and women with children through the renovation of a former nursing home facility located at 10515 East River Road in Columbia Station, Ohio, 44028. This facility will be known as the Trinity House because its location in the tip of Lorain, Medina, and Cuyahoga Counties. The project will serve women in recovery from substance use disorders from a multi-county area: Lorain, Medina, Erie, Huron, Ashland, and Cuyahoga Counties. Funds from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation will support renovation costs. The residence will accommodate women's MAT-specific housing, Level II and Level III recovery housing for women and women with children. With its 112 beds, Trinity House will be able to house a total of 376 women (and their children) each year. This facility meets a significant need in Northeast Ohio for recovery housing for women and women with dependent children.