

Opioid Settlement Funds

Request for Funding Proposals

Chippewa County

Overview

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

Background

The total estimated funds to be received across Michigan is approximately \$1.6 billion with an estimated state share of \$908 million and an estimated local government share of \$745 million. These totals are estimated based on the following settlements: Distributors, J&J, Walgreens, Walmart, CVS, Allergan, Teva, McKinsey & Co., Mallinckrodt, Meijer, Publicis Health, and Kroger.

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

In 2022, additional settlements with pharmacies and manufacturers were announced, including CVS, Walmart, Walgreens, Allergan and Teva. In 2023, a settlement with Kroger was also reached.

Approximately fifty percent (50%) of the settlement amounts will be sent directly to county and local governments for opioid remediation efforts. The national agreement also requires significant industry changes that will help prevent this type of crisis from ever happening again.

Additional funds have come into Michigan from Meijer, Mallinckrodt PLC, Masters Pharmaceuticals, McKinsey and Co., and Publicis Health.

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

Currently, Chippewa County has received multiple payments. Due to funding amounts changing annually, Chippewa County will, on average, have \$90,000.00 dollars available each year for opioid remediation activities. The number of payments/lengths of time for each settlement will also differ.

Goal

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

Eligibility

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

- Please provide the County with your organization status, location, financial and legal statuses. Please also include the types of services you provide and the annual number of clients you serve.

Availability of Funds

The number of awards will be dependent on the amount of funds available for annual allocation. The amount of funds available will differ annually. Proposals will be accepted annually between December 1st and December 31st.

The period of funding will be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Requirements

Proposal Priorities

- Utilize funds to serve those in Chippewa County
- Focus on individuals and communities most profoundly impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions (SUD/MH)

Organizations awarded funded are required to:

- Ensure utilization of funds supplements, rather than supplants, existing funding
- Ensure all funds are used in alignment with Exhibit E and the definition of opioid remediation
- Ensure indirect costs do not exceed ten percent (10%)
- Provide data on program outputs, outcomes, impact, and effectiveness, following agreed upon metrics with Steering Committee
- Complete required quarterly and annual reports, including contracts, budget, including percent of completion of projects, and receipts

Reporting Requirements

- Organizations should provide quarterly by 20th of month, following the end of the quarter to Chippewa County Health Officer, progress reports outlining the following:
 - Staff working on the project
 - Community partners involved with the project
 - Challenges and barriers experienced within the associated timeframe
 - Successes experienced within the associated timeframe
 - Anticipated next steps

- Annual report to be provided at project close by January 20th to Chippewa County Health Officer and Chippewa County Administrator to include
 - Metrics to gauge outputs, outcomes, impact and effectiveness as determined through scope of work and agreed upon with Steering Committee

Allowable Uses of Funds & Funding Restrictions

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

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

Activities must meet the definition of opioid remediation, be evidence-based strategies²³ or promising practices and align with allowable uses outlined by [Exhibit E](#).⁴ These strategies include:

1.) Core Strategies

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

2.) Approved Uses - Prevention

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

3.) Approved Uses - Treatment

¹ <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

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

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

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

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

4.) Approved Uses – Other Strategies

- Supporting first responders
- Leadership, planning and coordination
- Training
- Research

Indirect costs may not exceed ten percent (10%) of funds.

Selection and Award Process

All proposals submitted should include the completed Request for Proposals document below, resume or biography of the project director, any optional documents, and the attached budget template. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by Steering Committee.

Proposals are due to County Administrator at kchurch@chippewacountymi.gov by May 5, 2025. Notice of award is expected to occur by June 12, 2025. Following the notice of award, organizations will meet with Chippewa County Health Officer to discuss the contract process and specific metrics for the project identified. The period of funding will be January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

CRITERIA SCORES	WEIGHT
1. Adherence to RFP Instructions	0.05
2. Organization Information & Description	0.05
3. Project Description	0.25
4. Population Served & Geographic Area	0.05
5. Data to Support Need	0.05
6. Timeline	0.05
7. Scope of Work	0.25
8. Measures of Success	0.10
9. Sustainability	0.10
10. Budget	0.05
Total Score	1.00

With questions related to this funding opportunity, please contact Kelly Church at kchurch@chippewacountymi.gov.

Request for Proposals

Chippewa County Opioid Settlement Funds – FY 25

RFP Posted	3/14/2025
Proposals Due	5/5/2025
Anticipated Notice of Award	6/12/2025
Anticipated Performance Period	7/1/2025-12/31/2025
Questions to	kchurch@chippewacountymi.gov

To Be Completed by Organization Submitting Proposal:

1. Organization Information	
Organization Name	
Street Address	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Name of Project Director	
Title of Project Director	
Name of Authorized Representative	
Title of Authorized Representative	
Signature of Authorized Representative	
Date	
2. Organization Description	
3. Project Description Including Project Objectives	

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4. Populations Served/Target Population and Geographic Area Served

5. Data to Support Need for Project
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6. Project Timeline Overview

7. Scope of Work			
Activity	Outputs	Outcomes	Timeline

8. Success – How will success be measured?

9. Sustainability – How will the project be sustained after funding cycle?

10. Budget – Total amount requested	\$
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11. Budget Narrative – How will funds be used to meet project goals?

12. New or Existing Project – Check one	<input type="checkbox"/> - Existing	<input type="checkbox"/> - New
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12.a. If existing, how many unique individuals are served annually by the current project?	
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