

Mendocino County Opioid Settlement Spending Plan

Fiscal Year 24-25

Mendocino County's Opioid Settlement spending plan is being established to align with the National Settlement Agreement, which states that opioid settlement funds may support programs or services that serve persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD) or mental health (MH) conditions.

Opioid Settlement funds provide an opportunity for Mendocino County to develop, support, and provide programs and services with fewer restrictions than federal, state, and grant funding sources to address the overdose crisis. Allowable expenditures for participating subdivisions shall include activities that focus on ending, reducing, or lessening the effects of the opioid epidemic within the categories of prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

No less than 50% of the funds from the abatement account each calendar year shall be used toward high impact abatement activities. High impact abatement activities include:

1. Matching funds or operating cost for substance use disorder facilities with an approved Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program project.
2. Creating new or expanding SUD treatment infrastructure.
3. Addressing the needs of underserved and vulnerable populations that are disproportionately impacted by SUD.
4. Diversion of individuals with SUD from the justice system into treatment and implementing best practices for outreach, diversion, and deflection, employability, restorative justice, and harm reduction.
5. Interventions to prevent drug addiction in youth.
6. Purchase of naloxone for distribution and efforts to expand access to naloxone for opioid overdose reversals.

Mendocino County Activities Planned:

1. Purchasing naloxone, expanding trainings, and increasing distribution of Naloxone.
2. Support evidence-based addiction treatment, including Medication-Assisted Treatment to persons who are incarcerated in the county jail.
3. Outreach, education, & training targeting parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, professionals, and others in contact with children or adolescents.
4. Development of post-overdose response teams that connect persons who have experienced non-fatal drug overdoses to treatment and community resources.
5. Strategic planning to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose, and related issues.

Activity/Strategy	Description	Allowable Expenditure Type	Abatement Activity	Population Served	Estimated Funds to be Utilized	Funded Agency
Purchase naloxone	Purchase naloxone, expand trainings, and increase distribution of Naloxone.	Prevention Overdose & Harm Reduction	HIAA 6 - Naloxone	All	\$25,000	Behavioral Health & Public Health
Purchase naloxone	Purchase naloxone distribution equipment.	Prevention Overdose & Harm Reduction	HIAA 6 - Naloxone	All	\$7,000	Behavioral Health & Public Health
Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons	Support evidence-based addiction treatment, including Medication-Assisted Treatment to persons who are incarcerated in jail	Criminal Justice Involved Individuals	HIAA 2 - New/Expanded Treatment	Adults 18+	\$55,000	Contractor
Prevention and Early Intervention Campaign	Outreach, education, & training targeting parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, professionals, and others in contact with children or adolescents.	Connect People to Services	HIAA 5 - Prevention Youth	Youth/ Children	\$40,000	Behavioral Health, Public Health & Contractors
Expansion of Treatment Options	Post-overdose response teams will connect persons who have experienced non-fatal drug overdoses to treatment and community resources.	Support Treatment and Recovery	HIAA 2 - New/Expanded Treatment	All	\$125,000	Request for Proposals
Opioid/SUD Taskforce	Strategic planning to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose, and related issues.	Leadership, planning, and coordination	NA	All	\$10,000	Behavioral Health, Public Health & County/ Community Partners