Maryland

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

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Opioid Restitution Fund

Fiscal Year 2025 State Discretionary Abatement Fund Award Summary

State Discretionary Abatement Fund

Pursuant to Maryland's State-Subdivision Agreement, 15 percent of the proceeds that Maryland receives from five specified prescription opioid-related legal settlements is designated for use through competitive funding opportunities for opioid remediation purposes. The five settlements covered by this agreement include the Janssen settlement (which involved Johnson & Johnson and three prescription opioid distributors, McKesson, Cencora, and Cardinal Health) and settlements with Walmart, Walgreens, Allergan, and Teva. As of the beginning of the 2025 fiscal year, Maryland has received $31,256,605.16 to be distributed through the State Discretionary Abatement Fund.

On June 26, 2024, Maryland issued a Request for Applications for funding using available funds through the State Discretionary Abatement Fund. Through this competitive funding opportunity, applicants were eligible to receive up to $1 million to support programs and initiatives that meet the funding requirements of Exhibit E, the Opioid Restitution Fund, and recommendations from the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council issued prior to the Request for Applications.

Maryland awarded 28 grants received through the July 2024 Request for applications, collectively totalling $12.4 million. These awards are summarized below.

Grantee	Award Amount	Project Description
Baltimore Safe Haven	**$250,000.00**	Support for mobile harm reduction services focusing on LGBTQ+ individuals in Baltimore City.
Healthcare for the Homeless	**$646,772.85**	Support for substance use services, including treatment with medications for opioid use disorder and syringe services, for individuals experiencing homelessness in Baltimore City, with a focus on Black individuals over the age of 55.

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HC Drug Free, Inc.	**$241,687.84**	Support for prescription drug safety education efforts and take-back events in Howard County. Program also includes support for youth and family substance use prevention outreach.
Voices of Hope, Inc.	**$352,275.00**	Support from harm reduction services, peer recovery support services, and transportation support for individuals accessing substance use recovery services.
Baltimore County Department of Corrections	**$476,863.00**	Support for peer recovery support services and expanding access to treatment with medications for opioid use disorder for incarcerated or previously incarcerated individuals, unhoused individuals, survivors of non-fatal overdose, and those involved in the parole and probation system.
Youth Empowerment Source	**$170,388.90**	Support for youth substance use prevention programming and expanding naloxone access.
Behavioral Health Leadership Institute	**$736,578.86**	Support for expanding access to treatment with medications for opioid use disorder among primary care providers.
Somerset County Commissioners	**$356,576.00**	Support for services for individuals in the criminal-legal system with opioid use disorder, with a specific focus on individuals with disabilities.
St. Mary's County Health Department	**$501,616.00**	Support for low-barrier health services for vulnerable populations, including LGBTQ+ individuals, unhoused individuals, indigenous communities, sex workers, aging populations, college students, and other high-risk populations.
Helping Up Mission, Inc.	**$653,595.87**	Support for warm hand-offs with a focus on women (including women with children three years old and younger) with substance use disorders and those experiencing homelessness and escaping domestic violence situations.

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Worcester County Health Department	**$656,323.00**	Support for substance use prevention programming, harm reduction, substance use treatment, and substance use recovery services in Worcester County. Program also includes support for treatment with medications for opioid use disorder in the Worcester County Jail.
The Affiliated Santé Group, Inc.	**$539,280.00**	Support for expansion of mobile crisis services, naloxone distribution, and warm hand-off services in Carroll County.
Baltimore County Fire Department	**$255,431.50**	Support for mobile overdose response, harm reduction services, and connections to community-based treatment and recovery services in Baltimore County through the Baltimore County Fire Department's Quick Response Team.
Dorchester County Health Department	**$378,884.00**	Support for low-barrier, mobile harm-reduction services for pregnant and postpartum individuals in Dorchester County, including transferring incarcerated individuals to community-based treatment programs that provide treatment with medications for opioid use disorder.
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Inc.	**$601,018.00**	Support for screening and peer navigator services for prenatal and postpartum individuals through Open Doors program in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Program also increases access to naloxone and medications for opioid use disorder and testing for HIV and Hepatitis C in participating hospitals.
Primary Care Coalition	**$701,091.48**	Support for peer recovery services focusing on the Latinx community and substance use recovery supports for adolescents.
Baltimore County Department of Health	**$271,466.00**	Support for peer recovery support specialist positions for Baltimore County's Quick Response Team and the Baltimore County Health Department's Mobile Unit.

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Office of the Public Defender	**$712,437.00**	Support for peer recovery services for individuals with substance use disorders in the criminal-legal system, connections to community-based treatment for incarcerated individuals, and re-entry planning services. Program also expands naloxone access in criminal legal settings.
Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.	**$421,330.00**	Support for peer recovery support services for incarcerated individuals and substance use screening re-entry planning, and linkages to substance use treatment services. Program also includes support for workforce development training.
Garrett County Health Department	**$204,704**	Support for public awareness initiatives, youth prevention programming, counseling services, and infectious disease screening for people who use drugs.
Community College of Baltimore County	**$364,402.50**	Support for behavioral health workforce curriculum development through the Community College of Baltimore County's Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health Training. Program includes tuition assistance for students seeking behavioral health certifications.
Carroll County Health Department	**$454,905.00**	Support for treatment and support services for substance-exposed newborns and their families, substance use prevention awareness activities, and substance use resources needs assessment.
Salisbury City Fire Department	**$542,000.00**	Support for first responding training, low-barrier access to medications for opioid use disorder through emergency services, connections to care through the Salisbury-Wicomico Integrated Firstcare Team, drug disposal, and syringes services.
Allegany County Health Department	**$57,434.00**	Support for a naloxone vending machine and public awareness efforts.

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Diakonia, Inc.	**$635,042.00**	Support for mobile harm reduction services for individuals experiencing and at risk for homelessness through Mobile Outreach Coordination Response Team. Program includes naloxone distribution, referrals to substance use care, emergency housing and transportation, and care coordination services.
Charm City Care Connection, Inc.	**$155,308.00**	Support for low-barrier access to medications for opioid use disorder, peer recovery support services, and connections to care to people who use drugs across East Baltimore with a special focus on Mideast, Highlandtown, East Dundalk, and McElderry Park, and women-identified clients who participate in sex work.
Queen Anne's County Detention Center	**$507,226.00**	Support for opioid use disorder screening services for incarcerated individuals.
University of Maryland, Baltimore	**$639,363.00**	Support for connections to affordable housing, substance use treatment services, prevention programming, and peer recovery services for aging individuals through the Multimodal Age-friendly Addiction Services program. Program focuses on increasing accessibility through on-site, virtual, and mobile nurse-peer services.