



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 11/26/24

Title of Item: Approve Opioid Funding Request

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
Submitted by: Liz Short, PHN		Department: Aitkin County Health and Human Services
Presenter (Name and Title): Liz Short		Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue: <p>Aitkin County HHS will collaborate with McGregor School District to install four naloxone boxes in their facilities as a harm reduction initiative. HHS is also asking for pre-approval to purchase up to 12 Nalox Box's and 24 doses of naloxone to fulfill any future requests within Aitkin County. Total Cost \$2090.40. This funding request has been approved internally in accordance with our opioid funding approval process.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Approve \$2090.40 opioid grant request for ISD#4 and Aitkin County HHS		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Funded with opioid settlement funds		

2024

Opioid Settlement (OS) Funding Application

Section 1: Applicant Information

Contact:

Please direct all correspondence to the contact information provided below.

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County	Aitkin

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By checking this box, you acknowledge and accept the statement above.

PROJECT NAME:	<i>Nalox Box</i>
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Brief Overview Aitkin County HHS will collaborate with McGregor School District to install four naloxone boxes in their facilities as a harm reduction initiative. Four Nalox Boxes at 118.15 each. HHS is also asking for pre-approval to purchase up to 12 Nalox Box's and 24 doses of naloxone to fulfill any future requests within Aitkin County.

Funding Request	<i>16 Nalox Boxes at \$118.15 each</i>	<i>= \$1,890.40</i>
	<i>24 Kits, no charge for 2025(\$600 value)=</i>	<i>\$00.00</i>
	<i>Outreach</i>	<i>= \$200.00</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>= \$2090.40</i>
<i>Kits include two doses of naloxone, gloves, breathing Barrier, instructions</i>		

Section 2: Project Category

Each project/request must fall within one or more of the following mitigation categories. Select one or more of the categories that best match your project.

Treatment

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health condition through evidenced based or evidence informed programs or strategies.

Examples may include:

- Treat OUD
- Support People in Recovery
- Connect People who need help connecting to the services they need (connections to care i.e. transportation)
- Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons
- Address the needs of the perinatal population, caregivers, and families including babies with neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome
- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) such as methadone, buprenorphine or naloxone.

Prevention

Support efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids through evidenced based or evidenced informed programs. Support efforts to discourage misuse of opioids through evidence based or evidenced informed programs. Examples may include:

- Training for health care providers
- Continuing Medical Education on appropriate prescribing of opioids
- Media campaigns to prevent misuse
- Funding evidence-based prevention programs in schools
- Upstream education on the harm of other addictive and harmful substances such as alcohol, tobacco or marijuana.

Harm Reduction

Harm reduction is a set of ideas and interventions that seek to reduce the harms associated with both drug use and ineffective, racialized drug policies. Harm reduction stands in stark contrast to a punitive approach to problematic drug use—it is based on acknowledging the dignity and humanity of people who use drugs and bringing them into a community of care in order to minimize negative consequences and promote optimal health and social inclusion. Examples of Harm Reduction may include:

- Support Services for children and families affected by substance use disorders.
- Overdose Prevention including distribution of Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, safe use education materials and increased access to proven effective and promising overdose prevention practices utilized in other counties and states.
- Community education to reduce the stigma around OUD

Research and Training

Support opioid abatement research and training. Examples may include:

- Funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and not for profit entities to abate the opioid crisis.
- Monitoring, surveillance, data collection and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
- Research non-opioid treatment of chronic pain.
- Research on novel harm reduction and prevention efforts such as the provision of fentanyl test strips.

Section 3: Guiding Principles

Each project/request must be guided by the following five principles set forth by the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. Please indicate which of these principals apply to your program. You do not have to meet all of the guiding principles.

- Spend Money to Save Lives.
 - OS dollars will be used on a specific project and not to fill budget gaps or shortfalls in other programs. OS dollars are being used to expand on an existing evidenced based program or initiative.

- Use Evidence to Guide Spending
 - There is evidence to support expansion of an existing program. This could include an initiative or program that was not successful but there are learned outcomes that could be successful.

- Invest in Youth Prevention
 - This program supports, children, youth and families in effective programs.

- Focus on Racial Equity
 - This program serves a specific demographic or underserved population in our community. Check one.

<input type="checkbox"/> Socioeconomic	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans	<input type="checkbox"/> Other_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors	<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/Indigenous/People of Color	

- Develop a Fair and Transparent Process for Spending Funds
 - There is a process in place for clear and transparent use of OS dollars

Please Note:

It is the Applicant's sole responsibility to keep clear and detailed records that demonstrate the OS dollars requested were used for the amount and purpose(s) outlined in the initial application. Aitkin County Public Health and/or the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, reserves the right to audit the Applicant's records at any time without prior notice.

Section 4: Work plan and Goals

Give a detailed description of your project work plan and goal. List your goals related to the project. Include planned activities to meet these goals, intended timeline and responsible individual(s). Add rows as needed.

McGregor School District will install 4 Nalox Boxes throughout the building. They have naloxone in inventory. Each box will contain two boxes of nasal naloxone for a total of four doses per box. Each box will contain an instruction card on how to administer the naloxone.

HHS will purchase Nalox Boxes and naloxone as requested by the community members or businesses' exclusively for use in Aitkin County.

ACTIVITIES TO ACCOMPLISH GOAL(S)	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL(S)
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Order Supplies and Installation at ISD# 4	November 2024	Liz Short, PHN Katie Clayton, RN, ISD# 4

Section 5: Evaluation:

If your request is \$25,000 or more please complete this section. If it is under \$25,000 you do not need to complete this section. What would indicate to you that this project was successful? How will you measure progress or change? Describe your anticipated impact(s). Add rows as needed.

Project Outcomes	How will you measure these changes?	What will you do with these results?

PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY: Identify how you will work to sustain the project beyond the initial funding.

Investment in the Nalox Box will be a one time expense at ISD# 4. ISD# 4 has ample supplies of naloxone in stock. Their current inventory expires in January of 2026. The Steve Rummier foundation will provide 24 emergency kits at N/C. Naloxone expires 12/2025. After that time period, additional kits can be purchased for \$25.00 each.

Section 6: Budget and Funding Request

Please complete the total project funding table below. **If line A is an overall cost please include an itemized list totaling the cost. You can also attach your own detailed budget.**

Total Project Funding Table

A) How much funding are you requesting from the Aitkin County Opioid Settlement Funds? 16 Nalox Boxes	\$1890.40 \$200 (outreach)
B) Do you anticipate any additional funding for this project? <i>Include other grants, donations, fundraised amounts, budgeted dollars, etc</i>	(\$600.00 Rummier donation)
C) How much do you or a partner anticipate contributing in-kind to the project? <i>Include staff/volunteer time, etc.</i>	\$
Total Project Cost <i>(should equal the sum of the 3 lines above)</i>	\$2,690.40

Submit your completed application via email to Elizabeth.short@co.aitkin.mn.us
Please put **OS Application** in the subject line.