


## MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Robin Scheu, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations  
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Senator Andrew Perchlik, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations  
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SUBJECT: Opioid Abatement Special Fund Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2026

In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 4774(a)(2), the Vermont Department of Health (Department) is pleased to provide to the Vermont General Assembly the Department's recommended spending plan for expenditures from the opioid abatement special fund (Fund) for fiscal year 2026. The recommendations of the Department are almost identical to and are informed by the recommendations of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC or Committee).

### Principles

When developing the recommended spending plan, the Department, like the Committee, adheres to the set of five principles for the use of funds from opioid litigation espoused by Johns Hopkins:

1. Spend money to save lives; use the funds to supplement rather than replace existing spending.
2. Use evidence to guide spending.
3. Invest in youth prevention.
4. Focus on all forms of equity, including geographic/rural.
5. Develop a transparent, inclusive decision-making process guided by public health leaders with the active engagement of people and families with lived experience, clinicians, as well as other key groups.<sup>1</sup>

### Process and Initiatives

This year, the Committee undertook a new funding application process in an effort to improve access, transparency, and consistency. Through this effort, OSAC received 54 applications for funding. The applications, submitted in a standardized format, described the proposed initiative, listed the populations to be served, requested a funding amount, and provided other information about the initiative. Members of the Committee then selected, through a majority of affirmative votes, proposals to hear about in greater detail. Finally, the Committee voted, again through a

<sup>1</sup> <https://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Opioid-Principles-Doc.pdf>



majority of affirmative votes, to recommend the 22 initiatives described below for funding in fiscal year 2026.

Because of the creativity, caring, and ingenuity of our Vermont community, the themes of the initiatives being recommended for this year’s spending plan are varied and innovative. Many of the recommended initiatives propose to work across the continuum of care, from prevention, intervention/harm-reduction, treatment, and recovery. One major theme this year is integration: proposals sought to integrate recovery support into other areas of care, such as mental health services and domestic and sexual violence services; to integrate services and supports into individuals’ daily activities and needs, such as employment, housing, and youth services; and to integrate awareness and access into our communities, such as through community safety training and partnerships between people with lived experience and those in the corrections system.

### Funding and Recommendations

The Fund has \$12,046,322.14 that can be appropriated in fiscal year 2026. In previous years’ appropriations, the General Assembly has expressed its intent to continue funding in fiscal year 2026 for four programs using money from the opioid abatement special fund: outreach and case management,<sup>2</sup> the Burlington overdose prevention center,<sup>3</sup> recovery residences,<sup>4</sup> and syringe services programs.<sup>5</sup> Continuing to fund these programs at the levels intended by the General Assembly would require a total appropriation of \$5,326,000.00.

The Department agrees with the General Assembly’s intent and supports the Committee’s recommendation to continue funding for each of these programs. The Department does note that in the fiscal year 2025 appropriation of \$1,100,000.00 for the Burlington overdose prevention center has yet to be obligated through a grant agreement. Because of this, the General Assembly may wish to consider waiting to appropriate additional funding in fiscal year 2026. The Department also concurs with the Committee’s recommendation that contingency management services continue to be funded at the same level of \$800,000 that these services were funded at in fiscal year 2025.

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<sup>2</sup> Act 22, Section 14(3) (2023) “(A) \$1,976,000.00 to fund 26 outreach or case management staff positions within the preferred provider network...(B) it [*sic.*] the intent of the General Assembly that these positions shall be funded annually by the Opioid Abatement Special Fund unless and until the Special Fund does not have sufficient monies to fund this expenditure.”

<sup>3</sup> Act 178, Section 2 (2024) “(a) In fiscal year 2025, \$1,100,000.00 is appropriated to the Department of Health from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund for the purpose of awarding grants to the City of Burlington for establishing an overdose prevention center...(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly to continue to appropriate funds from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund through fiscal year 2028 for the purpose of awarding grants to the City of Burlington for the operation of the pilot program.”

<sup>4</sup> Act 113, Section E.313.1 (2024) “(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.313 of this act, \$1,200,000 Opioid Abatement Special Fund shall be for recovery residences certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences, including at least two new recovery residences certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences. (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that recovery residences be funded annually at not less than fiscal year 2025 levels through the Opioid Abatement Special Fund established in 18 V.S.A. § 4774 as long as funds remain available.”

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at Section E.312.2 (2024) “(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that syringe services be funded annually at not less than fiscal year 2025 levels [\$1,050,000] through the Opioid Abatement Special Fund established in 18 V.S.A. § 4774, provided funds remain available.”



After accounting for the continuation of these initiatives, \$5,920,322.14 remains to be appropriated from the Fund in fiscal year 2026. The Department recommends this balance be expended to support the initiatives described in the table below. These initiatives are identical to those recommended by the Committee.

The Department further recommends that the proposals for use of the Fund in fiscal year 2026 be considered by the General Assembly in a stand-alone bill rather than incorporated into the larger budget bill. Doing so would facilitate continued transparency and engagement in the process of deciding how to appropriate the Fund.

Thank you, as always, for your attention to this matter. I look forward to discussing further with you in the coming days and weeks.

Organization	Activity	Description	Budget Detail	Funding Recommended
<i>Integration with Community Life</i>				
Brattleboro Fire Department	Community Training Programs in Brattleboro	<p>This proposal aims to use Opioid Settlement Funds to establish comprehensive community training programs through the Brattleboro Fire Department. These programs will focus on equipping community members with critical life-saving skills such as Narcan administration, CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed, empowering residents to take action in emergency situations related to opioid use.</p> <p>Primary Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Narcan Administration Training: Increase the availability and proper use of Narcan by training community members to recognize signs of an overdose and administer this life-saving medication.</li> <li>2. CPR and First Aid Training: Equip individuals with the skills to respond to a variety of medical emergencies, from cardiac events to injuries, creating a safer and more prepared community.</li> <li>3. Stop the Bleed Training: Teach residents how to control severe bleeding in emergencies, enhancing their ability to manage trauma-related incidents in both opioid-related emergencies and other scenarios.</li> </ol>	<p>Budget to provide for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing &amp; Oversight (e.g., teaching, administration)</li> <li>• Direct Cost Materials (e.g.: books, take-home CPR masks)</li> <li>• Start-up Costs (e.g., training equipment, instructional materials)</li> <li>• Consumables (e.g., gauze, alcohol wipes)</li> </ul>	\$32,157.60
Champlain Housing Trust	Wound care and other healthcare services in	A pilot project was enacted last winter to provide access to wound care and preventative healthcare in three low-barrier shelters in Chittenden County. This proposal is to continue the project at the Champlain Housing Trust run	<p>Budget to provide for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries</li> <li>• Fringe</li> <li>• Equipment/Supplies</li> </ul>	\$44,229.00

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	three low barrier shelters	<p>facilities: Elmwood Community Shelter (35 guests), and Harbor Place (58 households).</p> <p>The proposal would also add nursing services within these shelters which will increase guests' ability to access medical services including wound care, frostbite/exposure care, management of hypertension, diabetes, and other preventative healthcare services. Guests will connect and build trust with the healthcare system in a setting that promotes harm-reduction and trust, which will enable referrals to substance use treatment and engagement in primary care.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Indirect</li> </ul>	
Office of Economic Opportunity (Vermont Department of Children and Families)	Support for shelters for those experiencing homelessness statewide to better serve those with SUD and related medical needs	<p>This proposal aims to support long-term programs at shelters for those experiencing homelessness, through training, harm-reduction supports, and clinical nursing programs. The funding would be used to support pilot projects becoming permanent projects, as well as maintaining programs and resources for sustainability and increasing medical staffing.</p> <p>The desired outcomes would be to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• successfully support shelter staff through more staffing and resources as they navigate and support guests who are experiencing active drug addiction and shelter guests who are in active recovery</li> <li>• provide harm-reduction tools and training (e.g., safe syringe services, sharps containers, Narcan packs, Narcan use trainings)</li> </ul>	No budget breakdown provided	\$800,000

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide nurses on site for weekly visits (pilot was a success in Burlington. Nurses came to two shelters for 8 hours weekly focusing on wound care related to drug use and routine checkups)</li> </ul> <p>The proposal is based on a survey and OEO's close work with shelter staff. OEO intends to use the Opioid Settlement Funding as a grant opportunity for shelter staff to focus funding on the three most needed categories of support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation</li> <li>Harm reduction tools, supplies and training</li> <li>On site Medical Staff</li> </ul>		
HCRS – Project Connectionworks	Reduce substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD) morbidity and mortality in Windham County	HCRS seeks funding for an ongoing consortium called Project Connectionworks. The goal of the project is to reduce substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD) morbidity and mortality in Windham County, Vermont, through linked prevention, treatment, and recovery services. Project Connectionworks centers the perspective and voices of people with lived experience with SUD, OUD, homelessness and/or involvement with the criminal justice system to create meaningful engagement and involvement in their recoveries from SUD/OUD.	Budget to provide for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel</li> <li>Fringe</li> <li>Supplies</li> <li>Travel</li> <li>Harm reduction supplies</li> <li>Consultant/ Contracts</li> </ul> Indirect	\$309,000
Pathways Vermont	Contingency Management pilot program in Chittenden	This proposal aims to implement a Contingency Management pilot program with the FACT (Forensic Assertive Community Treatment) and Housing First Department of Corrections (DOC) programs. Both	Budget to provide for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Client Transportation</li> <li>UVM training and assistance</li> </ul>	\$35,000 (for one year)

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	County focused on those who are under supervision by DOC	<p>programs enroll participants who are under direct supervision of the DOC.</p> <p>Contingency Management, in general, involves providing motivational incentives of some monetary value for abstinence from substance use. It is among the most evidence-based treatments for psychostimulant disorders but is also very effective for substance use disorders and behavior change in general.</p> <p>Contingency Management is also an evidence-based solution to decreasing drug use. In this proposal, it would be offered to all in the program who struggle with substance use disorder, particularly around stimulants. It would utilize various tools, likely a mix of urine drug screens, engagement with team members, and attendance at appointments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM Prizes</li> <li>• Urine Cups</li> <li>• Cost of POC 5-panel for drugs</li> <li>• Lab supplies</li> <li>• Staff Support and Platform Management</li> <li>• Fringe</li> <li>• Technology and Building Expense</li> <li>• Indirect costs</li> </ul> <p>Proposal requests funding for 2-3 years.</p>	
Vermont Judiciary	Training for Vermont judges on issues of substance use and strategies that could be used in all dockets statewide.	<p>The goal of this proposal is to conduct comprehensive training to enhance the knowledge of all Vermont judges regarding substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder, and proven treatment court strategies that could be used in all dockets. It would also provide funds to send Vermont judges to out-of-state trainings, which address issues relating to substance use disorder.</p> <p>According to the research-based best practice standards developed by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, training on the following topics would be appropriate for judges in this context:</p>	<p>Budget to provide for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summit for judges on substance use disorders (fall 2025)</li> <li>• Just training on substance use disorders (winter 2025)</li> <li>• Attendance at All Rise Annual Conference - July 2026 (up to 5 judges)</li> </ul>	\$50,000

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal, ethical, and constitutional issues in court-based treatment settings</li> <li>• The disease of addiction</li> <li>• Key elements of evidence-based substance use disorder and mental health treatment</li> <li>• Behavior modification</li> <li>• Community supervision</li> </ul>	Attendance at New England Association of Recovery Court Professionals Annual Conference - November 2026 (up to 5 judges)	
Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform	Outreach worker to reach those who are not currently engaged in SUD services and who are most at risk to facilitate access to harm reduction and treatment services	<p>The proposal would fund an outreach worker position for placement at VCJR.</p> <p>Expected outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved community and organizational capacity to conduct outreach to those who are not currently engaged in SUD services and who are most at risk -- including those who are incarcerated in any Vermont correctional facility or who are under correctional supervision in the community.</li> <li>• Increased engagement in SUD harm reduction, SUD treatment and SUD recovery services among individuals with SUD who are most at risk.</li> <li>• Improved connections with people with SUD through their peer networks.</li> <li>• Increased overdose prevention/response education and resources provided to those most at risk.</li> </ul> <p>Improved trust-building between Vermont's system of care and individuals with SUD who are most at risk.</p>	Budget to provide for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Cellphone</li> <li>• Training/Conference Travel</li> </ul> Indirect	\$76,000 for one position  The funding could be added to the current appropriation for outreach workers (see Footnote 2), but the authorizing language would need to be amended to allow non-preferred providers to access the funding for VCJR to be able to apply for this funding.



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				Alternatively, a separate outreach worker appropriation could be established for non-preferred providers.
<i>Integration with Daily Activities and Needs</i>				
Elevate Youth Services	Establishment of Healthy Youth Program Counselors at the Basement Teen Center at Kellogg Hubbard Library	<p>This proposal aims to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhance Accessibility of Support Services: By integrating Elevate Youth’s Healthy Youth Program substance use and mental health counselors into our new Basement Teen Center, we can provide immediate, trauma-informed care and resources in a familiar setting.</li> <li>2. Offer Comprehensive Support: The counselors will deliver harm reduction strategies, prevention programs, intervention services, and treatment resources tailored to the unique experiences of youth.</li> <li>3. Create a Safe and Welcoming Environment: Establish a space where young people feel safe to engage in discussions about their challenges and access the support they need.</li> </ol> <p>Youth participating in the Healthy Youth Program will have access to a comprehensive range of services designed</p>	Budget to provide for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Salaries</li> <li>• Training and Resources</li> <li>• Community Outreach</li> </ul>	\$200,000

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		<p>to promote wellness and recovery, including drug and alcohol screening and assessment, early intervention strategies, outpatient counseling tailored to the needs of young people (along with family counseling as needed), aftercare services to help maintain healthy lifestyles and prevent relapse, coordination of service support to ensure youth receive quality care from various support systems, and referrals to more intensive services.</p>		
<p>Friends for Change – Youth Center of Bellows Falls</p>	<p>Deliver intervention strategies and harm reduction to most at-risk youth and young adults aged 14- 25 in the Greater Rockingham area</p>	<p>The goals of this proposal are to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build transformative relationships with the most impacted young people and their families.</li> <li>• Implement research-informed strategies to promote protective factors and reduce risk factors.</li> <li>• Provide a safe space for connection, belonging, and to heal some of the root causes of substance misuse.</li> </ul> <p>Friends for Changes’ approach uses the Search Institute's Developmental Assets, an evidenced-based approach. It also integrates research-informed strategies which include play, sensory-integration, and SAMHSA's Trauma-Informed Approach. Friends for Change will provide safe spaces that create connection and belonging to help heal some of the underlying causes of substance use disorder.</p> <p>All programming and strategies will promote the development of protective factors and reduce risk factors. Friends for Changes’ approach is rooted in equity, which ensures that often hard to reach populations, including</p>	<p>Budget to provide for one year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel</li> <li>• Materials/supplies/activities</li> <li>• Leadership trips</li> <li>• Program support specialist/clinical consultant</li> <li>• Cell phones</li> <li>• Training</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Rent</li> <li>• Utilities/electric</li> <li>• Food insecurity including groups and activities</li> <li>• Trash/recycling</li> <li>• Internet/IT</li> <li>• Indirect</li> </ul>	<p>\$100,000 for one year</p>

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		<p>LGBTQIA, BIPOC, Low SES, disabled, neurodivergent, etc. people and people who live in geographically isolated areas, are reached. Friends for Change will address barriers to participation through practicing cultural humility and by providing access to concrete needs like food, transportation, and communication.</p> <p>Project Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage Transition-Aged Youth</li> <li>• Provide Trauma Informed Programming</li> <li>• Professional Development</li> <li>• Build Equity Bridges</li> </ul>		
Spectrum Youth and Family Services	Expand screening, treatment and case management services to youth in Chittenden and Franklin Counties	<p>The goal of this proposal is to expand access to screening for youth and young adults through centralized intake team and expand brief treatment and case management services available to youth on the waiting list for existing programs.</p> <p>Who will be served:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless and housing insecure youth, including youth with DCF and/or foster care experience</li> <li>• Youth referred for Compass where individual youth or families which are identified as "at-risk," are assessed for services ranging from individual therapy to wrap-around care</li> <li>• Youth with an identified SUD or mental health need can receive individual, group and/or family therapy</li> </ul> <p>Proposed Project Objectives</p>	<p>Budget to provide for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 personnel including salaries and fringe</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies</li> <li>• Travel</li> </ul> <p>Indirect</p>	\$170,000 for 2 personnel members and other requests

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand Central Intake team</li> <li>• Continue current services delivery and partner with schools in Chittenden, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties to support increased screening, prevention, early intervention and treatment</li> <li>• Increase use of community and school-based interventions</li> <li>• Implement use of evidence-based, brief intervention to shorten waitlists and prioritize serving youth and young adults with highest need.</li> </ul> <p>Provide Case Management, Outpatient &amp; Family Therapy by identifying and serving youth struggling with opioid use disorder and those who experienced trauma and adversity as the result of family member's OUD concerns.</p>		
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	Provide parenting skills and social/emotional support in parenting opportunities for individuals experiencing substance abuse challenges	The goal of this proposal is to provide opportunities to gain parenting skills and social/emotional support with no economic barriers to parents with significant substance abuse challenges. There are treatment and rehabilitation facilities where parents can become clean and sober, but there are few programs in Vermont that address both substance abuse and parenting issues together. In recent years, the DCF Child Protection report states that the two highest risk factors have been substance abuse and financial stress. The Nurturing Parenting Program for Families in Substance Use Treatment & Recovery offers parents education and support in parenting, support with their recovery and parenting their children while understanding. Parents in the program would build communication, develop rules and expectations regarding	Budget to provide for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Programs</li> <li>• Services for 160 parents (impacting 500+ children)</li> </ul>	\$80,000

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		<p>substance abuse, gain awareness of the dangers of substance abuse in their lives and their children’s lives, improve their own self-esteem and form a sense of community with other families. The overarching goal is to strengthen protective factors to reduce the likelihood of and the impact of related adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Prevent Child Abuse Vermont proposes to offer 20 Nurturing Parenting Program for Families in Substance Use Treatment &amp; Recovery to 160 parents, impacting 500+ children.</p> <p>The Outcomes for the Nurturing Parenting Programs will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of families having access to basic needs</li> <li>• 100% of parents will be less isolated and stressed</li> <li>• 100% of parents will increase their knowledge of child development</li> <li>• 100% of parents will be more empathetic to their children's needs</li> <li>• 100% of parents will learn to use healthy alternatives to corporal punishment</li> <li>• 100% of parents will embrace their roles as parents</li> <li>• 100% of parents will find ways to encourage independence and growth in their children</li> <li>• 100% of parents will feel more prepared to discuss substance abuse issues with their children</li> </ul> <p>Parents who participate in these Nurturing Programs for Families in Substance Use Treatment &amp; Recovery will have the skills they need to be better parents to their children</p>		

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		and more prepared to have open and meaningful conversations with their children about rules and expectations around substance misuse		
HireAbility Vermont	Specialized employment services for individuals with OUD in Burlington, Newport, Rutland and Bennington	<p>HireAbility proposes to continue funding for its pilot to provide specialized employment services in Burlington and Newport for individuals with OUD, and to add an additional Burlington site and sites in Rutland and Bennington.</p> <p>The HireAbility program uses a team model that has proven successful with other populations needing an intensive wraparound approach. Each site’s team includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An HA vocational counselor</li> <li>• A contracted VABIR job placement specialist</li> <li>• A part-time Employee Assistance Program staff person</li> </ul> <p>The pilot has been very successful in engaging community providers and has shown promising early outcome data. HireAbility does not have funding to sustain the two pilot sites beyond state fiscal year 2025. It is seeking this funding to sustain the pilot sites and to expand the program.</p>	<p>Budget to provide for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel</li> <li>• Contracted employment consultant</li> </ul>	\$850,000
Northeast Kingdom Community Action	Housing support in the Northeast Kingdom	This proposal aims to provide housing support to those in recovery who are transitioning out of homelessness to safe, permanent housing. Northeast Kingdom Community Action would like to hire four peer support specialists to work across the Northeast Kingdom to help people with substance use disorder (SUD) obtain and retain long-term housing. Many people struggling with SUD are often	<p>Budget to provide for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel (including the hiring of 4 Peer Support Specialists)</li> <li>• Staff training</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Supplies</li> </ul>	\$550,000

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		<p>housing insecure and need support and strategies to rebuild their lives. This is a partnership between Northeast Kingdom Community Action, Journey to Recovery Center and Kingdom Recovery Center.</p> <p>Program will serve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who are unhoused using substances or in recovery</li> <li>• People who are transitioning out of the ED 2</li> <li>• People who are transitioned out of residential treatment</li> </ul> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of individuals and/or families housed or served by the recovery housing program</li> <li>• Increase the number of individuals and/or families successfully transitioned to permanent housing from homelessness or treatment</li> <li>• Build a network of support that includes landlords</li> <li>• Provide community-based training and support to community partners</li> <li>• Increase or maintain the number of partners collaborated with to improve housing coordination, e.g. preferred provider network, Recovery Centers, other community housing organizations and community services</li> </ul> <p>Help participants attain employment, enroll in an educational or training program, or qualify for cash or non-cash benefits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilities</li> <li>• Computers</li> <li>• Contracted Services</li> <li>• Transportation for Clients</li> <li>• Risk Pool for Landlords</li> <li>• Direct Space</li> <li>• Direct Support</li> </ul> <p>Indirect</p>	

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<i>Integration with Care</i>				
Connecticut Valley Addiction Services, Inc.	Expand substance use treatment and support services in rural Windsor County Vermont	<p>This proposal would expand substance use treatment and support services in rural Windsor County Vermont. The project goals are to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase the availability of treatment by recruiting prescribers for medications to treat substance use disorders, focusing on opioid use but including alcohol, stimulants, and novel psychoactive substances,</li> <li>2. Establish addiction psychiatry to fill a large gap in that specialty,</li> <li>3. Add treatment programs, including intensive outpatient treatment (IOP) and contingency management enhanced by cognitive behavioral therapy and other appropriate modalities.</li> <li>4. Partner with local educational institutions to offer training opportunities in addiction medicine to primary care residents, addiction psychiatry fellows, and physician assistant students.</li> </ol>	No budget breakdown provided	\$150,000
Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform (VCJR) and Johnson Health Center	Managed Medical Response Partnership serving northwest Vermont	<p>VCJR and Johnson Health Center propose to continue and improve the Managed Medical Response Partnership that was previously funded with opioid settlement dollars. The initiative provides life-saving medical care and wrap-around support to a very challenging to reach and serve a population of individuals with complex OUD-related medical and health needs.</p> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide easy access to medical care for individuals directly impacted by the opioid crisis</li> </ul>	<p>Budget request: \$300,000 (\$150,000 each to VCJR and Johnson Health Center)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel</li> <li>• Rent/Utilities</li> <li>• JHC Patient Support (phones/minutes, transportation,</li> </ul>	\$300,000



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide intensive medical case management and service coordination (outreach, engagement, crisis response, provider/patient trust building, medical treatment retention, hospital visitation/retention, medication adherence, support in following medical recommendations, transportation, problem-solving, accompanying to appointments)</li> <li>• Address the social determinants of health by assisting individuals in securing stable housing, employment/disability benefits and access to community resources</li> <li>• Reduce life-threatening drug overdose, wounds and infections</li> <li>• Improve mental health outcomes</li> <li>• Reduce barriers to health care and improve health equity</li> <li>• Contribute significantly to a safer and healthier community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prescription costs for uninsured and other patient need costs)</li> <li>• JHC Electronic Health Record</li> <li>• Insurance</li> </ul>	
Treatment Associates, Division of Washington County Mental Health	Embed Recovery Coach in treatment program in Washington County	Embed a Certified Recovery Coach into Treatment Associates of Washington County Mental Health. Treatment Associates has a long history of partnering with the local Turning Point Center (recovery center). The Turning Point Center recovery coaches have been an integral part of several community-focused programs that we are a part of, including the RAM program, the ROAD program, and the Central Vermont Prevention Coalition. The recovery coaches are a community link to healthy resources and a sober community. Treatment Associates currently works to support its clients in building their sober	Budget to provide for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel</li> <li>• Fringe</li> </ul>	\$30,000

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		community. Treatment Associates proposes using this funding to hire a Recovery Coach to embed in its program.		
Umbrella	Integrated services between domestic and sexual violence providers and partners in recovery services in the Northeast Kingdom: Essex, Caledonia, Orleans counties	<p>Umbrella proposes to offer more integrated services between domestic and sexual violence providers and partners in recovery by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing cross-training among our partners - such as peer recovery training and domestic/ sexual violence training to ensure comprehensive recovery support for everyone impacted by substance misuse, particularly those housed in Umbrella’s shelter.</li> <li>• Expanding “Seeking Safety” support groups to address PTSD among those dealing with substance misuse.</li> <li>• Co-creating additional opportunities for more integration of Umbrella services with both Journey to Recovery in Newport and Kingdom Recovery in St. Johnsbury.</li> </ul> <p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate with Kingdom Recovery Center to better serve those experiencing the intersection of intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence and SUD in Caledonia and southern Essex Counties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recovery Coaches from Kingdom Recovery Center to maintain office hours in Umbrella Shelter to better reach individuals “where they are” and to best ensure shelter guests have access to recovery support when they are needed.</li> <li>○ Umbrella Advocates to provide office hours at Kingdom Recovery Center to connect with</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Budget to provide for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries</li> <li>• Fringe</li> <li>• Advertising/ Marketing</li> <li>• Supplies</li> <li>• Subcontract</li> <li>• Indirect</li> </ul>	\$20,824.14

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		<p>individuals who may not have worked with Umbrella but could benefit from support related to intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offer co-facilitated groups including "Seeking Safety", and "All Recovery" at both Umbrella and Kingdom Recovery Center to familiarize clients with respective staff and locations.</li> <li>● Crosstrain Umbrella Advocates and Recovery Coaches in the Northeast Kingdom as well as other community partners to best respond to individuals experiencing intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence and SUD.</li> </ul>		
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,797,210.74</b>