



SWHHS Opioid Settlement Funding Application

Round 3 – Proposals over \$1,500

Summary Information

Awarding Agency Name	Southwest Health and Human Services
Agency Contacts	Kristin Deacon and Jenna Stephenson 3001 Maple Road Slayton, MN 56172 Opioid.settlementfunding@swhhsmin.gov 507-873-5475
Funding Title	Opioid Settlement Funding – Round 3
Estimated Total Funding	\$400,000 <i>*Priority will be given to youth prevention and community awareness</i>
Indirect Costs	It is expected that administrative costs, both direct and indirect, will represent a small portion of the overall program budget (10% or less)
Geographical Region Served	Lyon, Pipestone, Redwood & Rock Counties
Due Date	May 23, 2025 @ 4:30pm

Lyon, Pipestone, Redwood and Rock Counties, collectively, will receive around \$4 million dollars over the next 18 years from several multi-state settlements with opioid distributors and manufacturers. Participating counties have agreed to allocate their opioid settlement funding to SWHHS Public Health Department, who will lead a collaborative process with community partners to determine where funding will be spent. A Funding Subcommittee has been established to make recommendations to the SWHHS Community Health Board (CHB), who will make final funding decisions.

For information regarding the State of Minnesota's settlements with opioid companies, [The Office of the Minnesota Attorney General: Fighting the Opioid Epidemic in Minnesota](#)

Funding will be awarded for projects aimed at helping individuals and communities harmed most by opioids and to prevent further harm. To be considered, proposals should target populations in the community that have been most impacted by addressing one of the following priorities:

1. Prevention
2. Harm Reduction
3. Criminal Justice/Response
4. Treatment and Recovery
5. Other strategies; including training professionals to prevent burnout, improve wellness and expand knowledge, etc.



For more information on overarching principles that should be adopted to ensure funds are spent effectively [Johns Hopkins Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation](#). Additional funding rounds are anticipated throughout the next several years.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Service Area – Organization must be located in and serve people from Lyon, Pipestone, Redwood or Rock Counties in Minnesota.
2. Eligibility Requirements - Who may apply?
 - Applicants who provide services related to opioid (mis)use including addressing prevention, harm reduction, criminal justice, treatment and recovery or other strategies related to opioid use.
 - Business Structure -
 - Businesses may include: for profit corporations; not for profit corporations; governmental entities and departments (city, county); schools
 - Operate sound business practices for a minimum of two years before being eligible to apply for funding, exceptions to be preapproved by SWHHS Community Health Board.
 - Exhibit financial accountability, reliability, stability, and appropriate service of value to persons served.
 - Capable of service, fiscal and administrative needs of project.
 - Demonstrate capacity of professional staff with appropriate licensure and experience.

Funding Information

1. This funding is available through Opioid Settlement funds.
2. All funding is subject to approval by SWHHS' Community Health Board.
3. Priority status will be given to youth prevention efforts and community awareness.
4. Funds can be used to develop new programs or expand current programs but cannot be used to supplant current funding that was not part of previous Opioid Settlement Funding rounds.
5. Based on proposals received, awarded amounts may be less than requested. Funding levels are at the sole discretion of SWHHS CHB.
6. This round of funding includes approximately \$ 400,000.
7. The grant period for this funding is tentatively July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
8. Awardees must adhere to all compliance and reporting timelines as required.
9. Successful applicants may be eligible to receive subsequent awards.

Application Requirements

1. Agency Qualifications/Organizational Capacity (half page maximum)
 - Name of applicant/organization



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- Organization contact person for this application
 - Discuss your organization’s knowledge and experience in the services you are providing.
 - Describe your organization’s experience with implementation, management, evaluation and reporting of grants.
2. Description of Project and Services (one page maximum)
- Identify the strategy category(ies) to be addressed.
 - Prevention
 - Harm Reduction
 - Criminal Justice/Response
 - Treatment and Recovery
 - Other
 - Discuss the evidence-based, evidence-informed programs or strategies to be implemented.
 - Describe the projected number of individuals to be served/impacted.
 - List titles and credentials of project staff only.
 - Briefly describe collaborating partners and their role in ensuring the success of the project. If applicable, attach letter of support from collaborating partners.
 - Are you requesting funding for the entire project or a portion of the project? Describe any other funding sources for this project.
 - How will this project be sustained?
3. Project Work Plan – Appendix A - Work Plan
- Complete the project work plan and timeline by completing the table below. If more than one strategy/project is identified, add additional project tables. See Appendix A – Work Plan.
4. Anticipated Project Outcomes and Evaluation (half page maximum)
- Identify the anticipated project outcomes.
 - Describe how the project’s success will be measured. How will you know if the project has had impact?
 - What process will be used for evaluation?
5. Reporting (one statement)
- Provide a statement that the organization will adhere to all compliance and reporting timelines as required.
 - Anticipated reporting includes semi-annual and final progress reports.
6. Budget – Complete SWHHS Opioid Settlement Funding Budget and Justification form. (Appendix B – Budget)
- It is the applicant’s responsibility to keep clear and detailed records that demonstrate the Opioid Settlement dollars requested were used for the amount and purpose(s)



outlined in the approved application. SWHHS and/or the Minnesota Attorney General's Office reserves the right to audit the applicant's records at any time without prior notice.

7. Submission of Funding Application Requests over \$1,500

Complete applications will include:

- Narrative:
 - Agency Qualifications/Organizational Capacity, Description of Project and Services, Anticipated Project Outcomes and Evaluation, and Reporting
- Round 3 Appendix A - Work Plan Attachment
- Round 3 Appendix B - Budget Attachment

Additional Information for Applications

Questions can be sent to opioid.settlementfunding@swhsmn.gov. Questions and answers will be posted to the SWHHS website. Closing date for all questions will be May 16, 2025 at 4:30pm.

Upon completion, Opioid Settlement Funding applications are to be submitted to Southwest Health and Human Services by May 23, 2025 at 4:30pm (Central Time). Applications received after 4:30pm Central Time on May 23, 2025 will not be reviewed for funding. Funding applications can be mailed or emailed to:

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Attn: Kristin Deacon and Jenna Stephenson

Mailing Address:

Southwest Health and Human Services
3001 Maple Road
Slayton, MN 56172

Email:

opioid.settlementfunding@swhsmn.gov

Please use: "Opioid Application Round 3 submission" as subject of email.

Notification of application receipt- you will receive a return email indicating your application was received. If you don't receive notification, please call Jenna Stephenson at 507-836-6144.

Opioid Settlement Funding requests will be reviewed by the Opioid Settlement Funding Sub-Committee. Supported proposals will be forwarded on to the SWHHS CHB for final approval. Proposals selected will be notified.