

**Request for Applications (RFAs)
to Combat Opioid Use in Hernando County**



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**Request for Application Released: November 7, 2023
Application Due Date: December 11, 2023, by 5:00 pm**

Submission

Applications must be submitted by email to Veda Ramirez at vramirez@hernandocounty.us

**Health and Human Services
Housing and Supportive Services
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Brooksville, FL 34601**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure application(s) arrive prior to the due date and time. Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023 will be returned to the applicant and will not be considered.

This document can be made available in alternative accessible formats upon requests.

Background

Hernando County received funding from the settlement agreement negotiated through the State of Florida Attorney General's Office from Allergan Pharmaceutical, Teva, Wal-Mart and CVS Health Corporation lawsuits as a result of the opioid epidemic. The opioid epidemic has harmed individuals, families, and communities across Hernando County and in response Hernando County is using this funding to address the negative impacts of the opioid crisis in Hernando County.

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is requesting agencies with a vested interest in Hernando County residents to submit an application to combat opioid usage and its negative impact in the community.

Amount Available for Funding: \$195,000

The grant amount may be divided among multiple selected applicants or granted to only one applicant.

Questions Regarding this RFA

Questions from providers must be submitted in writing to Veda Ramirez at vramirez@hernandocounty.us and be received no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, November 24, 2023. Health and Human Services will compile all questions and answers, and post online no later than 5:00 pm, Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

General Information

Successful applications must meet the guidelines provided in this Request for Applications (RFA). To submit an application for consideration, complete the submission requirements listed.

Grant funding will be used to supplement existing funds or provide new services/programs rather than supplant current funds. Strong consideration will be given to proposals that are supported by evidence-based statistics using local data and that incorporate reporting procedures and performance measures. Written quarterly reports and participation in the Public Safety Coordinating Council are required by successful grantees.

Grant Categories and Approved Uses:

The proposal must qualify under the abatement strategies listed in Schedule A (found in Exhibit A) and/or Schedule B (found in Exhibit B). However, priority will be given to core abatement strategies ("Core Strategies"). Hernando County reserves the right to select one or more core strategies and approved uses listed in Exhibit A (/or Exhibit B. A mix of strategies and approved uses will be considered.

Core Strategies: Please see list identified as "**Exhibit A**"

Approved Uses: Please see list identified as "**Exhibit B**"

Applicant/Organization Eligibility

All private for-profit and non-profit mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organizations that have:

- At least two years' experience (as of the due date of the application) providing relevant services (official documents must establish that the organization has provided relevant services for the last two years); and
- Complied with all applicable local and state licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements (as of the due date of the application) are eligible to apply.

Applicant must also meet all the following requirements and submit information with your application:

- Independent certified audited financial statement of the most recent or immediate prior fiscal year, including the management letter and written response.
- Current CPA's Peer Review letter.
- Most recent Form 990.
- Monthly Financial Statements (within last 90 days).

Any applicant on the excluded parties list (www.sam.gov/SAM/) will be considered ineligible for funding.

SCOPE OF Grant Activities

Data Collection, Performance Measurement, and Performance Assessment Costs

Applicants must provide anticipated outcomes for each of the performance measures. To be able to effectively evaluate the project, it is critical that realistic goals and measurable objectives are developed. Information on acceptable goals and objectives is below.

GOALS Definition – a goal is a broad statement about the long-term expectation of what should happen as a result of your program (the desired result). It serves as the foundation for developing your program objectives. Goals should align with the statement of need that is described. Goals should only be one sentence. The characteristics of effective goals include:

Goals address outcomes, not how outcomes will be achieved;

Goals describe the behavior or condition in the community expected to change;

Goals describe who will be affected by the project;

Goals lead clearly to one or more measurable results; and

Goals are concise.

OBJECTIVES Definition – Objectives describe the results to be achieved and the manner in which they will be achieved. Multiple objectives are generally needed to address a single goal. Well-written objectives help set program priorities and targets for progress and accountability. It is recommended that you avoid verbs that may have vague meanings to describe the intended outcomes, like "understand" or "know" because it may prove difficult to measure them. Instead, use verbs that document

action, such as: "By the end of 2024, 75% of program participants will be placed in permanent housing." In order to be effective, objectives should be clear and leave no room for interpretation. SMART is a helpful acronym for developing objectives that are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound.

Cost Reimbursement

All contracts will be on a cost reimbursement basis. Recipient will be required to submit proper back-up documentation for project eligible expenses as determined by the funding source regulations and requirements.

Cost of Submitting Applications

The cost of preparing and submitting an application is the sole responsibility of the provider and shall not be chargeable in any manner to the grant. Hernando County will not reimburse any applicant for any costs associated with the preparation and submission of an application, including but not limited to, expenses incurred in making an oral presentation, or participating in an interview (if required).

Conflict of Interest

The provider agrees that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required if a contract is awarded. The applicant further agrees that no person having any such interest shall be employed or engaged for said performance. The applicant agrees that no employee, officer, agent of the applicant or its sub-recipients shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract or construction bid if a conflict-of-interest, either real or implied, would be involved. The applicant or sub-recipient employees, officers and agents should refrain from accepting gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors or potential contractors based on the understanding that the receipt of such an item of value would influence any action or judgment of the applicant.

Liability insurance is required for all Grants

All agencies awarded funds will be required to obtain liability and worker's compensation coverage that will be further defined in the funding agreement, if awarded. Hernando County Board of County Commissioners must be named as the Certificate Holder and the additional insured.

Handicapped Accessibility

All projects must be accessible to persons with disabilities. Programs, information, participation, communications and services must be accessible to persons with disabilities.

Post Award Requirements

If awarded, a contract will be executed by the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners. The contract will be based upon the information submitted in the application, all accompanying exhibits/attachments and any additional information that is requested/received during the review phase. Contract language is not negotiable. The contract is reimbursement based and the applicant must be able to pay for project costs prior to requesting payment. Modifications and updates to application exhibits may be required prior to contract execution. Applicants should review the contract to ensure their ability to comply with all requirements and expectations, including potential increased insurance coverage and financial audits. Applicants are required to comply with the program rules and regulations if assistance is approved.

All Sections must be complete for application to be considered for conditional award. This includes information listed under Applicant Information and the certification.

Applicant Information

Organization Name:	Authorized Organization Representative Name/Title:
Address:	Telephone
City, State, ZIP	Organization Website
Contact Person Name and Title	Federal ID Number:
Contact Person Email	DUNS # (Not required)

3. Certification

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information in this application is true and correct and that the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant. I also certify that I am aware that providing false information on the application can subject the individual signing such application to criminal sanctions. I further certify that I am authorized to submit this application and have followed all policies and procedures of my agency regarding grant application submissions.

Authorized Organization Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Typed Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Project Description and Narrative

The project description and narrative are required. The narrative response must include:

- A. A summary identifying the population(s) of focus and statement of need;
- B. An implementation plan that proposes to begin service delivery within 120 days of any award;
- C. A description of the evidence-based services/practices that will be used;
- D. A description of the relevant staff and organizational
- F. A detailed budget of the expense for the project and budget narrative and justification

The Narrative response must be formatted as follows:

SECTION A: Population of Focus and Statement of Need

1. Identify and describe your population(s) of focus, specifically individuals, including youth, and/or families with opioid use disorders (OUDs), substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring (CODs). Provide a demographic profile of the proposed population of focus in terms of race, ethnicity, federally recognized tribe (if applicable), language, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, and socioeconomic status. Funded services must be provided in Hernando County.

2. Describe the extent of the problem in the catchment area, including service gaps, disparities, and document the extent of the need (i.e., current prevalence rates or incidence data) for the population(s) of focus identified in your response to A.1 as it relates to the program. Identify the source of any data cited.

SECTION B: Proposed Implementation Approach

1. Describe the goals and measurable objectives of the proposed project and align them with the Statement of Need described in A.2. Provide the Number of Unduplicated Individuals to be Served with Award Funds

2. Describe how the proposed project aligns with Hernando County efforts to combat opioid and substance through education, treatment, prevention and other related programs and services.

3. Describe how you will implement all the Required Activities.

4. If you are proposing to use funds for recovery housing, you must describe the mechanism in your jurisdiction that assures the recovery housing program is guided by

regulation, credentialing, or certification requirements. In addition, you must discuss how the recovery housing program abides by these requirements. If you are not proposing use funds for recovery housing indicate so in your response.

5. Provide a chart or graph depicting a realistic timeline for the project period showing dates, key activities, and responsible staff. Be sure to show that the project can be implemented, and service delivery can begin as soon as possible and no later than 120 days after the award.

6. Describe how the organization will continue to provide services as part of the project if the funding is reduced or lost.

SECTION C: Evidence-Based Service/Practice

1. Identify the Evidence-Based Practice(s) (EBPs), evidence-informed, and/or culturally promising practices that will be used. Discuss how each intervention chosen is appropriate for your population(s) of focus and the outcomes you want to achieve. Describe any modifications (e.g., cultural) that will be made to the EBP(s) and the reason the modifications are necessary. If you are not proposing any modifications, indicate so in your response.

2. Describe your organization's experience in implementing the practices described.

3. Describe how the project will facilitate connections to health insurance, SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, and other mainstream resources.

4. Describe how you will monitor and ensure fidelity of the EBPs, evidence-informed and/or promising practices that will be implemented.

SECTION D: Staff and Organizational Experience and Expertise

1. Describe the experience of your organization with similar projects and/or providing services to the population(s) of focus for this RFA. Identify other organization(s) that you will partner with in the proposed project. Describe their experience providing services to the population(s) of focus, and their specific roles and responsibilities for this project. If applicable, Letters of Commitment from each partner must be included with your application. If you are not partnering with any other organization(s), indicate so in your response.

2. Provide a complete list of staff positions for the project, including the Key Personnel (Project Director and Evaluator) and other significant personnel. For each staff member describe their: a. Role, b. Level of Effort, and c. Qualifications, to include

their experience providing services to the population(s) of focus and familiarity with their culture(s) and language(s).

3. Describe whether any listed staff members have lived expertise in recovery from OUDs, SUDs, CODs, and/or homelessness, and to what extent the inclusion of such persons will be a factor in any hiring processes related to this grant funding

SECTION E: Data Collection and Performance Measurement

1. Provide specific information about how you will collect the required data for this program and how such data will be utilized to manage, monitor, evaluate, and enhance the program. Describe your quality improvement efforts and explain how you will use the data to address your identified behavioral health disparity(ies).

2. Recipients are required to report on their progress addressing the goals and objectives identified in your Project Narrative. Recipients must periodically review the performance data they report to SAMHSA (as required above), assess their progress, and use this information to improve the management of their project. The project performance assessment should be designed to help you determine whether you are achieving the goals, objectives, and outcomes you intend to achieve and whether adjustments need to be made to your project.

3. In describing your plan for data collection, consider addressing the following points:

- a. Frequency of data collection
- b. Organizational processes that will be implemented to ensure the accurate and timely collection and input of data.
- c. Staff that will be responsible for collecting and recording the data.
- d. Data source and data collection instruments that will be used to collect the data.
- e. How well the data collection methods will take into consideration the language, norms, and values of the population(s) of focus.
- f. Explain how consent from youth, elderly, people with limited reading skills, and people whose first language is not English will be obtained.
- g. Processes and policies to keep data secure.
- h. If applicable, the data collection procedures to ensure that confidentiality is protected, and that informed consent is obtained.
- i. If applicable, data collection procedures from partners and/or sub-recipients.

It is not necessary to provide information related to data collection and performance measurement in a table, but the following samples may give you some ideas about how to display the information.

Section F: Detailed Budget, Budget Narrative and Justification

1. Please include all materials, services, hours, equipment, etc., associated with the project that will be expensed by the grant in your detailed budget. If more than one funding source will be used to pay for any part of the project, please provide the name of the funding source, amount, and the percentage of each funding source to be used on the proposed project to include any in kind match.
2. The Budget Narrative and justification must be consistent with and support the Project Narrative.
3. The Budget Narrative and justification must be concrete and specific. It must provide a justification for the basis of each proposed cost in the budget and how that cost was calculated. Examples to consider when justifying the basis of your estimates can be ongoing activities, market rates, quotations received from vendors, or historical records. The proposed costs must be reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary for the supported activity.

EXHIBIT A

Schedule A

Core Strategies

States and Qualifying Block Grantees shall choose from among the abatement strategies listed in Schedule B. However, priority shall be given to the following core abatement strategies (“**Core Strategies**”), such that a minimum of ___% of the [aggregate] state-level abatement distributions shall be spent on [one or more of] them annually.¹

A. Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses

1. Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; and
2. Increase distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service.

B. Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) Distribution and other opioid-related treatment

1. Increase distribution of MAT to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured individuals;
2. Provide education to school-based and youth-focused programs that discourage or prevent misuse;
3. Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, EMTs, law enforcement, and other first responders; and
4. Treatment and Recovery Support Services such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling, and recovery housing that allow or integrate medication with other support services.

C. Pregnant & Postpartum Women

1. Expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (“SBIRT”) services to non-Medicaid eligible or uninsured pregnant women;
2. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including MAT, for women with co-occurring Opioid Use Disorder (“OUD”) and other Substance Use Disorder (“SUD”)/Mental Health disorders for uninsured individuals for up to 12 months postpartum; and
3. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare.

D. Expanding Treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

1. Expand comprehensive evidence-based and recovery support for NAS babies;
2. Expand services for better continuum of care with infant-need dyad; and
3. Expand long-term treatment and services for medical monitoring of NAS babies and their families.

¹ As used in this Schedule A, words like “expand,” “fund,” “provide” or the like shall not indicate a preference for new or existing programs. Priorities will be established through the mechanisms described in the Term Sheet.

E. Expansion of Warm Hand-off Programs and Recovery Services

1. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital emergency departments;
2. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services;
3. Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions. ;
4. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare; and
5. Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers to facilitate expansions above.

F. Treatment for Incarcerated Population

1. Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system; and
2. Increase funding for jails to provide treatment to inmates with OUD.

G. Prevention Programs

1. Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use (similar to the FDA's "Real Cost" campaign to prevent youth from misusing tobacco);
2. Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools.;
3. Funding for medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the 2016 CDC guidelines, including providers at hospitals (academic detailing);
4. Funding for community drug disposal programs; and
5. Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports.

H. Expanding Syringe Service Programs

1. Provide comprehensive syringe services programs with more wrap-around services including linkage to OUD treatment, access to sterile syringes, and linkage to care and treatment of infectious diseases.

- I. Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the State.

EXHIBIT B

Schedule B
Approved Uses

PART ONE: TREATMENT

A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:²

1. Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
2. Support and reimburse evidence-based services that adhere to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) continuum of care for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
3. Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MAT, as well as counseling, psychiatric support, and other treatment and recovery support services.
4. Improve oversight of Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) to assure evidence-based or evidence-informed practices such as adequate methadone dosing and low threshold approaches to treatment.
5. Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.
6. Treatment of trauma for individuals with OUD (e.g., violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences) and family members (e.g., surviving family members after an overdose or overdose fatality), and training of health care personnel to identify and address such trauma.
7. Support evidence-based withdrawal management services for people with OUD and any co-occurring mental health conditions.
8. Training on MAT for health care providers, first responders, students, or other supporting professionals, such as peer recovery coaches or recovery outreach specialists, including telementoring to assist community-based providers in rural or underserved areas.
9. Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
10. Fellowships for addiction medicine specialists for direct patient care, instructors, and clinical research for treatments.
11. Scholarships and supports for behavioral health practitioners or workers involved in addressing OUD and any co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions, including but not limited to training,

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scholarships, fellowships, loan repayment programs, or other incentives for providers to work in rural or underserved areas.

12. [Intentionally Blank – to be cleaned up later for numbering]

13. Provide funding and training for clinicians to obtain a waiver under the federal Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) to prescribe MAT for OUD, and provide technical assistance and professional support to clinicians who have obtained a DATA 2000 waiver.

14. Dissemination of web-based training curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service-Opioids web-based training curriculum and motivational interviewing.

15. Development and dissemination of new curricula, such as the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry's Provider Clinical Support Service for Medication-Assisted Treatment.

B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

Support people in treatment for or recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training, or childcare.

2. Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and connections to community-based services.

3. Provide counseling, peer-support, recovery case management and residential treatment with access to medications for those who need it to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

4. Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that allow or integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services.

5. Provide community support services, including social and legal services, to assist in deinstitutionalizing persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

6. Support or expand peer-recovery centers, which may include support groups, social events, computer access, or other services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

7. Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

8. Provide employment training or educational services for persons in treatment for or recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

9. Identify successful recovery programs such as physician, pilot, and college recovery programs, and provide support and technical assistance to increase the number and capacity of high-quality programs to help those in recovery.

10. Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members in their efforts to support the person with OUD in the family.

11. Training and development of procedures for government staff to appropriately interact and provide social and other services to individuals with or in recovery from OUD, including reducing stigma.

12. Support stigma reduction efforts regarding treatment and support for persons with OUD, including reducing the stigma on effective treatment.

13. Create or support culturally appropriate services and programs for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including new Americans.

14. Create and/or support recovery high schools.

15. Hire or train behavioral health workers to provide or expand any of the services or supports listed above.

C. CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED (CONNECTIONS TO CARE)

Provide connections to care for people who have – or at risk of developing – OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Ensure that health care providers are screening for OUD and other risk factors and know how to appropriately counsel and treat (or refer if necessary) a patient for OUD treatment.

2. Fund Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) programs to reduce the transition from use to disorders, including SBIRT services to pregnant women who are uninsured or not eligible for Medicaid.

3. Provide training and long-term implementation of SBIRT in key systems (health, schools, colleges, criminal justice, and probation), with a focus on youth and young adults when transition from misuse to opioid disorder is common.

4. Purchase automated versions of SBIRT and support ongoing costs of the technology.

5. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital emergency departments.

6. Training for emergency room personnel treating opioid overdose patients on post-discharge planning, including community referrals for MAT, recovery case management or support services.

7. Support hospital programs that transition persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, into clinically-appropriate follow-up care through a bridge clinic or similar approach.

8. Support crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital emergency departments for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or persons that have experienced an opioid overdose.

9. Support the work of Emergency Medical Systems, including peer support specialists, to connect individuals to treatment or other appropriate services following an opioid overdose or other opioid-related adverse event.

10. Provide funding for peer support specialists or recovery coaches in emergency departments, detox facilities, recovery centers, recovery housing, or similar settings; offer services, supports, or connections to care to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions or to persons who have experienced an opioid overdose.

11. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services.

12. Create or support school-based contacts that parents can engage with to seek immediate treatment services for their child; and support prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs focused on young people.

13. Develop and support best practices on addressing OUD in the workplace.

14. Support assistance programs for health care providers with OUD.

15. Engage non-profits and the faith community as a system to support outreach for treatment.

16. Support centralized call centers that provide information and connections to appropriate services and supports for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL-JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS

Address the needs of persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are involved in, are at risk of becoming involved in, or are transitioning out of the criminal justice system through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including established strategies such as:

a. Self-referral strategies such as the Angel Programs or the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI);

b. Active outreach strategies such as the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) model;

c. "Naloxone Plus" strategies, which work to ensure that individuals who have received naloxone to reverse the effects of an overdose are then linked to treatment programs or other appropriate services;

d. Officer prevention strategies, such as the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) model;

e. Officer intervention strategies such as the Leon County, Florida Adult Civil Citation Network or the Chicago Westside Narcotics Diversion to Treatment Initiative; or

f. Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise

2. Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, and related services.
3. Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
4. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are incarcerated in jail or prison.
5. Provide evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who are leaving jail or prison have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities.
6. Support critical time interventions (CTI), particularly for individuals living with dual-diagnosis OUD/serious mental illness, and services for individuals who face immediate risks and service needs and risks upon release from correctional settings.
7. Provide training on best practices for addressing the needs of criminal-justice-involved persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to law enforcement, correctional, or judicial personnel or to providers of treatment, recovery, harm reduction, case management, or other services offered in connection with any of the strategies described in this section.

E. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT OR PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING BABIES WITH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, and the needs of their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Support evidence-based or evidence-informed treatment, including MAT, recovery services and supports, and prevention services for pregnant women – or women who could become pregnant – who have OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, and other measures to educate and provide support to families affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.
2. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery services, including MAT, for uninsured women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions for up to 12 months postpartum.
3. Training for obstetricians or other healthcare personnel that work with pregnant women and their families regarding treatment of OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
4. Expand comprehensive evidence-based treatment and recovery support for NAS babies; expand services for better continuum of care with infant-need dyad; expand long-term treatment and services for medical monitoring of NAS babies and their families.

5. Provide training to health care providers who work with pregnant or parenting women on best practices for compliance with federal requirements that children born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome get referred to appropriate services and receive a plan of safe care.
6. Child and family supports for parenting women with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
7. Enhanced family supports and child care services for parents with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
8. Provide enhanced support for children and family members suffering trauma as a result of addiction in the family; and offer trauma-informed behavioral health treatment for adverse childhood events.
9. Offer home-based wrap-around services to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including but not limited to parent skills training.
10. Support for Children's Services – Fund additional positions and services, including supportive housing and other residential services, relating to children being removed from the home and/or placed in foster care due to custodial opioid use.

PART TWO: PREVENTION

F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS

Support efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Fund medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including providers at hospitals (academic detailing).
2. Training for health care providers regarding safe and responsible opioid prescribing, dosing, and tapering patients off opioids.
3. Continuing Medical Education (CME) on appropriate prescribing of opioids.
4. Support for non-opioid pain treatment alternatives, including training providers to offer or refer to multi-modal, evidence-informed treatment of pain.
5. Support enhancements or improvements to Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs), including but not limited to improvements that:
 - a. Increase the number of prescribers using PDMPs;
 - b. Improve point-of-care decision-making by increasing the quantity, quality, or format of data available to prescribers using PDMPs, by improving the interface that prescribers use to access PDMP data, or both; or

c. Enable states to use PDMP data in support of surveillance or intervention strategies, including MAT referrals and follow-up for individuals identified within PDMP data as likely to experience OUD in a manner that complies with all relevant privacy and security laws and rules.

6. Ensuring PDMPs incorporate available overdose/naloxone deployment data, including the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Medical Technician overdose database in a manner that complies with all relevant privacy and security laws and rules.

7. Increase electronic prescribing to prevent diversion or forgery.

8. Educate Dispensers on appropriate opioid dispensing.

G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS

Support efforts to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Fund media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse.

2. Corrective advertising or affirmative public education campaigns based on evidence.

3. Public education relating to drug disposal.

4. Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs.

5. Fund community anti-drug coalitions that engage in drug prevention efforts.

6. Support community coalitions in implementing evidence-informed prevention, such as reduced social access and physical access, stigma reduction – including staffing, educational campaigns, support for people in treatment or recovery, or training of coalitions in evidence-informed implementation, including the Strategic Prevention Framework developed by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

7. Engage non-profits and faith-based communities as systems to support prevention.

8. Fund evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns for students, families, school employees, school athletic programs, parent-teacher and student associations, and others.

9. School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.

10. Create of support community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

11. Support evidence-informed programs or curricula to address mental health needs of young people who may be at risk of misusing opioids or other drugs, including emotional modulation and resilience skills.

12. Support greater access to mental health services and supports for young people, including services and supports provided by school nurses, behavioral health workers or other school staff, to address

mental health needs in young people that (when not properly addressed) increase the risk of opioid or other drug misuse.

H. PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION)

Support efforts to prevent or reduce overdose deaths or other opioid-related harms through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Increase availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with OUD and their friends and family members, individuals at high risk of overdose, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, or other members of the general public.
2. Public health entities provide free naloxone to anyone in the community
3. Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public.
4. Enable school nurses and other school staff to respond to opioid overdoses, and provide them with naloxone, training, and support.
5. Expand, improve, or develop data tracking software and applications for overdoses/naloxone revivals.
6. Public education relating to emergency responses to overdoses.
7. Public education relating to immunity and Good Samaritan laws.
8. Educate first responders regarding the existence and operation of immunity and Good Samaritan laws.
9. Syringe service programs and other evidence-informed programs to reduce harms associated with intravenous drug use, including supplies, staffing, space, peer support services, referrals to treatment, fentanyl checking, connections to care, and the full range of harm reduction and treatment services provided by these programs.
10. Expand access to testing and treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C resulting from intravenous opioid use.
11. Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care, or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
12. Provide training in harm reduction strategies to health care providers, students, peer recovery coaches, recovery outreach specialists, or other professionals that provide care to persons who use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
13. Support screening for fentanyl in routine clinical toxicology testing.

PART THREE: OTHER STRATEGIES

I. FIRST RESPONDERS

In addition to items in sections C, D, and H relating to first responders, support the following:

1. Educate law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs.
2. Provision of wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with opioid-related emergency events.

J. LEADERSHIP, PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Support efforts to provide leadership, planning, coordination, facilitation, training and technical assistance to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Statewide, regional, local, or community regional planning to identify root causes of addiction and overdose, goals for reducing harms related to the opioid epidemic, and areas and populations with the greatest needs for treatment intervention services; to support training and technical assistance; or to support other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
2. A dashboard to share reports, recommendations, or plans to spend opioid settlement funds; to show how opioid settlement funds have been spent; to report program or strategy outcomes; or to track, share, or visualize key opioid-related or health-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative statewide, regional, local, or community processes.
3. Invest in infrastructure or staffing at government or not-for-profit agencies to support collaborative, cross-system coordination with the purpose of preventing overprescribing, opioid misuse, or opioid overdoses, treating those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, supporting them in treatment or recovery, connecting them to care, or implementing other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
4. Provide resources to staff government oversight and management of opioid abatement programs.

K. TRAINING

In addition to the training referred to throughout this document, support training to abate the opioid epidemic through activities, programs, or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Provide 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.
2. Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-system coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, or implement other strategies to abate the opioid epidemic described in this opioid abatement strategy list (e.g., health care, primary care, pharmacies, PDMPs, etc.).

L. RESEARCH

Support opioid abatement research that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Monitoring, surveillance, data collection, and evaluation of programs and strategies described in this opioid abatement strategy list.
2. Research non-opioid treatment of chronic pain.
3. Research on improved service delivery for modalities such as SBIRT that demonstrate promising but mixed results in populations vulnerable to opioid use disorders.
4. Research on novel harm reduction and prevention efforts such as the provision of fentanyl test strips.
5. Research on innovative supply-side enforcement efforts such as improved detection of mail-based delivery of synthetic opioids.
6. Expanded research on swift/certain/fair models to reduce and deter opioid misuse within criminal justice populations that build upon promising approaches used to address other substances (e.g. Hawaii HOPE and Dakota 24/7).
7. Epidemiological surveillance of OUD-related behaviors in critical populations including individuals entering the criminal justice system, including but not limited to approaches modeled on the Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (ADAM) system.
8. Qualitative and quantitative research regarding public health risks and harm reduction opportunities within illicit drug markets, including surveys of market participants who sell or distribute illicit opioids.
9. Geospatial analysis of access barriers to MAT and their association with treatment engagement and treatment outcomes.