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GRANITE UNITED WAY SELECTED TO LEAD NEW HAMPSHIRE OPIOID ABATEMENT COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

(Statewide, New Hampshire) — Granite United Way (GUW) has been selected by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) on behalf of the [NH Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission](#) to manage a new statewide Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program. This program, approved by Governor Ayotte and the Executive Council on June 25, 2025, will provide \$10 million in funding over the next two years to support projects that help communities combat opioid misuse and its effects.

Granite United Way will work closely with a Community Advisory Team—made up of experts, community members, and people with lived experience—to design and advise this grant program. Grants will be awarded in two main categories, aligned with [state law](#) and [priorities](#):

- **Short-Term Grants:** Up to \$15,000 for one-time costs like technology, equipment, training, or events that meet immediate community needs.
- **Multiyear Project Grants:** Up to \$75,000 per year for up to three years to support ongoing projects that address local needs and involve strong community partnerships.

“Granite United Way is proud to partner with NH DHHS and the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission to create a grant program that is easy to access and responsive to the needs of New Hampshire nonprofits and government groups,” said Nichole Martin Reimer, President and CEO of Granite United Way. “With nearly 100 years of experience in grantmaking, we understand what it takes to support successful projects in substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery.”

“By partnering with Granite United Way, we’re confident the Community Grants Program will reach a wide range of organizations across New Hampshire,” said James Boffetti, Chair of the Opioid Abatement Commission and Deputy Attorney General. “This program is designed to support local efforts that have real impact, foster collaboration, and bring meaningful solutions to the opioid crisis at the community level.”

Granite United Way is now inviting interested individuals to join the Community Advisory Team. To learn more or submit a brief letter of interest, please visit this [link](#) or graniteuw.org. For details on grant opportunities and how to apply, visit dhhs.nh.gov or graniteuw.org.

NH Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

The [NH Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission](#) (OAC) [was created to oversee funds](#) from legal settlements with opioid manufacturers and distributors. These funds must be used for projects that prevent opioid misuse, help those affected by opioid use disorder, and address related mental health or substance use issues. The Commission advises the Governor and Executive Council on how to spend these funds effectively.

Granite United Way

Granite United Way is an experienced and trusted organization dedicated to leveraging the resources of investors and volunteers to create lasting change by addressing the underlying causes of our community’s most pressing needs. United Way’s purpose is to convene public, private, and governmental leaders and resources to tackle the largest, most pressing issues facing our community. Granite United Way fights for the education, health and financial stability of everyone in every community.

Each year, 1 in 3 residents of New Hampshire and Windsor County, Vermont engages with Granite United Way as a donor, volunteer or beneficiary of a United Way-funded program. Granite United Way, the merger of 7 local United Ways, mobilizes the power of 22,000 donors and volunteers to provide more than \$18 million in support to over 450,000 individuals and provides funding to more than 750 nonprofit programs. Granite United Way is rated a Platinum level participant by Candid (formerly GuideStar) and a Four-Star Rating by Charity Navigator.

Granite United Way serves the Central Region, Merrimack County, Greater Seacoast Region, North Country, Northern Region, Southern Region (Manchester / Derry / Salem) and Upper Valley Regions of New Hampshire as well as Windsor County, Vermont. For more information, visit www.graniteuw.org.

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