
OPIOID ABATEMENT

Community Grants Program

Program Instruction and Guidelines for Applicants 2025-2026





The Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP) is dedicated to the people and communities of New Hampshire who have been affected—both directly and indirectly—by the opioid crisis. This program stands as a tribute to their strength, their stories, and the unwavering determination of families, providers, and communities striving for healing, recovery, and a brighter, healthier future for our state.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the many individuals and organizations whose tireless efforts and steadfast commitment over the years have made these settlement resources a reality. Their work ensures that these funds now serve to support the vital programs that bring hope and healing to individuals and communities across New Hampshire.

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Part 1. Background

Program Overview

The Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP), administered by Granite United Way (GUW), leverages funds from national opioid settlement agreements to support New Hampshire communities in addressing the ongoing opioid crisis.

The OACGP invests in both short-term projects that address immediate needs and multi-year initiatives that drive systemic change. By focusing on prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and community capacity building, it aims to reduce stigma, expand access to evidence-informed services, and create pathways to a healthier future for all New Hampshire residents. GUW is committed to ensuring equitable and effective resource distribution, prioritizing high-impact investments, collaboration, and transparency.

Program Purpose

The OACGP is designed to:

- Support community-led efforts to reduce opioid-related harms by investing in a continuum of **primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention** services and activities that address acute and far-reaching public health consequences of opioid use disorder (OUD).
- Address the root causes of opioid use disorder.
- Expand access to evidence-informed prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services.
- Promote collaboration and innovation among organizations working to respond to the opioid epidemic.

Program Administration

In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services entered a two-year contract (2025–2027) with GUW to develop and administer the \$10 million Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program. The contract includes an option to renew for one additional year, contingent upon Governor approval.

To ensure efficient and effective resource distribution, the OACGP funding is organized into two distinct grant tiers: **Responsive Grants** and **Multi-Year Grants**, each designed to meet specific community needs and project goals.

G UW oversees the administration of all OACGP funds in partnership with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF). Under this collaboration, G UW manages the Responsive Grant process, while NHCF manages the Multi-Year Grant process, ensuring a streamlined approach to grant administration.

Anticipated Grant Distribution 2025-2026

Grant Type	Max Award	Term	Total Funding	Total <u>Anticipated</u> Awards 2025-2027
Responsive	\$15,000	1 Year	\$3M (30%)	200
Multi-Year	\$75,000/yr	Up to 3 Years	\$7M (70%)	31

Approach

The OACGP operates on a framework grounded in five core service domains, which guide the strategic deployment of opioid abatement funds. These domains—**Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction**, and **Community Capacity Building**—each represent a critical component of a sustainable and effective response to the opioid crisis in New Hampshire.

- **Prevention** strategies aim to stop opioid use disorder (OUD) before it begins.
- **Treatment** initiatives provide evidence-based care to individuals with OUD.
- **Recovery** services offer long-term support for individuals to maintain their health and wellness.
- **Harm Reduction** measures reduce the negative consequences associated with OUD/SUD
- **Community Capacity Building** strengthens the infrastructure and resources necessary to implement and sustain these efforts across the state.

Together, these five domains ensure a comprehensive, multi-faceted approach to addressing the complex challenges of the opioid crisis. To further operationalize this framework, OACGP grant funds are available to support activities and expenses that align with the Guiding Strategies for the Use of Opioid Abatement Funds. These nine strategies, as specified in the opioid distributor settlement agreements, directly support the five service domains and reflect the priorities outlined in RSA 126-A:86 (NH Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission; Duties), New Hampshire’s Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Action Plan and the 10-Year Mental Health Plan.

GUIDING STRATEGIES FOR USE OF OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS

The nine strategies listed below provide a clear roadmap for eligible activities, ensuring that opioid abatement funds are utilized in ways that are evidence-based, coordinated, and aligned with statewide goals for addressing substance use disorder and mental health.

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| Strategy 1 | Broaden access to opioid reversal medication. |
| Strategy 2 | Expand access to appropriate treatment for opioid use disorder. |
| Strategy 3 | Support warm hand-off programs and wraparound services. |
| Strategy 4 | Expand prevention and family strengthening services. |
| Strategy 5 | Expand harm reduction services. |
| Strategy 6 | Support data collection and research. |
| Strategy 7 | Prevent over-prescribing, ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids, and increase access to safe and effective therapies for pain. |
| Strategy 8 | Support first responders. |
| Strategy 9 | Support consistent system improvements and quality oversight. |

Community Advisory Team

The Community Advisory Team (CAT) brings together voices from across New Hampshire to help shape the Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP). Members include professionals with front-line expertise, academic leaders offering research-based insights, and community members with lived experience who provide essential real-world perspective. By working together, the CAT ensures the program reflects a wide range of experiences and priorities—building solutions that are inclusive, impactful, and responsive to the needs of our communities.

Part 2. Funding Model

The OACGP offers two funding tiers tailored to address a spectrum of community needs. The funding parameters and application process vary depending on the grant tier. Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the following sections carefully to ensure correct process and parameters for the selected grant tier.

TIER 1. RESPONSIVE GRANTS

Administered by Granite United Way

Overview

Responsive Grants are funding opportunities designed to address immediate, community-identified needs related to the opioid epidemic. These grants provide flexible support for short-term projects that align with the OACGP strategic priorities and deliver timely, impactful outcomes.

Key Details

Award Range: \$10,000–\$15,000

Project Duration: 1 year

Application Cycles: 4 per year

Eligible Use: Small-scale, short-term projects. Funds cannot be used for operational expenses such as salaries, rent, utilities, or capital projects.

Reporting: Recipients of OACGP Responsive Grants are required to submit a project completion report to Granite United Way within 30 days of the end of the grant period. This report must include the following:

- Narrative outlining the funded activities, achieved outcomes, and their alignment with the agency's original project proposal and budget.
- Financial documentation to confirm all expenditures, demonstrating the appropriate use of funds, compliance with grant requirements, and full expenditure of the award.

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Technology upgrades for telehealth services.
- Support training and networking to increase cross-sector, cross-stakeholder approaches.
- Purchase of life-saving prevention or wound care supplies.
- Supporting professional development opportunities for staff, volunteers, or interns.

Application Process

Granite United Way's application process involves two steps.

1. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ)

The RFQ serves as a notice of intent to apply and is the first step in the application process. During this phase, prospective applicants must register and create an organizational profile in GUW's online portal to upload initial documents for review and eligibility determination. **The RFQ must be completed once per fiscal year.**

2. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Qualified agencies will receive a link to access the full application, which must be completed during the designated grant cycle. Proposals must clearly align with OACGP strategic priorities. Applicants are required to submit a project budget and budget narrative that clearly connects proposed expenses to planned activities and demonstrates that all expenses are allowable under the grant guidelines.

Application Timeline: From RFQ to Award

FOR REFERENCE ONLY. Responsive Grant opportunities are offered four times annually. Exact dates for each cycle to be announced.

Milestone	Date
Registration and Qualification Opens	Oct 1, 2025
Registration and Qualification Due	Oct 12, 2025
Application Opens	Oct 15, 2025
Application Due	Oct 31, 2025
Notification of Award	Nov 14, 2025
Grant Period	December 2025 – November 2026

Contact Us

Have questions about the Responsive Grants process or need help with your application? Our team is happy to provide clarification, walk you through the process, or connect you with additional resources. We're here to support you.

 Email: OACGP@graniteuw.org

 Website: www.graniteuw.org



TIER 1. RESPONSIVE GRANTS - SAMPLE APPLICATION

FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

Applicants must complete the official application form in G UW's grant portal.

Section 1: Project Overview

Project Title:

Total Amount Requested: (Min. Of \$10,000; Max. of \$15,000)

Which domain does this project address? (Select all that apply)

☐ Prevention

☐ Treatment

☐ Recovery

☐ Harm Reduction

☐ Community Capacity Building

Section 2: Project Description

1. Provide a concise overview of the proposed project, including target population(s) to be served, geographic area(s) covered and how the project aligns with one or more of the Guiding Strategies for the Use of Opioid Abatement Funds. If applicable, identify any evidence-informed or evidence-based practices the funding will support.
2. What specific need(s) does this project address? Please include any relevant local data, trends, or community input.

Section 3: Goals and Measurement

3. What are the top 2-3 measurable goals of this project?
4. If applicable, what indicators or outcomes will be tracked to measure impact? (e.g. # of individuals served, # training certifications attained). What methods/mechanisms will be used to track outcomes?

Section 4: Partnerships and Sustainability

5. If applicable, list key partners involved and their roles in project implementation.
6. If applicable, how will this project be sustained beyond the grant period?

Section 5: Budget and Budget Narrative

Completing the Responsive Grant Budget Template (Non-Personnel)

The budget template provided as part of the application is designed to help applicants outline non-personnel costs directly related to their proposed project. Applicants should:

- Complete all relevant fields in the template.
- Use accurate totals for each line item.
- Include only expenses that are reasonable, necessary, and directly tied to the project.
- For any expenses not covered by the listed categories, use the “Other” line item. Total these costs in the budget line and provide a clear breakdown and explanation in the budget narrative section.

Non-Personnel Budget Categories and Descriptions

Consultant or Contractual Services: Costs associated with hiring external vendors or specialists to support implementation.

Supplies & Materials: General materials needed to deliver the proposed activities (e.g., wound care kits or harm reduction supplies).

Equipment: Items with a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of over \$5,000.

Training & Professional Development: Registration fees for conferences or training aligned with the project goals, materials (e.g., curriculum or training workbooks), certification fees, etc.

Technology & Software: Costs for digital tools, platforms, or licenses that directly support the proposed project. Subscription fees for software, apps, or online services, as well as minor hardware (under \$5,000/unit) required for program delivery.

Facility Costs (e.g., space rental): Short-term space rental for programming, events or trainings etc.

Marketing & Outreach: Costs associated with development or purchase of collateral materials, social media or digital ads, event materials and outreach supplies, translation services etc.

Other: Expenses that do not fit within the standard budget categories but are directly tied to the proposed project. Examples: Participant support such as stipends, or transportation vouchers that reduce barriers to program participation.

TIER 2. MULTI-YEAR GRANTS

Administered by New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

Overview

Multi-Year Project Grants are funding opportunities designed to support long-term initiatives that address community challenges related to the opioid epidemic. These grants focus on sustainable, larger-scale projects that align with the OACGP's strategic priorities and drive meaningful, lasting changes in communities.

Key Details

Total Maximum Award: \$225,000 (\$75,000/year)

Project Duration: Up to 3 years

Application Cycles: 2 per year

Eligible Use: Larger-scale, multi-year projects. Funds can be used for operational and capital expenses.

Reporting: Recipients of OACGP Multi-Year Grants are required to submit the following reports to New Hampshire Charitable Foundation:

- Annual Report: Due at the end of each year during the grant period. Annual reports must be submitted and reviewed prior to release of next year's grant award and must include financial documentation to confirm all expenditures, demonstrating the appropriate use of funds, compliance with grant requirements, and full expenditure of award.
- Final Report: Due within 30 days of project completion.
- Verbal Check-ins/Intermittent: NHCF staff may request verbal check-ins during the course of the grant cycle, as needed.

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Implementation of evidence-based or evidence-informed prevention programs for youth and families.
- Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose, including the prevention and/or treatment of secondary physical health conditions associated with, or exacerbated by, OUD.
- Increase efforts that support planning, coordination, facilitation, training and technical assistance to help stakeholders abate the opioid epidemic.
- Support use of non-opioid pain treatment alternatives, including training providers to offer or refer to multi-modal, evidence-informed treatment of pain.

Application Process

The parameters and application process for Tier 2 Multi-Year Grants are currently under development. Detailed information, including how to apply and funding cycle timelines, will be added to this guide as it becomes available.



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Part 3. General Guidance

Qualified Applicants

The following organizations are eligible to apply for OAGCP funds:

- Any nonprofit (501c3) or charitable organization registered and in good standing with the New Hampshire Secretary of State and the New Hampshire Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit (CTU).
- New Hampshire state agency, board, or commission.
- Governmental entities including school districts, towns, cities, and counties within the state of New Hampshire.

Applications and Awards

- **Applications Per Cycle:** Organizations may submit one Tier 1 application and one Tier 2 application per grant cycle, provided each proposal represents a distinct initiative.
- **Participation in Multiple Cycles:** Organizations may apply again in future cycles throughout the year.
- **Multiple Awards:** Organizations operating across multiple sites, providing integrated services, or serving as fiscal sponsors may qualify for multiple awards over time, as long as each award is designated for a separate program or location.

Financial Requirements and Use of Funds

- Funded activities must serve the broader community and be nonsectarian in nature.
- Funds may not be used to promote or limit services to any specific faith tradition or to support drug interdiction or suppression activities (investigations, stings, surveillance, seizures).

OACGP grant recipients are required to:

- **Adhere to Approved Budgets:** Funds must be spent in accordance with the budget approved at the time of award. Any material changes must receive prior approval from Granite United Way and/or New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Financial Requirements and Use of OACGP Funds (Cont.)

- **Document All Expenses:** Grantees must maintain detailed financial records and supporting documentation for all expenditures charged to the grant. Records must be available for monitoring, audit, or review by Granite United Way, NH DHHS, the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission, or federal oversight agencies.
- **Segregate Funding Sources:** Establish separate budget lines and accounting codes for abatement funds to ensure no commingling with federal dollars for the same cost item.
- **Follow Statutory Restrictions:** Certify that activities restricted under federal law (e.g., syringe purchase, certain harm-reduction supplies) are supported **only** with abatement dollars.
- **Return Unspent Funds:** Any unspent grant funds at the end of the grant period must be returned to Granite United Way.

*** Non-compliance may result in repayment obligations and/or disqualification from future awards.*

Need Assistance?

Please reach out to our team at: OACGP@graniteuw.org



THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in the Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program and for the important work your organization does to support New Hampshire communities. Together, we are building a healthier, stronger future for New Hampshire.

