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**OPIOID ABATEMENT COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS OVER \$378,000 TO NEW HAMPSHIRE ORGANIZATIONS**

**Statewide, NH** – Granite United Way today announced the results of the first Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP) responsive grant cycle, awarding \$378,723 to 26 organizations across New Hampshire (NH). The funded projects will support a wide range of evidence-informed and community-driven initiatives designed to address the opioid crisis.

The selected proposals demonstrated strong alignment with OACGP's strategic priorities, encompassing the full substance use continuum of care, including: prevention, treatment, harm reduction, recovery, and community capacity building. The grants will bolster critical services and introduce innovative programs throughout the state, reflecting the program's commitment to broad geographic representation and statewide impact.

“Granite United Way has worked closely with our existing networks and our newly formed Community Advisory Team to ensure broad visibility of and access to this important grant program across NH,” said Shannon Swett, Chief Impact Officer. “We look forward to sharing impact data and program success stories with the Opioid Abatement Commission and our partners at the NH Department of Health and Human Services in the coming months.”

The first grant cycle, which ran from October 1 to October 31, 2025, drew significant interest from organizations dedicated to addressing the root causes and far-reaching consequences of the opioid crisis in NH. Funded projects include initiatives such as expanding access to care for families affected by opioid use, providing training scholarships for Certified Recovery Support Workers, integrating lived experience into opioid use education, and equipping city facilities with opioid response kits. These efforts highlight the diverse and targeted approaches being implemented to meet specific, local community needs.

The next OACGP responsive grant cycle is scheduled to open on January 2, 2026. The program will continue to support applicants by offering individualized support and virtual information sessions to help organizations prepare their proposals. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or email us at: [OACGP@graniteuw.org](mailto:OACGP@graniteuw.org).

**About the Opioid Abatement Community Grant Program (OACGP)**

The Opioid Abatement Community Grant Program (OACGP) provides funding to support community-driven initiatives that address critical needs related to substance use disorder/opioid use disorder (SUD/ODU) across New Hampshire. The program prioritizes evidence-based strategies in prevention, treatment, harm reduction, recovery, and community capacity building to foster a comprehensive, statewide response to the opioid crisis.

***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](http://www.graniteuw.org).*

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