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GRANITE UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES OPENING OF OPIOID ABATEMENT COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Statewide, **NH** - Granite United Way (GUW) has opened the first cycle of the Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP). Organizations statewide can now begin the application process for OACGP Responsive Grants. Responsive Grants are funding opportunities up to \$15,000 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 <u>strategic priorities</u> and deliver timely, impactful outcomes.

The first step is to register for the Request for Qualification (RFQ), which serves as a notice of intent to apply. During this phase, prospective applicants must create an organizational profile in GUW's online portal and upload basic initial documents for review. This RFQ must be completed by October 12, 2025 to confirm eligibility and receive access to the formal grant application.

"GUW is proud to launch this grant program in partnership with the State of NH and the Opioid Abatement Commission.", says Nichole Reimer, President & CEO. "We are committed to ensuring it is both widely accessible and responsive to the critical needs of New Hampshire communities."

To begin the registration process, click this <u>link</u> or visit graniteuw.org. For additional details, including the complete OACGP guide and application instructions, please visit our website at https://www.graniteuw.org/our-work/oacgp. Questions can also be directed to OACGP@graniteuw.org.

The Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP) is dedicated to the people and communities of NH 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.

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.