

OPIOID ABATEMENT

Community Grants Program

Program Instruction and Guidelines for Applicants 2025-2026

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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), directs a portion of New Hampshire’s share of national opioid settlement funds into community-based efforts that respond to the harm caused by the opioid crisis and support long-term healing.

These settlement dollars are intended specifically for abatement – to prevent future harm, expand access to treatment and recovery supports, reduce stigma, strengthen community capacity, and address the systemic conditions that allowed the crisis to take hold.

Through OACGP, GUW invests in both short-term projects that address urgent needs and multiyear initiatives that drive lasting, systems-level change. Across all grant types, the program prioritizes evidence-informed approaches, equitable access to resources, strong partnerships, and transparent stewardship of public funds – with the shared goal of building healthier, safer communities for all New Hampshire residents.

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 Leadership and 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 distribution of resources, OACGP funding is organized into two tiers—**Responsive Grants** and **Multiyear Grants**—each designed to meet different community needs. To support the scale, complexity, and long-term stewardship of the OACGP grant portfolio, GUW is partnering with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (The Foundation) to administer the multiyear grants.

OACGP Community Advisory Team

The Community Advisory Team (CAT) brings together voices from across New Hampshire to help shape the 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.

Program Approach

The OACGP is grounded in a framework of five core service domains that guide the strategic deployment of opioid abatement funds. These domains—**Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Community Capacity Building**—collectively represent the essential components of a sustainable, statewide response to the opioid crisis in New Hampshire.

- **Prevention** strategies aim to reduce risk factors and stop opioid use disorder (OUD) before it begins.
- **Treatment** initiatives provide evidence-based/informed clinical and supportive care to individuals with OUD/SUD.
- **Recovery** services offer long-term supports that help individuals maintain stability, wellness, and community connection.
- **Harm Reduction** measures reduce the negative health and social consequences associated with OUD and other substance use disorders.
- **Community Capacity Building** strengthens the infrastructure, workforce, and systems necessary to implement and sustain effective prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm-reduction efforts.

Together, these five domains create a comprehensive, multi-faceted framework capable of addressing the complexity and scale of New Hampshire’s opioid crisis. To operationalize this framework, OACGP funds may be used to support activities and expenses that align with the [Guiding Strategies for the Use of Opioid Abatement Funds](#).

These nine strategies—established in the opioid distributor settlement agreements—directly support the five service domains and reflect statewide 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. |



Part 2. Funding Model

OACGP is structured around two funding tiers: Responsive Grants and Multiyear Project Grants. Both tiers share the same eligibility criteria and strategic framework, but differ in application processes, reporting requirements, and grant management. Applicants should carefully review the guidance for each tier and follow the instructions for the opportunity that best aligns with their proposed project.

TIER 1. RESPONSIVE GRANTS

Administered by Granite United Way

OACGP Responsive Grants are intended 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.

Award Range: **\$10,000 - \$15,000**

Project Duration: **12 months**

Application Cycles: **4 per year**

The following organizations are eligible to apply for OACGP funds:

- 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.

OACGP Responsive Grant funds **MAY NOT** be used for:

- Salaries or wages.
- Rent, utilities, or other operational expenses.
- Capital or construction projects.

Examples of Eligible Projects

- Technology upgrades for telehealth services.
- Workforce training and/or networking activities to increase cross-sector, cross-stakeholder approaches.
- Implementation of prevention programs/activities for youth and families.
- Purchase of life-saving prevention or wound care supplies.
- Professional development opportunities for staff, volunteers, or interns.

TIER 1. RESPONSIVE GRANTS - APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1. DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

Review the OACGP Program Guide to determine if your organization is eligible for this opportunity.

STEP 2. REGISTER/LOG IN TO APPLY

Log in to G UW's grant portal to update your profile and access open applications. If you have not applied for a grant with G UW, please [register](#) to create a new profile.

STEP 3. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION

Log in to the grant portal to access the active application.

Applicants are encouraged to preview the application questions before beginning so they can prepare complete and thoughtful responses. Proposals must clearly demonstrate alignment with OACGP strategic priorities.

Applicants are required to submit a project budget and budget narrative that link proposed expenses to planned activities and confirm that all costs are allowable under program guidelines.

Completed applications must be submitted by the published deadline for the cycle.
Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

STEP 4. NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING DECISIONS

Grant decisions will be communicated to applicants via email.

Successful applicants must complete an award acceptance form and submit electronic funds transfer (EFT) information to G UW before grant funds can be released.

STEP 5. REPORTING

Grantees are required to submit a project completion report to G UW 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.

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.

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.

Questions?

Email: OACGP@graniteuw.org



TIER 2. MULTIYEAR PROJECT GRANTS

Administered by New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and Granite United Way

OACGP multiyear project grants are designed to support longer-term, high-impact initiatives that address community needs related to the opioid epidemic. These grants prioritize sustainable, larger-scale projects that align with OACGP's strategic priorities and are positioned to drive meaningful and lasting change in communities.

Award Range: **up to \$75,000 per year**

Project Duration: **1 to 2 years**

Application Cycles: **2**

The following organizations are eligible to apply for OACGP funds:

- 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.

OACGP Multiyear Project Grants **MAY** be used for:

- Salary/Wages for staff working on the project (including partial allocations).
- Rent/Operational expenses directly associated with the project.
- Capital expenses integral to the project's objectives and scope.

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.

TIER 2. MULTIYEAR PROJECT GRANTS - APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1. DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

Review the OACGP Program Guide to determine if your organization is eligible for this opportunity.

STEP 2. LOG IN OR CREATE A NEW PROFILE IN GRANTSOURCE

Multiyear Project Grant applications are submitted through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

To begin, [log in to GrantSource](#) to update your profile and access open applications. If you have never applied for a grant with the Foundation, please create a new profile using the “Register here” button.

STEP 3. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION

Log in to GrantSource to access the active application.

- Proposals must clearly demonstrate alignment with OACGP strategic priorities. Applicants are encouraged to preview the application questions in advance.
- A project budget and budget narrative are required and should clearly link proposed expenses to planned activities and confirm that all costs are allowable under program guidelines.
- Completed applications must be submitted by the published deadline for the cycle.
**Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.*

STEP 4. NOTIFICATION OF FUNDING DECISIONS

While Multiyear Project Grant applications are submitted through the Foundation in GrantSource, **all award notifications, grant agreements, and payments are issued by Granite United Way**. Prior to the release of any funds, successful applicants are required to complete an award acceptance form and submit electronic funds transfer (EFT) information to GUW.

STEP 5. REPORTING

Grant recipients are required to submit the following reports to [The 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.

TIER 2. MULTIYEAR PROJECT GRANTS - SAMPLE APPLICATION

FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

Applicants must complete the official application form through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation via GrantSource.

NARRATIVE

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

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Recovery
- Harm Reduction
- Community Capacity Building

2. Please confirm that the requested funds will supplement, not replace (supplant), existing funds and that their use complies with allowable funding categories.

Yes No

3. Please confirm that the requested funds will not be used for drug interdiction or suppression activities (e.g., investigations, stings, surveillance, or seizures).

Yes No

4. Describe the Need. Describe the need or opportunity (community or organizational) for your proposed project or work, and include evidence of the need, including qualitative or quantitative data as appropriate.

5. Project Description. Provide a concise overview of the proposed project, including population(s) to be served, geographic area(s) covered and how the project specifically aligns with one or more of NH's Guiding Strategies for the Use of Opioid Abatement Funds. Note any evidence-informed or evidence-based practices being proposed.

6. Upload your Project work plan. Upload a detailed workplan for the project. You may upload an existing workplan or download and use the NHCF Workplan Template.

7. Organizational Capacity. Describe your organization's ability to carry out the work successfully. Please include information about organizational leadership, staffing and relevant experience.

TIER 2. MULTIYEAR PROJECT GRANTS - SAMPLE APPLICATION CONT.

- 8. Community Voice.** In what ways is your project shaped by the experiences, insights, or leadership of people most affected by NH's opioid crisis and/or people who use drugs?
- 9. Collaboration.** Please describe existing or planned partnerships for this project and how collaborative efforts will reduce duplication, leverage resources, or expand reach. Letters of support from any named partners are required and can be uploaded below.
- 10. What will success look like at the end of your grant period?**
- 11. Has your organization received opioid abatement funding before?** Yes No
If yes, briefly describe the amount of funding received, source (where you received the grant funding from) and grant purpose.
- 12. Would you be open to sharing lessons learned or participating in future statewide learning communities?** Yes No

Additional Information. Is there any other relevant information about this project not captured in the other questions that you'd like to share?

Additional Information Upload Field. Please combine any letters of support into a single document and upload it here.

FINANCIAL

Project Budget. Complete and upload standardized budget template.

PAST Budget to Actuals. Please upload your organization's budget-to-actuals for up to THREE of the most recently completed fiscal years. This can be separate documents representing each year or one document with all of the information.

OUTCOMES

How will you measure your results? Please enter up to THREE specific measurable outcomes of this work that you will use to determine its success. You will be asked to report on these outcomes in Interim and Final Reports.

Questions?

Email: lv@nhcf.org



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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

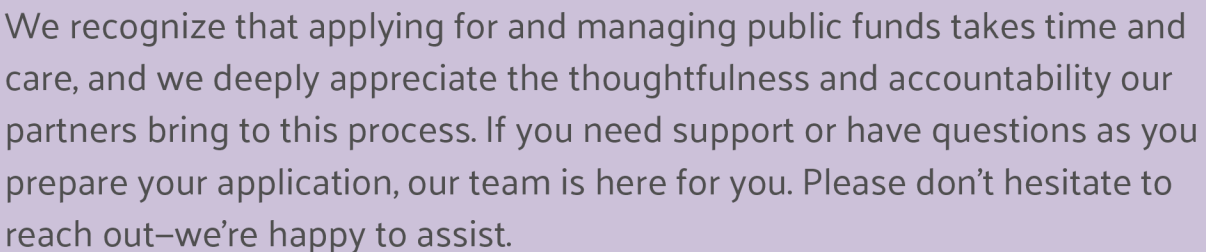
- Tier 1 Responsive Grants funding **MAY NOT** be used for salaries/operational/capital expenses.
- Tier 2 Multiyear Project Grants: funding **MAY** be used for salaries/operational/capital expenses directly related to the project.
- Funded activities must serve the broader community and be nonsectarian 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).

Financial Requirements and Use of OACGP Funds (Cont.)

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.
- 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.*



We recognize that applying for and managing public funds takes time and care, and we deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and accountability our partners bring to this process. If you need support or have questions as you prepare your application, our team is here for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to assist.

CONTACTS

- For **general inquiries and information pertaining to Tier 1 grants**, please contact Granite United Way at: OACGP@graniteuw.org
- For information pertaining to **Tier 2 grants**, please contact NH Charitable Foundation, Lisa Vasquez-Castro, MS Senior Community Partner, Behavioral Health at: lv@nhcf.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.

