

## **FUNDING PRIORITIES**

### **OVERVIEW**

This document outlines the Approved Purposes and Ohio Abatement Strategies that guide the programs and services to be funded with Ohio’s opioid settlement dollars. In accordance with these guidelines, the UCOO is committed to ensuring all funding awards support programs and services that prevent, treat or support recovery from addiction, including opioids and/or other co-occurring substance use and/or mental health conditions.

### **UCOO Funding Priorities**

#### **1. TREATMENT & HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on expanding the availability and quality of treatment and healthcare services for the care of substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Treatment & Healthcare Services
- Faith-Based
- Family-Centered Treatment
- Opioid Treatment Program
- Training
- Alternatives to Opioids
- Integrated Care
- Mother-Centered Treatment
- Provider Locator
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Culturally Competent Care
- Linkages to Care
- Medication-Assisted Treatment
- Training
- Other Treatment and Healthcare Services

#### **2. INTERVENTION & CRISIS SUPPORT**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on delivering programs and services that support identification, intervention and crisis support in any setting of care. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Access to Services
- Crisis Services
- Navigators
- School-Based Services
- Addressing Disparities in Intervention & Crisis Support
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Professionals Health Program
- Screening
- Community-Based Interventions
- Hospital/Emergency Dept. Services
- Respite & Other Caregiver Support
- Other Intervention & Crisis Support

### **3. CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting programs and services that address the needs of those involved in the criminal legal system at all stages of the process. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in the Criminal Legal System
- Pre-Trial Services
- Other Criminal Legal System Programs and Services
- Critical Time Interventions
- Pre-Entry Services
- Pre-Arrest Diversion/Deflection Programs & Services
- Specialty Docket Support

### **4. RECOVERY SUPPORTS**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting programs and services directed toward individuals sustaining recovery, building recovery capital and removing barriers to a life of recovery. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Recovery Supports
- Childcare
- Peer-Run Recovery Organization
- Recovery Friendly Workplace
- Recovery-Oriented System of Care Implementation
- Supportive Employment
- Youth & Young Adult Recovery Support
- Alternative Peer Group
- Crisis Intervention
- Peer Support
- Recovery High School
- Relapse Prevention
- Technical Assistance
- Other Recovery Supports
- Child & Family Supports
- Mother-Centered Recovery Supports
- Recovery Community Organization
- Recovery Housing
- Sober Event(s)
- Transportation

### **5. PREVENTION**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting strategies to prevent all levels of substance use and includes a range of services for individuals, families, communities and society at large. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Prevention
- Community Coalition Development
- School Survey(s)
- Other Prevention Programs & Services
- Adverse Childhood Experiences Programming & Services
- Community Outreach & Engagement
- School Based Programs & Services
- Community-Based Programs & Services
- Environmental Scan
- School Counseling

## **6. HARM REDUCTION**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting public health interventions to reduce the negative impact of behavior associated with substance use, both in individuals and at the community level. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Harm Reduction
- Heat Mapping
- Overdosing Reversal Medications
- Training
- Comprehensive Harm Reduction Services
- Infectious Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Predictive Analytics
- Other Harm Reduction Programs & Services
- Mobile Unit(s) Availability
- Syringe Access

## **7. SERVICES FOR IMPACTED CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting programs and services to help families and children impacted by the opioid epidemic heal through easier navigation of system resources and improved access to grief and trauma supports. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Services for Impacted Children & Families
- Home-Based Care
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Children's Services
- Kinship Care
- Other Services for Impacted Children & Families
- Grief Support
- Multi-System Youth Services

## **8. PUBLIC SAFETY & FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on delivering programs and services to support the collaborative efforts of first responders and law enforcement officials. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Public Safety and First Responder Services
- Interdiction Efforts
- Public Safety Enhancements
- Other Public Safety & First Responder Services
- Drug Disposal
- Law Enforcement
- Training
- First Responder Supports
- Prescription Drug Take-Back Programs
- Resiliency Training

## **9. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting efforts to recruit and train Ohio’s behavioral health workforce. Examples may include, but are limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Workforce Development
- Healthcare provider Training
- Continuing Education
- Loan Forgiveness
- Other Workforce Development Programs
- Fellowships
- Scholarships

## **10. INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting infrastructure projects, including building construction or renovation, technology infrastructure upgrades, and fleet enhancements. Examples may include:**

- Building Purchases
- Vehicle Purchases
- Building Renovations
- Other Infrastructure Requests
- Technology Adoption/Improvement

## **OTHER FUNDING REQUESTS**

**We understand that some funding requests may not fit neatly within the 10 funding priority categories. As such, the 2024 Regional Grant Cycle application will include an “other” category where organizations are encouraged to present new, innovative programming ideas for consideration. Examples may include, but are not limited to:**

- Addressing Disparities in Other Program or Service Areas
- Regional Planning
- Use of Technology
- Capacity Building
- Research & Data Collection
- Program Evaluation
- Stigma Reduction & Education

**Disclaimer:** Grant Review Committees will weight the scoring based, **out of 80 points**, on priorities where applicable. This rubric is a tool to guide the review discussion. Scores alone do not determine funding. For this reason, scores will not be shared outside of the review process.

SCORING TOPIC	SCORING QUESTION	POINTS
<b>Alignment to Abatement Strategy and Union County Funding Priority</b>	<p>Does this project align with the stated abatement strategy?</p> <p>*If the county has funding priorities, rate based on application’s alignment to the county’s stated priorities.</p> <p>*Projects that do not align with an abatement strategy will not be funded.</p>	0 – 20 points
<b>Organizational Experience</b>	To what extent does the grant application demonstrate the applicant’s relevant experience, capacity, and qualifications to achieve its state goals?	0 – 10 points
<b>Project Proposal</b>	How effectively does the application outline clear objectives, strategies, and outcomes, demonstrating a comprehensive and feasible plan for achieving its stated goals?	0 – 10 points
<b>Budget</b>	How well does the budget align with the proposed activities and goals of the project, demonstrating efficient resource allocation, leverage, and financial feasibility?	0 – 10 points
<b>Documented Need</b>	Does the application clearly articulate and provide compelling evidence for the documented need for the project(s)/service(s) to be funded, and does it propose feasible solutions to address this need?	0 – 10 points
<b>Sustainability</b>	To what extent does the application demonstrate a clear and feasible plan for project/sustainability beyond the grant period?	0 – 10 points
<b>Impact</b>	To what extent does the application demonstrate impact within the Region?	0 -10 points
<b>Total:</b>		<b>80 Points</b>

**Union County OneOhio**  
Local Governance Committee



**2025**

**GRANT PROGRAM**

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**REQUESTS FOR  
PROPOSALS**

**2025 County Grant Cycle**

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**RFP Snapshot Overview**

Key Dates	
RFP Release	TBD
Registration Opens	TBD
Application Opens	TBD
Application Due Date	TBD

Snapshot Overview	
Grant Title	Union County OneOhio 2025 County Grants
Description	The UCOO first round of grants will be awarded to eligible organizations that apply and are selected for funding. To be considered for funding, applicants must demonstrate the program or services intended for funding align with Approved Purposes.
Eligibility	<p>To be eligible for UCOO funding, organizations must be in good standing and meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) or other relevant sections of the Internal Revenue Service Code; or</li> <li>• Private, for-profit organizations offering services that meet the charitable purpose of the Foundation; or</li> <li>• Any form of state or local government</li> </ul>
Total Available Funding	Awards in this cycle will total no more than \$ _____
Award Ceiling	Yes
Length of Projects	TBD
Match Required	TBD
Technical Assistance Contact	To ensure timely and appropriate response to all inquiries, please send questions in writing to <a href="mailto:UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov">UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov</a>



## RFP Full Detail

### **NATIONWIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS**

Several nationwide settlements have been reached with companies to resolve their liabilities in thousands of lawsuits across the country associated with their role in fueling the opioid epidemic. Participating states, cities and counties were required to surrender any individual suits they were pursuing to join the nationwide settlements. To date, ten defendant companies have executed national opioid settlements totaling more than \$46 billion nationwide. To date, these national settlements include several major opioids manufacturers, distributors, retailers and consultants such as McKinsey and Associates, Mallinckrodt PLC, Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Amerisource-Bergen, Cardinal Health, Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

### **OHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENTS**

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation was created under leadership of state and local leaders to distribute 55 percent of Ohio's share of settlement payments from manufacturers, distributors, and retailers as a consequence of their role in the national opioid epidemic.

In 2020, Ohio's state and local leaders announced the OneOhio Plan, which was established guidelines for state and local governments to engage in settlement negotiations. Through the OneOhio MOU, the plan provided a mechanism to distribute opioid litigation settlement funds, minus legal expenses incurred, as follows:

- 55% will be set aside for the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to develop and oversee the funding of short-term and long-term planning and supports that local communities need to continue to address this crisis;
- 30% of the funding will go directly to townships, villages, cities, and counties in Ohio to support community recovery and address the immediate needs of residents. These direct payments are separate and distinct from those managed by the Foundation; and
- 15% will go directly to the State of Ohio for abatement purposes.

Settlement payments will be made using this allocation formula to Ohio governments and the Foundation. Payment amounts and timelines to distribute funds vary by settlement, with current pay out schedules ranging from six to 18 years. Additionally, most current settlements frontload payments in initial payment years.

This RFP process was created to distribute Union County's portion of the Opioid Settlement funding.

### RFP Overview

UCOO was created at the direction of OneOhio to distribute county funds received from the pharmaceutical industry as consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. UCOO will work with local interest to support their substance misuse prevention, treatment, recovery, and other abatement efforts.

The UCOO is managed by a local governance committee composed of one County Commissioner, the County Sheriff, President of County Township Association, Director of Mental Health and Recovery Board, and the City Manager of Marysville (as it is the largest municipality).

For the 2025 County Grant Cycle applications will be reviewed and recommended for funding in accordance with the Approved Purposes.

All applicants must apply **using the OneOhio Grant guidelines**. Collaborative grants are encouraged; however, a lead organization must be identified.

Successful grants will promote the health and safety of Union County by implementing evidence-based forward-looking strategies. Grant terms can be 12 months, 24 months, or up to 36 months in total (TBD). Funding proposals cannot be used to supplant existing programs or services. Successful proposals will support new or expanded programs or enhancements to existing programs.

## Eligibility, Funding and Approved Purposes

### ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

The 2025 County Grant Cycle is available to a wide array of Union County organizations. To be eligible for UCOO funding, organizations must be in good standing and meeting the following criteria:

- Tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) or other relevant sections of the Internal Revenue Service Code; or
- Private, for-profit organizations offering services that meet the charitable purpose of the Foundation; or
- Any form of state or local government.

If relevant, applicants must show documentation of their organization's license, certification and/or accreditation. If the organization is not licensed, certified and/or accredited, applicants must provide an explanation as to why you aren't licensed, certified and/or accredited.

The UCOO will review each application to determine whether the application includes all required information and documentation. This includes a review of each application to verify the organization's tax status against IRS publication 78, a review with the Ohio Attorney General's Office for non-profit eligibility, and a review with the Ohio Secretary of State to ensure each organization is registered and in good standing to do business in Ohio. Applicants must have a verifiable and active Employer Identification Number (EIN). Applicants that do not meet all requirements specified above will be disqualified, and their applications will not be considered for funding.

Please contact UCOO at [UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov) if you have questions regarding eligibility.

### APPROVED PURPOSES OF THE FUNDS

The UCOO includes a definition of Approved Purposes that guide the allowable programs and services to be funded by the Foundation. This details the Approved Purpose(s) shall mean evidence-based forward-looking strategies, programming and services used to (i) expand the availability of treatment for individuals affected by substance disorders, (ii) develop, promote and provide evidence-based substance use prevention strategies, (iii) provide substance use avoidance and awareness education (iv) decrease the oversupply of licit and illicit opioids, and (v) support recovery from addiction services performed by qualified and appropriately licensed providers.

### 2025 COUNTY FUNDING PRIORITIES

To support a tailored county-level response, each region has selected, UCOO has identified funding priorities for this funding cycle. Details for each funding priorities are included below.

### FUNDING PRIORITY DEFINITIONS

1. **Treatment & Healthcare Services:** Expanding the availability and quality of treatment and healthcare services for the care of substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions.
2. **Intervention & Crisis Support:** Delivering programs and services that support identification, intervention and crisis support in any setting of care.
3. **Criminal Legal System:** Addressing the needs of those involved in the criminal legal system at all stages of the process.
4. **Recovery Supports:** Supporting individuals sustaining recovery, building recovery capital, and removing barriers to a life of recovery.
5. **Prevention:** Supporting strategies to prevent all levels of substance use, including a range of services for individuals, families, communities, and society at large.
6. **Harm Reduction:** Supporting health interventions to reduce the negative impact of behavior associated with substance use, both in individuals and the community level.
7. **Services for Impacted Children & Families:** Helping families and children impacted by the opioid epidemic heal through easier navigation of system resources and improved access to grief and trauma supports.
8. **Public Safety & First Responders:** Supporting the collaborative efforts of first responders and law enforcement officials.
9. **Workforce Development:** Supporting efforts to recruit and train Ohio's behavioral health workforce.
10. **Infrastructure:** Supporting infrastructure projects, including building construction or renovation, technology infrastructure upgrades, and vehicle fleet enhancements.
11. **Other:** We understand that some funding requests may not fit neatly within the 10 funding priority categories. As such, the 2025 County Grant Cycle application will include an "other" category where organizations are encouraged to present new, innovative programming ideas for consideration.

### FUNDING OVERVIEW

Applications received by the \_\_\_\_\_, deadline will be considered for funding. programs or services supported by grant funds may begin once a grant agreement has been executed between the county and the recipient. The UCOO may also hold applications for further consideration beyond the expected announcement date.

For the 2025 Grant Cycle, there are no minimum or maximum request amount limitations – a maximum amount should be considered based on available funds. However, the total grants awarded must be within the total funding budget allocation to the UCOO.

Funding agreement terms will be 12, 24, or up to 36 months. Payment terms will be agreed upon with each recipient in the grant agreement, however, most agreements will include upfront, and then biannual payments that are aligned with the recipient reporting requirements. Grants that do not align with this format will be awarded on a case-by-case basis and details will be included in the recipients' grant agreement.

Although a single institution or organization must be the lead applicant, multi-agency and multi-county partnerships are allowable. Applicants interested in impacting multiple counties must submit application for each impacted region. Fiscal sponsors are allowable and must be disclosed during submission.

All UCOO funds shall be utilized in a manner consistent with the Approved Purposes definition above.

### Direct, Indirect, Administrative Costs and Supplanting

Applications may be declined if the application does not demonstrate financial viability or if the application exceeds the following funding limitations:

- Costs must be for new or expanded programs and services. Applicants cannot use funds to replace, divert, or supplant current funds for past or present expenditures. The applicant may use funds in the event a state or federal grant has ended or is near completion (i.e. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding).
- Costs directly attributed to the delivery of the proposed abatement strategy are referred to as a Direct Cost and are allowable. Direct costs are those additional costs that are needed to implement the program and would cease to exist if the program ended. Direct costs must be itemized in accordance with the requirements of the budget proposal.
- Grantees may use up to 10% of their grant to cover new or expanded administrative costs associated with implementing their proposal. Administrative costs include both direct and indirect support.

### Unallowable Costs

Applications may be declined if it includes any of the following exclusions below:

- Funds cannot be used for non-abatement strategies;
- Funds cannot be used for recipient staff benefit items – i.e. gift cards, rebates, travel points (Note: incentives for program recipients is allowable);
- Costs incurred prior to the grant award date;
- Costs for alcoholic beverages and marijuana;
- Costs for fundraising events;
- Costs for lobbying or political campaign contributions;
- Legal costs or opioids litigation expenses;
- Costs for non-FDA approved medications for the treatment of substance use disorders;
- Costs for sub-grants/sub-awards will be reviewed on case-by-case basis; and
- Costs for activities that may be prohibited by state or federal law.

## **Application Overview**

### **SUBMISSION PROCESS**

To be considered for UCOO 2025 Regional Grant, applications must be completed and submitted electronically through [UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov). The submitted application is not commitment for funds, nor does it obligate the UCOO to grant or lend any form of financial assistance.

The application will be available and open for review and submission on **DATE**.

Please note that this is a competitive grant process and UCOOs ability to provide direct guidance is limited. Please send all inquiries in writing to [UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov). Applicants are encouraged to read through the entire application before beginning the proposal submission process.

For technical assistance, please send questions in writing to [UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov).

Applications must be received on or before the due date and time listed above. Late applications may not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that it s application is received on or before the due date and time.

### **GRANT REVIEW**

The UCOO will review each qualifying application and make recommendations for funding. Only individuals on the UCOO will have access to the full details of a grant application to protect applicant trade and business secrets, and to maintain the integrity of the grant process.

Applications will be assessed based on the soundness of the applicant’s approach and the applicant’s understanding of the requirements. Experience/qualifications will be assessed by considering the extent to which the qualifications and experience are likely to foster successful, on-time performance.

Details on the proposal scoring rubric to be used in the 2025 County Grant Cycle will be provided at a later date. The scoring rubric(s) will be used to evaluate the funding applications submitted for consideration. UCOO will use rubric scores to guide final funding deliberations.

## **Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation**

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

All recipients will be required to submit at least one program report and at least one financial report. All reporting requirements and deadlines will be clearly stated in the grant agreement between the recipient and UCOO. Acceptance of funds indicates agreement to the terms of reporting. UCOO reserves the right to request supplementary information, in-person site visits, and/or virtual meetings, if necessary, in addition to the grant agreement reporting to effectively report outcomes to the public. UCOO also reserves the right to end relationships with grant recipients who do not need reporting requirements.

## **Other Guidance**

The applicant accepts full responsibility for all costs incurred in the preparation, submission, and other activities undertaken by the application associated with the proposal.

Applicants must certify their capacity to fulfill and/or provide the project described in this application.

Applications submitted prior to the due date may be withdrawn only by the applicant. The applicant may withdraw the proposal by contacting [UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov).

UCOO reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals; to advertise new proposals, to arrange to perform the services herein, to abandon the need for such services, and to cancel this request for proposals if it is in the best interest of UCOO sole discretion.

Applicants are advised that after grants are awarded, information contained in the grant applications may be subject to the Public Records Act and viewed and/or copied by any members of the public, including news agencies and competitors. Applicants who believe that the information submitted in their grant application contains a trade or business secret must disclose this in their grant application and make a request that the information be treated as confidential.

UCOO reserves the right to make determinations of confidentiality. If the applicant designates aspects of the application confidential and UCOO instead believes that the information is subject to the Public Records Law, UCOO staff will discuss its determination with the applicant.

- End of RFP -