



# Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund – Award Recommendations

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# WOARF Funding



Amount received at the time the Notice of Funding Opportunity was announced: \$4.75 million



Amount received since May 2024: \$2.19 million



Total amount expected to be available by the next round of funding in 2026: \$5.7 million





## Response to the NOFO

41 Intents to apply received

26 Applications received requesting over \$13 million

All applicants with missing application pieces given 2 business days to correct

1 application screened out for not completing the application within the correction period



# Reviewer Teams

- Each application received at least three individual reviews
- Review teams met to discuss scores and finalize recommendations
- Each review team had:
  - At least one person with lived experience with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
  - One person from the Community Reinvestment team
  - One person with subject matter expertise



# Key Eligibility Criteria and Scoring

- No supplanting
- Evidence-based
- Acceptable use of funds according to litigation settlements and [Nevada Revised Statutes \(NRS\) 433.712 through 433.744](#)
- Activities consistent with the Need's Assessment Priority Area

Application	Scoring
Project Application Complete	P/F
Conflict of Interest	P/F
Budget Narrative Complete	P/F
Key Personnel	5
Sustainability	5
Abstract	5
Washoe County Applicant	5
Organizational Capacity	15
Project Design & Implementation	25
Capabilities & Competencies	20
Data Collection	10
Scope of Work	10
All assurances signed	P/F
Risk Management	P/F
Total	100

# Individual Reviews

## Rubric

Abstract				
Section K <i>Does the abstract summarize the project, how it will meet the needs of the target population, and how the budget will be used.</i>				
Excellent	Strong	Average	Basic	Weak
To be considered Excellent, Abstract that is under 250 words single spaced that must include all elements of the following 1) target population, 2) geographic area, 3) services provided, 4) how the budget will be used; and 5) clear description of the project. All sections are complete.	Abstract that is over 250 words single spaced that must include all elements of the following 1) target population, 2) geographic area, 3) services provided, 4) how the budget will be used; and 5) clear description of the project.	Missing 1 of the following elements: 1) target population, 2) geographic area, 3) services provided, 4) how the budget will be used; and 5) clear description of the project	Missing 2 of the following elements: 1) target population, 2) geographic area, 3) services provided, 4) how the budget will be used; and 5) clear description of the project	Missing or missing 3 or more of the following elements: 1) target population, 2) geographic area, 3) services provided, 4) how the budget will be used; and 5) clear description of the project.

## Scoresheet

Section : Application		How well does the applicant (applicatio				
Abstract	Example	1	2	3	4	
1	Section K: To be considered excellent, applicant must have submitted an abstract that is under 250 words single spaced that must include all elements of the following 1) target population, 2) geographic area, 3) services provided, 4) how the budget will be used; and 5) clear description of the project. All sections are complete. <b>For Detailed Instructions See Rubric Descriptions</b>	Excellent	Basic	Basic	Strong	Average
<b>Sustainability</b>		5.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.0
2	Section R: To be considered excellent, organization must demonstrate internal or teaming capacity to 1) have ability to sustain project after two-year period; 2) have other funding sources; 3) having staffing identified or ready to address the shortage of clinical professionals; 4) have plans to mitigate the impacts of secondary trauma; and 5) having resources allocated to address staff burnout. <b>For Detailed Instructions See Rubric Descriptions</b>	Excellent	Strong	Average	Average	Weak
<b>Washoe County Applicant</b>		5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	1.0
3	Section A, B, & C: To be considered excellent, application must be a Washoe County Department or Program. To be considered Strong, applicant has headquarters in Washoe County and partners with Washoe County Department or Program. To be considered Average, has headquarters in Washoe County. To be considered basic, has an office within the state, but not in Washoe County, and has experience providing services in the Washoe County. No experience or office in Washoe County is weak.	Excellent	Average	Average	Average	Weak
<b>Key Personnel</b>		5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	1.0



## Priority 2: Emergency Department Buprenorphine and Care Navigators

- \$750,000 Available
  - Priority 2 reviewers suggested making an additional \$300,000 available from this to Priority 1
- 0 Applications
- Going Forward-
  - Review team to collaborate with Community Reinvestment to build understanding and capacity among local Emergency Departments
  - Potential small contract to champion to lead this work





## Priority 1: Increasing Access to Treatment for Uninsured/Underinsured

- \$1,300,000 Available
- 11 Total Applications requesting over \$7 million
- Recommended Projects:
  - Northern Nevada Hopes –
    - \$984,002 to create an opioid treatment program at its new East 4th Street Clinic.
  - Ridge House –
    - \$300,000 to provide OUD outpatient services to justice-involved and uninsured and underinsured individuals.



## Priority 3: Overdose Prevention and Education

- \$775,000 Available
- 9 Total Applications requesting over \$3.5 million
- Recommended Projects:
  - Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliance
    - \$523,403 to provide comprehensive harm reduction strategies, community engagement, and advocacy, led by the expertise and leadership of individuals with lived experience.
  - Join Together Northern Nevada
    - \$250,000 to provide support and resources to bridge transportation and resource gaps for individuals who are unhoused and at-risk or in current use of opioids and a robust media campaign to spread community wide awareness to decrease stigma.



## Priority 4: Child Welfare Best Practices

- \$1,000,000 Available
- 4 Total Applications requesting over \$2.25 million
- Recommended Project:
  - Human Services Agency – Adult Services
    - \$1,000,000 to establish CrossRoads Families a therapeutic living community for families impacted by OUD to engage in recovery together. The project includes a facility where caregivers reside with their children to engage in a comprehensive, family-centered approach implementing child welfare best practices to support family stability, promoting family reunification, and preventing child removals.



## Priority 5: Increasing Bed Space for Detox

- \$1,000,000 Available
- 1 Application requesting \$1 million
- Recommended Project:
  - Bristlecone Family Resources
  - \$1 million to establish a 20-bed detox center in Reno, focusing on equitable access to care, improved continuity of care, and the availability of medication-assisted treatment services. The detox center will provide essential infrastructure to support individuals needing immediate medical intervention for OUD, ensuring a safe environment during withdrawal.



## Total Recommended Funding

**\$4,009,786**