



Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund – Updates

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Timeline

**2023 Needs
Assessment**

Reviewed by
the Borad
February 23,
2023

2024 NOFO

Conducted
July- August
2024

**2024
Awards**

Approved by
the Board
September
10, 2024

**2026 Needs
Assessment**

Approved by
the Board
December 9,
2025

**2026
Awards**

NOFO in
Progress

WOARF Snapshot



Amount received to date: \$11.43 million



Amount allocated to grants since July 2024: \$5.18 million



Total amount spent: as of 3/31/26 \$2.97 million



2023 Needs Assessment

5 Top Priorities in the 2023-2025 Needs Assessment

Ensure funding for Opioid Use Disorder **services for uninsured and underinsured** Washoe County residents.

Incentivize providers to initiate **buprenorphine in the emergency department** and inpatient hospital stays.

Prevention **outreach and education to BIPOC communities** in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

Implement **Child Welfare best practices** for supporting families impacted by substance use.

Increase **detoxification and short-term** rehabilitation program capacity

WOARF 2024

Dashboard

The Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund's (WOARF) priority goals were identified in the [December 2022 Opioid Use/Opioid Use Disorder Community Needs Assessment](#) and are as follows:

1. Ensure funding for the array of opioid use disorder treatment services for uninsured and underinsured Washoe County residents.
2. Initiating buprenorphine in the emergency department, as well as during inpatient hospital stays, and care navigators to assist with setting up outpatient resources for continued care and management.
3. Use a multidisciplinary approach to providing overdose prevention outreach and education, inclusive of under resourced communities, such as Black, Indigenous, Latine, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities, in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner (organizations, media, churches).
4. Implement child welfare best practices for supporting families impacted by substance use.
5. Increase detoxification and short-term rehabilitation program capacity.

In May 2024, the Notice of Funding Opportunity was announced for WOARF's first funding opportunity. This page describes the initial grants awarded during the 2024-2026 funding cycle.

Priority Tag	Sum of Award Amount
Capacity Building	117535
Child Welfare	1000000
Detox	952381
OD Prevention	773403
Treatment	1284002
Total	4127321

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- Bristlecone Family Reso...
 - Doing Right By Birth
 - Foundation for Recovery
 - HSA Adult Services
 - Join Together Northern ...
 - Northern Nevada Harm ...

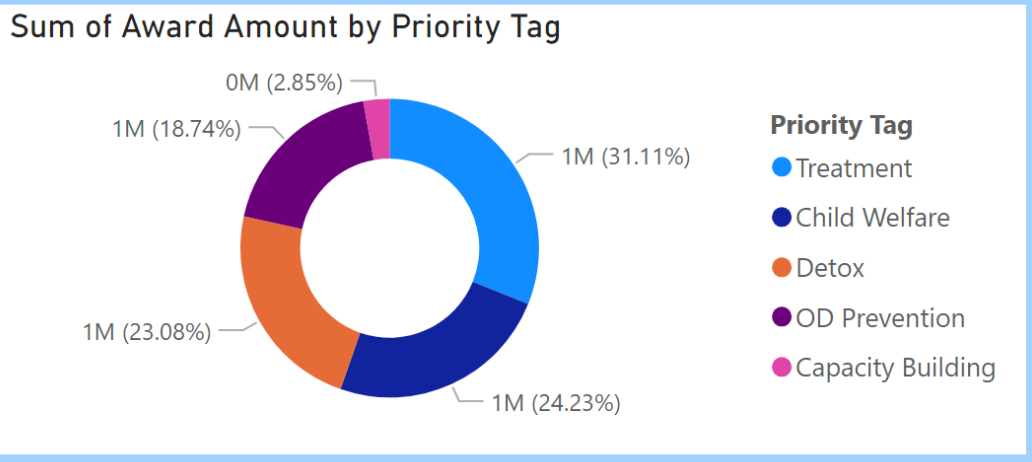
Project Description

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The purpose of this Community Advisory Board (CAB) is to provide a mechanism for people who use drugs to participate in the activities of the Washoe Opioid Abatement and Recovery Fund (WOARF).

The Northern Nevada Harm Reduction Alliances' (NNHRA) Building Communities of Support (BCOS) program will address the needs of people who use drugs (PWUDs) in Washoe County through comprehensive harm reduction strategies, community engagement, and advocacy, led by the expertise and leadership of individuals with lived experience. BCOS will embed Harm Reduction Outreach workers who have lived experience in communities to provide targeted outreach, safer use supplies, and overdose education (including rescue breathing) and naloxone distribution (OEND) to PWUD, develop an advisory council of PWUD to guide program activities, outreach, and education, provide community education on OEND, drug checking supplies, and training on the NNHRA's contaminated drug phone app, and engage families and communities in developing a destigmatizing and supportive environment for PWUD.

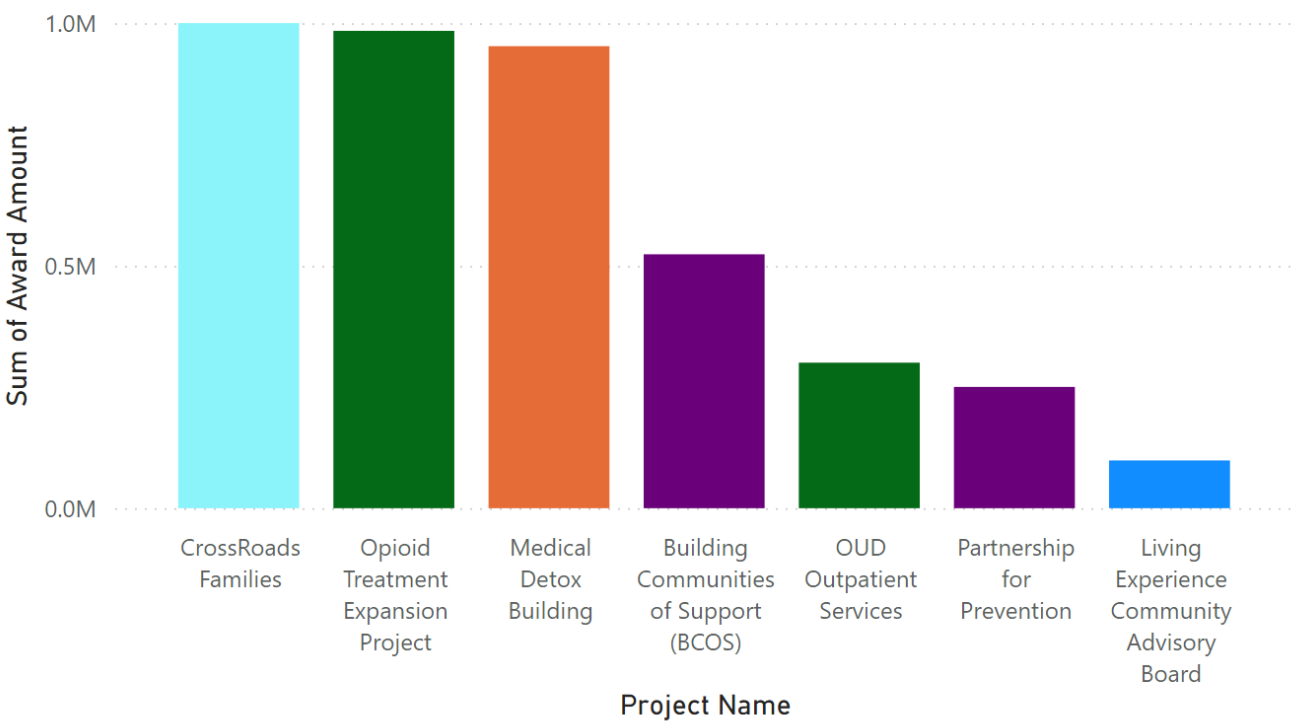
Supporting Pregnant and Parenting People Who Use



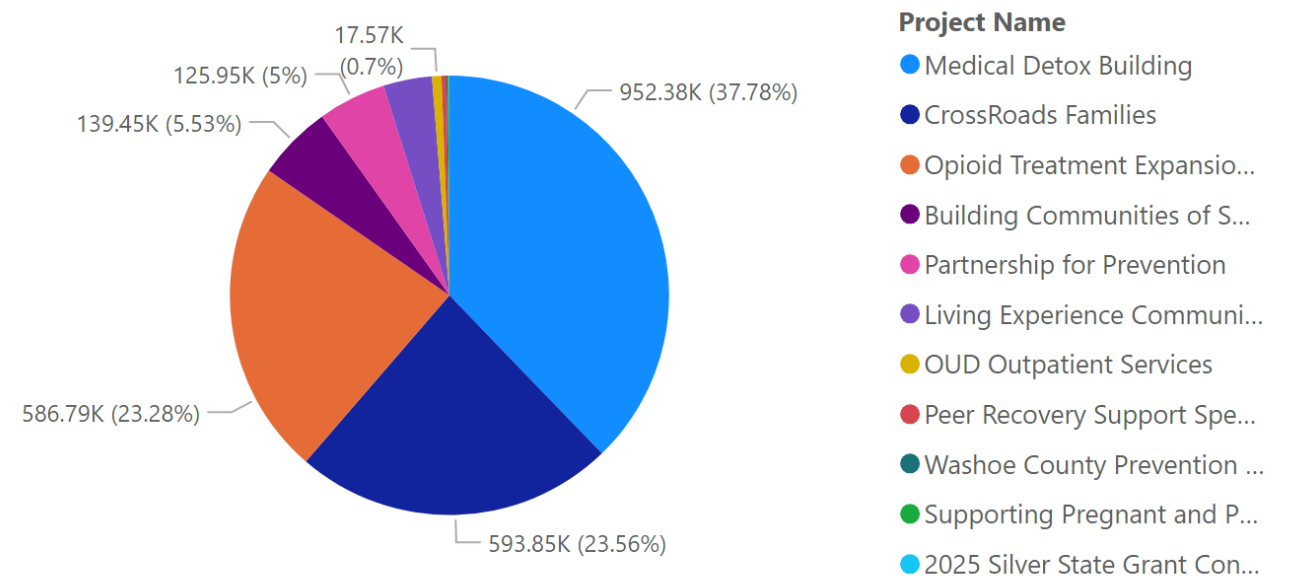
Priority

Capacity Building	OD Prevention
Child Welfare	Treatment
Detox	

Sum of Award Amount by Project Name



Sum of Award Expended by Project Name



Total Opioid Funds Spent

2.79M

Number of people connected to treatment or services by grantees

891

Number of people with OUD provided treatment and recovery services

225

Number of uninsured or underinsured people provided treatment

59

Number of participants connected to peer recovery support services

113

Total doses of naloxone distributed by grantees

5K

Number of people trained in overdose response

1K



Priority 1: Increasing Access to Treatment for Uninsured/Underinsured

- Projects:
 - Northern Nevada Hopes –
 - \$984,002 to create an opioid treatment program (OTP) at its new East 4th Street Clinic
 - Opened the OTP at East 4th Street
 - Started Street Behavioral Health Outreach team
 - Ridge House –
 - \$300,000 to provide OUD outpatient services to justice-involved and uninsured and underinsured individuals
 - Providing care to people who have jobs who cannot afford their employer health insurance



Priority 2: Emergency Department Buprenorphine and Care Navigators

- 0 Applications were submitted to the initial NOFO
- Results
 - Community Reinvestment has been working to partner with and engage the emergency departments
 - Met with the Emergency Department Consortium to share this gap



Priority 3: Overdose Prevention and Education

- 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
 - NNHRA was absorbed into RISE in September 2025
 - 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

- 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

- Project:
 - Bristlecone Family Resources
 - \$952,381 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



Capacity Building and Training

- Supporting Pregnant and Parenting People Who Use Substances: Moving Toward Compassionate Care – 83 people trained
- Peer Recovery Support Specialist Certification Training- 12 peers trained
- Silver State Grant Conference – 5 Registrants
- Washoe County Prevention Conference 2025 and 2026 – Sponsored and provided registration for 16 community members
- One-on-one mentorship with programs to enhance grant capacity



2026-27 Funding Plan

Top Priorities in the 2026-2027 Funding Plan

Conduct targeted outreach to disconnected communities to connect people to existing resources, coordinate care, and provide navigation support throughout the continuum of care

Provide mobile health care clinics that include comprehensive health and dental care for people who use or are at risk of using opioids

Overdose prevention outreach and education to BIPOC communities in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner

Implement Child Welfare best practices for supporting families impacted by substance use

Expand housing services to support people with OUD across the continuum of use that include comprehensive wrap-around and tenancy supports

Evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of existing programs and services for people who use substances

Create peer-led mental health supports to prevent burnout among peer workers, providers, and professionals working in the field



Amount Available for FY 2027

\$5,693,650

Capacity Building Fund	\$20,000
Community Support Fund	\$10,000
2026 Priorities	\$5,500,000
Emerging Needs Fund	To Be Determined



Outreach

In December, the Board approved allocating \$1 million to the Human Services Agency - Housing and Homeless Services to conduct a Request for Proposals to determine a contracted partner to:

- 1) conduct street outreach to unsheltered people in Washoe County who are opioid impacted or at risk of using opioids
- 2) build rapport, facilitate referrals to treatment and housing and
- 3) maintain support once clients are housed and/or engaged in treatment to ensure they stay housed

2026 NOFO and RFP Process

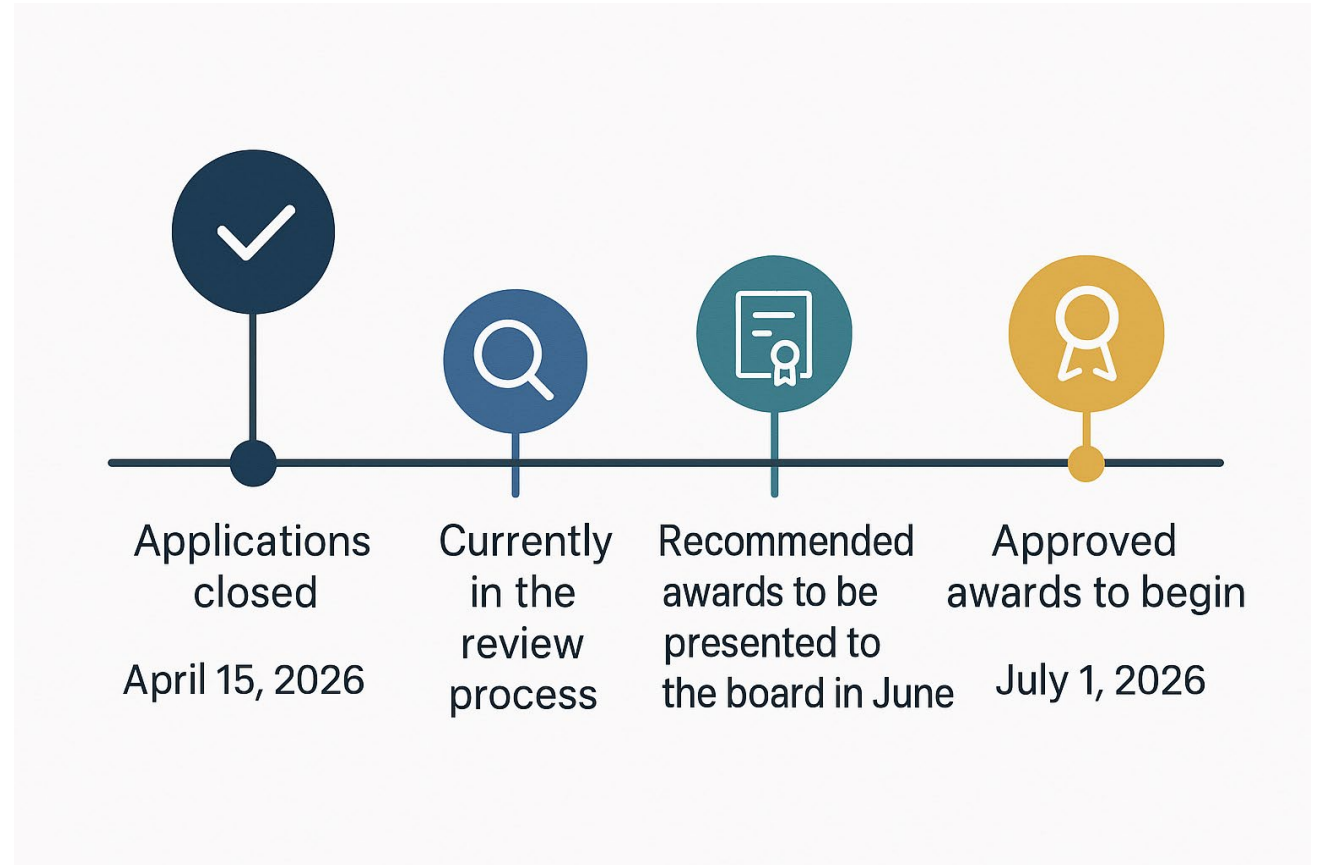
The 2026 competitive award processes were announced March 1, 2026, to fund the priorities.

NOFO (Grants):

1. Provide mobile health care clinics
2. Overdose prevention
3. Expand housing services
4. Create peer-led mental health supports for behavioral health workers

RFP (Contract):

1. Program evaluation of CrossRoads





Reapplication

Based on ongoing need, success in the pilot phase, and adherence to the originally granted scope of work the CrossRoads Families project was eligible for an abridged Reapplication process.



Questions?