



Le Sueur County Opioid Application

Opioid Settlement Background

The opioid epidemic has drastically affected many communities in Minnesota. Numerous resources and time have been spent to help stop the spread of the opioid epidemic in Minnesota. Data reports show that opioid-involved deaths have increased throughout the past years due to misinformation from pharmaceutical distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen, and opioid-manufactured Johnson & Johnson. To help stop the spread of the opioid epidemic in Minnesota and help save the lives of those affected, the Attorney General's Office agreed to a historic \$26 billion multistate agreement in July of 2021. The settlement will bring more than \$300 Million into Minnesota over the next 18 years. To help distribute these funds the Attorney General's Office agreed to allocate 75% of the funds to the counties and cities and 25% to the state. Le Sueur County will receive 1.1 million dollars over the next 18 years that can be used for prevention, harm reduction, or treatment of the opioid epidemic.

To learn more about the settlement click here: [Minnesota Opioids Memorandum of Agreement](#)

To learn more about the data click on the following sources: [Drug Overdose Dashboard](#), [Drug Overdose Resource Center](#), [Monthly Fatal Overdose Snapshot](#), [Statewide Trends 2023 Preliminary Data](#).

To learn about best practices, click on the following sources: [Colorado Opioid Crisis Response Blueprint](#), [John Hopkins Opioid Principles](#) .

Le Sueur County Work

In 2023, stakeholders and community partners across Le Sueur County met to collect qualitative opioid-use information. In this meeting, stakeholders were invited to share their opinions, perspectives, and concerns on a wide range of health-related topics. The discussion covered the entire human lifespan, from birth to death, addressing various aspects of opioid use and its impacts throughout different life stages. Similar meetings will be held every year to



gather information from the community and provide updates about the funds. The Le Sueur County Opioid Advisory Council used the information gathered at the stakeholder/community partner meeting to help guide the disbursement of opioid funds. The council has been meeting regularly to discuss ideas for these opioid funds. During a board work session on November 19th, 2024, a portion of the opioid funds were distributed to: Le Sueur County Sheriff’s Office: K-9 Program, Le Sueur County Public Health: staff time to provide education, pull local data and attend training & Inspire Services for peer support costs while in jail. Le Sueur County opioid settlement funds are still available for additional community work.

Application Process

The Le Sueur County Opioid Advisory Council is excited to have the opportunity to distribute funds back to the community via a grant application. The advisory council will review applications annually. Application requests must be no less than \$10,000 and no more than \$25,000. The application will be scored on a scale from 1 to 50, with 50 being the highest score an application can receive. An application receiving less than 30 points will not be considered for funding. Le Sueur County reserves the right to 1) to determine whether any aspect of an application satisfactorily meets the criteria established in this process; 2) to seek clarification or additional information from any applicant; 3) to negotiate, sequentially or simultaneously, pricing and/or terms with any applicant or vendor; 4) to reject any or all applications with or without cause; 5) to waive any irregularities or informalities in an application; 6) to cancel or amend by addenda this application process, in part or entirely; 6) to award multiple awards to applicants; and/or 7) award reimbursement to a vendor that did not apply.

Le Sueur County Opioid Grant Timeline

<i>Advisory Council Meetings</i>	<i>Description</i>
January	Prior Year Grant Recipient Fund Disbursement
April	Semi-Annual Advisory Committee Meeting
October	Yearly Grant Applications Due for Review
November	Semi-Annual Advisory Committee Meeting Le Sueur County Board Work Session
December	Award Notifications

Contract Agreement & Grant Application

The contracting parties will be Le Sueur County and each Applicant selected to provide the services as described in this section. The selected application and any counter-proposal will be incorporated into a formal contract after negotiations. It is the intent of Le Sueur County to award contract(s) for a term of 12 months. All selected Applicants, shall submit a proposed contract which incorporate language satisfying the following requirements:

Each grant recipient does hereby agree that it will at all times hereafter, during the existence of this contract, indemnify and hold Le Sueur County harmless for any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, or expenses which may be claimed against Le Sueur County or grant recipient (1) by reason of any service client's suffering personal injury, death, or property loss or damages either while participating in or receiving from the grant recipient the care and services to be furnished by the grant recipient under this contract, or while on premises owned, leased, or operated by the grant recipient, or while being transported to or from said premises in any vehicle owned, operated, leased, chartered, or otherwise contracted for by the grant recipient or any officer, agent, or employee; or (2) by reason of any service client's causing injury to, or damage to, the property of another person during any time when the grant recipient or any officer, agent, or employee has undertaken or is furnishing the care and service called for under this contract.

The grant recipient shall ensure that neither it nor any of its owners, managers, or employees or its subcontractors or the owners, managers, or employees of the subcontractors assigned to provide services pursuant to this contract have been debarred or excluded from Medicaid or any other federally funded health care program under the provisions of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1320a-7.

Each grant recipient guarantees that no officer, employee, owner, agent, subcontractor, or assignee shall have any interest in and will not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of this contract.

Upon approval of Le Sueur County, the grant recipient may hire employees and/or enter into subcontracts for the performance of any of the services contemplated under this contract. All agreements in place with employees and subcontractors must contain provisions that make all employees and subcontractors subject to all of the requirements of this contract.

Funding requirement

Organizations who have been selected to receive opioid settlement funds will be required to complete the following:

- Complete an accurate budget of the grant funds and how they were spent
- Implement an opioid project focused on prevention, harm reduction, recovery, or treatment for Le Sueur County residents



- Complete a summary of the project and present it to the Le Sueur County Opioid Advisory Council no later than December.

Please complete all fields in this application. If you have questions or experience problems with the application please contact: Public Health Director Megan Kirby at Megan.Kirby@lesueurcounty.gov.

Please submit all grant applications to Public Health Director Megan Kirby at Megan.Kirby@lesueurcounty.gov

1. Name of Organization Completing this application:

2. Name of Contact person:

3. Address:

4. Phone Number:

5. Email:

6. Project Title:

7. Amount of funds requested:

8. The area within the Memorandum of Agreement that applies to your project (Check One)

Prevention

Harm Reduction

Recovery

Treatment

Organization Overview (15 points):

9. Provide a brief description of your organization, including its mission, history, experience related to opioids or substance use in regard to prevention, treatment recovery or harm reeducation and the population it serves.

10. Describe the community(ies) the organization serves, including demographic aspects (e.g race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, culture, religion, and sexual orientation). Describe how the community(ies) is represented in decision-making for the organization.

Project Narrative (15 Points): The Minnesota Opioid State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement.

Below are details on abatement sub-categories and abatement strategies. For more details, visit

https://www.ag.state.mn.us/opioids/docs/MN_MOA.pdf

11. Which subcategory(ies) will your project address?

- Treat opioid use disorder
- Support people in treatment & recovery
- Connections to care
- Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons
- Address the needs of the perinatal populations, caregivers, and families, including babies with neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome
- Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Harm Reduction: prevent overdose deaths and other harms
- First Responders
- Leadership, planning & coordination
- Training
- Research

12. Describe how you plan to address the abatement strategy(ies). Share the project, including timeline, high-level overview of implementation and evaluation steps, and intended outcomes. Describe how the project address opioid use disorder.

13. Describe the community(ies) the project is proposing to engage (both demographically and geographically). How are communities that are most at risk or impacted by opioids considered in this project? How does your project address potential barriers to accessing your programming?

14. Describe how the proposed project will meet community needs. How were those needs identified? How does your project support those most disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic? How will you ensure this program is culturally, linguistically and developmentally appropriate for the proposed community (ies)?

15. What is the level of staffing for the project? Ensure accountability to carry out the work plan activities and maintain overall support and coordination of the work. If planning to use subcontractors, please describe their responsibilities in carrying out grant activities.

Evaluation Plan (5 points):

16. How will you measure success? Describe the data you will collect and how it will be used to evaluate outcomes.

Sustainability Plan (5 points):

17. If funded, how do you plan to sustain the project beyond the grant period?

Budget Narrative & Breakdown (10 Points):

18. Provide a detailed budget for the project, including categories such as staff expenses, travel, supplies, equipment, and other costs. An example of a budget template can be found on page 9 of the Grant Application document. Please submit the budget narrative with the completed application via email to Megan Kirby at Megan.Kirby@lesueurcounty.gov

19. A copy of your organization's W-9 is also requested. A blank W-9 form can be found at:

https://mn.gov/mdva/assets/W9MNGIBill_tcm1066-194970.pdf

Conflict of Interest

Please provide the following information (select all that apply):

Receiving any other funds from Le Sueur County

If you are receiving other funds from Le Sueur County, what are you receiving and why?

Have a family member that works for Le Sueur County

Serves on any advisory committee in the county that would influence funding decisions

No potential conflict of interest

Additional Information

The Le Sueur County Opioid Settlement Grant is now open. Updates about the opioid settlement can be found here: <https://www.lesueurcounty.gov/796/Substance-Use>

Updates to this site will be made on a yearly basis to maintain accurate and transparent information.

Eligible Expenses: Staffing & benefits, staff time to attend conferences, event, and trainings that link to the project, capital improvements or constructions projects, transportation, lodging, meals and other travel costs that link to the project, Printing & copying, education and informational campaigns/outreach materials, equipment needed for the project & youth/community member stipends.

Ineligible Expenses: Direct lobbying expenses.

Le Sueur County Opioid Settlement Budget Template
Le Sueur County Minnesota

Opioid Settlement Grant Budget

Date	
Organization Name	
Phone Number	
Email	
Total Amount Requested	\$

Budget Category	
Salaries and Benefits	
Contractual Services	
Travel	
Operating Supplies	
Other	
TOTAL	

Budget Narrative

Salaries and Benefits

Contractual Services

Travel

Operating Supplies

Other