USDA Rural Development

Resources for Combatting Opioid Misuse

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To improve the quality of life for our rural communities.

Opioid addiction is more than a health issue in rural America. It is impacting the quality of life and economic opportunity of small towns everywhere.
Goal:
To explore innovative ways that Rural Development programs can partner with the philanthropic community as well as other federal partners to address opioid misuse in rural communities.
46 Different Programs Available

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Emergency Services

Community Facilities -> DLT/Telemedicine -> RCDI
Community Facilities

Use: This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas using direct loans, guaranteed loans, and grants.

Prevention
- Community Centers
- Child Care Centers
- Educational Institutions

Treatment
- Hospitals
- Ambulances
- Mobile Treatment Clinics
- Detox (MAT)
- Medical Equipment
- Outpatient Clinics
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Transportation Vehicles
- Transitional Housing

Emergency Services
- Police Vehicles
- Fire Vehicles
- Safety Equipment
Community Facilities Continued

**Applicant:** Municipality, non-profit or Federally Recognized Tribe

**Community:** Population under $20,000

**Grant Amount:** State allocation

**Grant Match:** A percentage of total project cost determined by combination of median household income and population of service area. (15%-75%)
Community Facilities Funding Examples:

**Vermont:**
$82,000 grant $41,000 match
*St Johnsbury Police Department*
2 police cruiser, body cameras, safety equipment

**Utah:**
$196,000 grant $161,000 match
*Four Corners Behavioral Health*
Support transportation, Detox, and Sober living

**Arkansas:**
$150,000 grant $221,000 match
*White River Battered Women’s Shelter (WRBWS)*
Support addiction recovery efforts

**Washington:**
21.2 million direct loan 8.9 million guarantee Loan
*Summit Pacific Medical Center*
Behavioral/Mental Health/Detox
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

**Use:** Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

Acquisition of eligible capital assets, such as:

- Audio, video and interactive video equipment
- Computer hardware, network components and software
- Inside wiring and similar infrastructure that further DLT services
- Broadband transmission facilities
- Technical assistance for use
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants Continued

**Applicant:** For profit/No profit, State and local government, Federally-recognized tribes

**Community:** Servicing population 20,000

**Grant:** Up to $500,000

**Grant Match:** Minimum of 15% of total project cost.
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Examples:

North Carolina:
$375,000 Grant
Metropolitan Community Health Services
Opioid treatment, counseling, training for medical professionals and first responders, benefiting 36k rural residents.

North Dakota:
$182,000 Grant
Heartview Health Services
Opioid and Behavioral Health services across 8 rural counties.

Maine:
Maine Rural Health Collaborative
$479,000 Grant
Opioid treatment, training, and professional development for providers across 4 rural counties.
Use: This program helps non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities, and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Providing technical assistance to sub-grantees on:

- Creating training tools such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides
- Strategic plan development
- Board training
- Effective fundraising techniques.
Rural Community Development Initiative Continued

Applicant: Public bodies, non-profits, qualified for-profit entities

Community: 50,000 or less

Grant: Up to $250,000

Grant Match: 1 to 1 match
Kentucky:
Grant $229,000 match $231,000
University of Kentucky
Develop training and workshops for a financial education intervention program targeting individual in SUD recovery. Supporting 4 rural recovery health care treatment centers.
Rural Business Development Grant

Use: This program is designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas which will employ 50 or fewer new employees and has less than $1 million in gross revenue.

- Workforce development projects
- Equipment
- Technical assistance to small businesses
- Feasibility studies
- Community and economic development projects
Rural Business Development Grant
Continued

Applicant: Municipality or non-profit end beneficiary must be a business

Community: Population under 50,000

Grant Match: No match-required (but increases competitiveness)

• A rural transportation organization increase access to treatment facilities resulting increased workforce benefiting local business.

• A social services agency provides on-site support at local employers to support workforce retention.

• A municipality or non-profit applies for funds to conduct a feasibility study for a treatment facility
Takeaways

• USDA Rural Development is committed to fighting the opioid misuse crisis.

• Rural Development has programs that support efforts to mitigate opioid misuse.

• Philanthropy is a key partner in capacity building needed to access Rural Development resources and can provide match funds that make applications more competitive and projects more impactful.

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