

Alpena County

Opioid Settlement Funds

Request for Funding Proposals

Overview

Alpena County invites organizations or groups addressing opioid prevention, harm reduction treatment, and recovery to apply for funding to support development, implementation, enhancement, or expansion of programs. This includes programs addressing substance use disorders, polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. While the selection process will utilize a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, the number of awards will be dependent on the amount of funds available for annual allocation. The amount of funds available will differ annually and proposals will be accepted annually beginning in March.

Background

In 2021, a \$26 billion nationwide settlement was reached to resolve all Opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen (“Distributors”), and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively, “J&J”). In 2022, additional settlements with pharmacies and manufacturers were announced, including CVS, Walmart, Walgreens, Allergan, and Teva. In 2023, a settlement with Kroger was also reached.

Fifty percent (50%) of the settlement amounts will be sent directly to county and local governments. Payments for all settlements will be received separately. Eighty-five percent (85%) of funds must be used for opioid remediation, with seventy percent (70%) being used for future opioid remediation. Exhibit E of the settlements provides a non-exhaustive list of expenditures that qualify as being paid for Opioid Remediation.

Michigan can also expect additional funds received through companies Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt PLC, and Endo, which are pursuing bankruptcy plans that include funding opioid abatement trusts.

Goal

The goal of this opportunity is to serve Alpena County through development, implementation, enhancement or expansion of evidence-based strategies or promising practices to prevent and address the adverse impacts of the drug overdose epidemic.

Eligibility

Organizations or groups addressing opioid prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery are eligible for funding to support development, implementation, enhancement or expansion of programs. This includes programs addressing substance use disorders, polysubstance use, and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

- Must be within Alpena County

Availability of Funds

The number of awards will be dependent on the amount of funds available for annual allocation. The amount of funds available will differ annually. Proposals will be accepted annually.

Requirements

Proposal Priorities

- Utilize funds to serve those in Alpena County
- Focus on individuals and communities most profoundly impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions (SUD/MH)

Organizations awarded funding are required to:

- Ensure all funds are used in alignment with Exhibit E and the definition of opioid remediation.
- Provide data on program outputs, outcomes, impact and effectiveness, following agreed upon metrics with the Opioid Remediation Steering Committee.
- Complete required reports as prescribed in the award.
- Add county specific requirements (submission of specific documentation, timeline, etc.).

Reporting Requirements

- Organizations should provide progress reports every 6 months until the project has been completed/goals of program completed to the Opioid Remediation Steering Committee and main point of contact, if any, outlining the following:
 - Staff working on the project
 - Community partners involved with the project
 - Challenges and barriers experienced within the associated timeframe
 - Successes experienced within the associated timeframe
 - Anticipated next steps
- Final report to be provided within 60 days of project close

Allowable Uses of Funds & Funding Restrictions

Specific to the J&J, Distributor, CVS, Teva, Allergan, and Walmart settlements, funds must be spent on opioid remediation. Opioid Remediation is defined as,¹

Care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to (1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, (2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or (3) mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic.

Activities must meet the definition of opioid remediation, be evidence-based strategies²³ or promising practices, and align with allowable uses outlined by Exhibit E.⁴ These strategies include:

1.) Core Strategies

- Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
- Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) distribution and other opioid-related treatment
- Address the needs of pregnant and postpartum women
- Expanding the treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services

¹ <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

² <https://www.lac.org/assets/files/TheOpioidEbatement-v3.pdf>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pubs/2018-evidence-based-strategies.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-8-11-21.pdf>

- Treatment for incarcerated population
- Prevention programs
- Expanding syringe service programs
- Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state

2.) Approved Uses – Prevention

- Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
- Prevent misuse of opioids
- Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)

3.) Approved Uses – Other Strategies

- Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Support people in treatment and recovery
- Connect people who need help to the help they need (connection to care)
- Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons
- Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with NAS

4.) Approved Uses – Other Strategies

- Supporting first responders
- Leadership, planning and coordination
- Training
- Research
- Campaign to bring awareness to the misuse of opioids

Selection and Award Process

All proposals submitted should include the completed Request for Proposals document below, resume or biography of the project director, any optional documents and the attached budget template. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the Opioid Remediation Steering Committee.

Proposals must be sent to Jesse Osmer at osmerj@alpenacounty.org by June 2. Notice of the award is expected to occur no later than August 30. Following the notice of the award, organizations will meet with the Opioid Remediation Steering Committee to discuss the contract process and specific metrics for the project identified.

Scoring criteria and weighting

CRITERIA SCORES		Weight
1. Adherence to RFP Instructions		0.05
2. Organization Information & Description		0.05
3. Project Description		0.25
4. Population Served & Geographic Area		0.05
5. Data to Support Need		0.05
6. Timeline		0.05
7. Scope of Work		0.25
8. Measures of Success		0.10
9. Sustainability		0.10
10. Budget		0.05
Total Score		1.00

With questions related to this funding opportunity, please contact Jesse Osmer at osmerj@alpenacounty.org.

Requests for Proposals

Alpena County Opioid Settlement Funds – FY26

RFP Posted:	April 22, 2026
Proposals Due:	June 30, 2026
Anticipated Notice of Award:	No later than August 30, 2026
Anticipated Performance Period:	By May 1, 2027, unless extended
Questions to:	Jesse Osmer, osmerj@alpenacounty.org

To Be Completed by Organization Submitting Proposal:

1. Organization Information	
Organization Name:	
Street Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Name of Project Director:	
Title of Project Director:	
Name of Authorized Representative:	
Signature of Authorized Representative:	
Date:	
2. Organization Description:	

3. Project Description Including Project Objectives:

4. Population Served/Target Population and Geographic Area Served:
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5. Data to Support Need for Project:

6. Project Timeline Overview:

7. Scope of Work

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8. Success – How will success be measured?	
9. Sustainability – How will the project be sustained after funding cycle?	
10. Budget – Total Amount Requested:	\$
11. Budget Narrative – How will funds be used to meet project goals?	
12. New or Existing Project – (Check One)	☐ - Existing ☐ - New
12.a. If existing, how many unique individuals are served annually by the current project?	
12.b. If new, is the project evidence-based or based on promising practices? (Check one and provide link to information on evidence base)	☐ - Yes ☐ - No Link: _____
13. Attachments – Supporting Documents	• Resume and/or biography of project director • Completed budget template (provided) • Letters of support from partner organizations (optional)

	Materials demonstrating experience, organizational impact and/or commitment to addressing the drug overdose epidemic (optional)																																				
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Applicant Signature

Chair, Opioid Remediation Steering Committee

County Administrator