Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Lewis and Clark Metropolitan Abatement Region Opioid Settlement Grants

Through the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT), the Lewis and Clark Metro Region Opioid Abatement Governance Committee (Committee) offers the availability of grant funding from the Lewis and Clark Metropolitan Abatement Region Opioid Settlement. Funding will support a range of opioid remediation efforts in the Lewis and Clark Metro Area. These settlement funds provide an opportunity to address the opioid crisis in our community and make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our residents.

Funding Priorities & Eligible Programs

The Lewis and Clark Metro Region Opioid Abatement committee is committed to strategically investing in initiatives that reduce opioid-related harm and improve community health. The program will:

- Allocate resources to preserve and protect lives.
- Engage and support underrepresented and disproportionately impacted communities.
- Ensure a fair, transparent, and accountable funding process.

Eligible Programs and Initiatives Must:

- Be evidence-based and grounded in proven practices.
- Prioritize youth prevention and early intervention.
- Demonstrate measurable outcomes and community impact by incorporating baseline data and qualitative evaluation methods.
- Demonstrate a commitment to building sustainable systems and strengthening long-term local capacity, rather than sustaining ongoing operational expenses.

The Lewis and Clark Metropolitan Abatement Region Opioid Program has a priority to fund the following programs:

1. **Prevention Programs -** Opioid prevention programs aim to reduce misuse and overdose by educating school age children, young adults, and communities, building protective factors, and addressing risk factors before substance use begins.
2. **Treatment & Recovery Programs-** Treatment and recovery programs provide evidence-based care and ongoing support to help individuals with opioid use disorder achieve and sustain recovery.

Funding Criteria

- Applicants must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit, local government entity, hospital and clinics, or school district.
- Applicants must serve Lewis and Clark County residents. Applicants located within the county will be given preference. Applicants located outside Lewis and Clark County may be considered; however, the proposed program/project must serve county residents. Statewide, non-local projects or initiatives will not be considered.
- One year funding is available. For multi-year funding requests, applicants must reapply annually.
- Available funding varies year-to-year based on the individual opioid settlements. The committee may or may not commit the entirety of funding each year. Funding for the Spring 2026 deadline will be available in early July.
- Indirect costs may be up to a maximum of 15% and must be included in a narrative within the budget that explains how indirect costs will be applied. All indirect costs must be justified, reasonable, and clearly outlined in the budget.

Application Details & Deadline:

- Applications must be submitted through the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) grant portal.
- Applications can be submitted anytime but will only be reviewed twice per calendar year. To be considered for the spring grant cycle, applications must be submitted by **March 1.** To be considered for the fall grant cycle, applications must be submitted by **September 1**.
- All applications are reviewed by the Lewis and Clark Metropolitan Abatement Region Opioid Committee. Top applicants will be invited to present their project at an upcoming Lewis and Clark Metropolitan Abatement Region Opioid meeting, either in person or virtually.
- Funding recommendations are made to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Advisory Committee. The MOAT Advisory Committee will make final funding decisions.
- All funding is processed through the MOAT.

Reporting

- Successful applicants may be required to submit additional reporting beyond the required 6-month and 1-year reports established by the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust. These additional reporting requirements will be established by the Committee at time of project recommendation.

For additional information, please visit the Lewis and Clark County Metro Region Opioid website or contact Elisa Fiaschetti, County Grants Specialist, efiaschetti@lccountymt.gov, 406-457-8856.