



Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

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Fiscal Year 2025 Competitive Grant Program Award Summary

About the Competitive Grant Program

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response distributes approximately \$6 million annually through our Competitive Grant Program. The purpose of our Competitive Grant Program is to distribute grant funding to the highest-scoring proposals received from state and local governments and community-based partners that serve to address unmet and urgent overdose-related needs around the state.

Programs funded through our Competitive Grant Program were evaluated using a uniform set of criteria that assess potential impact and alignment with our five policy focus areas of *Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, Recovery, and Public Safety*.

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Additionally, for the 2025 fiscal year, Maryland's Office of Overdose Response identified six priority projects that would be prioritized during the scoring process. These include:

- evidence-based and promising practices for early childhood prevention interventions;
- expanding access to evidence-based treatment and harm-reduction services for at-risk populations;
- transportation to treatment, harm reduction, recovery services, employment, and essential government services;
- peer programs in libraries and other community settings;
- supporting employment in recovery; and
- extended stays in certified recovery residences.

Our office received 154 applications for funding totaling over \$35 million in requested funds for this fiscal year. Following the evaluation by our multiagency, multidisciplinary evaluation committee, 38 of the top-scoring proposals were awarded for a collective total of \$6.23 million. Over half (24) of our awardees were community-based or non-profit organizations and 11 were local government partner organizations.

PREVENTION

Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Queen Anne's Co. Public Schools	Queen Anne's County	\$152,955	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botvin Life Skills training for elementary school students through Opioid Education Partnership
Talbot Co. Public Schools	Talbot County	\$75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for school-based prevention-intervention social worker.

HARM REDUCTION

Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Anne Arundel Co. Health Department	Anne Arundel County	\$392,551	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for substance use care through the Wellmobile program. Services include buprenorphine induction, linkages to care, peer recovery services, and harm reduction supply distribution.
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	Baltimore City	\$173,711	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for mobile wound care services through Check It program.
Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$147,780	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for peer recovery services and transportation services for individuals accessing substance use care.
Baltimore Safe Haven	Baltimore City	\$219,810	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for mobile harm reduction services, comprehensive support services in drop-in center, and community engagement events.
Daniel Carl Torsch Foundation	Baltimore County	\$188,404	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for connecting clients to medical care, wound care supply kits, and harm-reduction education.
Charles Co. Department of Health	Charles County	\$2,095	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Free Syringe Voucher Program.

HARM REDUCTION

Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Howard Co. Department of Health	Howard County	\$218,129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for substance use disorder services, including infectious disease testing, treatment retention, wound care, recovery, and treatment. • Support for public awareness efforts regarding substance use prevention and naloxone access.
Interfaith Works	Montgomery County	\$183,304	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harm reduction services for unhoused individuals through Progress Place.
Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$135,550	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for harm reduction supplies by mail, including naloxone, drug testing strips for fentanyl and xylazine, safer sex supplies, and safer use supplies.

TREATMENT

Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center	Anne Arundel County	\$182,387	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for expanded admission hours for substance use treatment services through Project LEAP.
Maryland Community Health Initiatives	Baltimore City	\$239,227	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for care coordination and wraparound services for individuals receiving substance use treatment and individuals involved in the criminal legal system.
Chase Brexton Health Services	Baltimore City	\$84,487	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for peer recovery services, substance use treatment services, and harm reduction training and supply provision.

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Community College of Baltimore County	Baltimore County	\$174,362	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition support for behavioral health workforce development.

RECOVERY			
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Horizon Goodwill Industries	Allegany County	\$137,225	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery support services, including vocational case management, housing navigation, and transportation assistance.
Helping Up Mission, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$246,839	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of recovery support services with a focus on Spanish-speaking individuals including peer recovery coaching, legal services, and connections to substance use treatment services.
Helping Up Mission, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$211,081	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery housing support for pregnant and postpartum mothers and women with young children.
MISHA House	Baltimore City	\$128,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for recovery housing, peer recovery services, transportation, educational opportunities, vocational training, and peer certification.
Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Employment Development	Baltimore City	\$206,822	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for vocational training and connections to employment opportunities for individuals exiting treatment.
PIVOT, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$180,015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery support services for women leaving incarceration, including case management services, mental health support, and career coaching.

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Marian House	Baltimore City	\$157,864	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation support for women with young children accessing recovery services. • Support for employment coordinator position and career coaching through Job Readiness Program.
Clay Pots, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$162,044	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for peer recovery services through career coaching, vocational development, and peer certification opportunities.
Voices of Hope	Cecil County	\$101,099	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery housing support and transportation support for individuals accessing recovery services.
The Jude House	Charles County	\$242,094	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for vocational training, career coaching, and job placement with a specific focus on individuals leaving incarceration through Workforce Reentry Program.
Dorchester County Health Department	Dorchester County	\$201,438	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for recovery and re-entry planning services for incarcerated individuals.
Dorchester County Health Department	Dorchester County	\$156,355	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for peer recovery services and peer certification training.
On Our Own of Frederick County	Frederick County	\$116,565	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for peer recovery services, vocational development, and peer certification training.
Frederick County Workforce Services	Frederick County	\$90,321	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for recovery-friendly workplace development for employers and vocational training and career coaching for individuals exiting treatment.

RECOVERY			
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Voices of Hope	Harford County	\$95,707	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for peer recovery services through Harford Co. District Court Voices of Hope Harford Recovery Center.
Champ House	Prince George's County	\$17,775	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for recovery program expansion through ASAM level 3.1 certification.
St. Mary's County Health Department	St. Mary's County	\$59,430	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for employer recovery-friendly certification and peer recovery services for individuals in recovery employed by recovery-friendly employers.
Chesapeake Charities, for Grace Street	Talbot County	\$159,786	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for peer recovery services, peer career coaching and vocational training, and peer certification training.
Washington Co. Board of County Commissioners	Washington County	\$207,907	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for re-entry planning services for incarcerated individuals, transportation services, and career coaching services.
Maryland Department of Labor	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$126,831	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of educational opportunities for peer recovery specialists leaving incarceration.
Mid Shore Behavioral Health	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$176,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for extended stays in recovery housing across five Upper and Middle Eastern Shore Counties.
Hoffa Foundation	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$355,751	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for transportation assistance for individuals accessing substance use treatment and recovery services through rideshare reimbursements.
Maryland Coalition of Families	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$127,102	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for family peer support services to families who have a loved one with a substance use disorder.