



# Maryland's Office of Overdose Response

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## Fiscal Year 2027 Competitive Grant Program Award Summary

### About the Competitive Grant Program

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response (MOOR) distributes approximately \$6 million annually through our Competitive Grant Program. This funding is intended to support the highest-scoring proposals received from state and local governments and community-based partners that 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, Meeting People Where They Are, Treatment, Recovery, and Public Safety*.



Prevention



Meeting People  
Where They Are



Treatment



Recovery



Public  
Safety

### Fiscal Year 2027 Priority Projects

Our 2027 Competitive Grant Program Call for Proposals identified 11 priorities across each of our five focus areas that would be prioritized during the scoring process. These include:

- **Prevention – Interrupt Pathways to Substance Use Disorders**
  - Address the social determinants of health and protective factors.
  - Address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma.
  - Support evidence-based prevention.

- **Meeting People Where They Are – Improve Health And Safety for People Who Use Drugs (PWUD)**
  - Provide low and no-threshold services that reach people where they are.
  - Increase access to risk reduction tools.
  - Enhance efforts related to targeted overdose education and naloxone distribution, especially for populations facing a disparate risk of overdose.
  
- **Treatment – Make Evidence-Based Treatment Accessible for People with Substance Use Disorders**
  - Increase access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), including for people who are incarcerated and people in rural settings.
  - Reduce barriers to care, such as a lack of transportation or culturally sensitive treatment options.
  - Provide holistic care for people who use drugs and people with substance use disorders, such as wound care, and HIV/HCV testing and treatment.
  
- **Recovery – Build and Sustain Community Infrastructure that Promotes Recovery Capital**
  - Support employment for people in recovery, including workforce training and education, Recovery Friendly Workplaces, and peer support.
  - Enhance community-based recovery supports.
  
- **Public Safety – Improve Outcomes for PWUD who Encounter the Criminal Legal System**
  - Expand alternatives to incarceration, including diversion and deflection programs.
  - Increase access to MOUD, counseling, and Peer services in carceral settings.
  - Provide connections to community-based SUD services upon reentry.

## **Fiscal Year 2027 Award Summary**

This fiscal year, our office received 119 proposals for funding, totaling over \$28 million in requested funds. Of these, 85 met the criteria for review. Following the evaluation by our multiagency, multidisciplinary evaluation committee, 30 proposals were awarded for a collective total of \$6.27 million. Of the grantees awarded in fiscal year 2027, 19 were non-profit organizations, eight were local government agencies, two were state agencies, and one was a university system.

The following tables summarize our fiscal year 2027 competitive grant award recipients, organized by our five policy priority areas.

## Meeting People Where They Are



Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Anne Arundel County Department of Health	Anne Arundel County	\$499,862	<b>Maryland Mobile Wellness (Wellmobile):</b> Support for mobile services, including low-barrier buprenorphine induction, wound care, infectious disease screening, and distribution of sterile supplies
Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc	Baltimore City	\$96,523	<b>Volunteer Expansion Project:</b> Support for volunteer recruitment and training to bolster the provision of overdose prevention education, naloxone distribution, and access to sterile supplies for people who use drugs.
Baltimore Safe Haven	Baltimore City	\$235,244	<b>Improving Drug User Health Program:</b> Support for drop-in center and mobile outreach services, including infectious disease prevention, overdose reduction, and housing support.
Health Care for the Homeless	Baltimore City	\$187,421	<b>Street Medicine Team:</b> Support for street-based outreach to unhoused individuals, including overdose prevention education and the provision of care.
Safe Exit Initiative	Baltimore City	\$121,434	<b>Harbor Baltimore – Supporting Drug User Health:</b> Support for overdose prevention education, naloxone distribution, sterile supplies, and case management services for victims, survivors, and individuals at risk of commercial sexual exploitation

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Daniel Carl Torsch Foundation Inc	Baltimore County	\$228,033	<b>Risk Reduction Community Outreach:</b> Support for two full-time peer positions engaged in community outreach and expanded access to services that address immediate and long-term health risks, such as naloxone distribution, prevention education, sterile supplies, and linkages to care.
Charles County Department of Health	Charles County	\$145,938	<b>HOPE Team:</b> Support for community outreach, prevention education, and services that promote drug user health, such as distribution of naloxone and sterile supplies. The program also supports expansion of mobile services to highly impacted areas.
Latin American Youth Center	Prince George's County	\$197,331	<b>ENOUGH Overdose Response &amp; Naloxone Access Initiative:</b> Support for overdose response training capacity building, naloxone distribution, and overdose prevention education through three Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, and Households (ENOUGH) program participants: Latin American Youth Center, Coaching Salud Holística, and Maryland Latinos Unidos.
Washington County Health Department	Washington County	\$99,745	<b>Mobile Recovery Response Program:</b> Support for peer services to provide overdose prevention education, post-overdose engagement, naloxone distribution, sterile supplies, and linkage to care, especially for individuals who encounter emergency medical services and law enforcement.

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Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center Inc.	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$310,287	<b>24/7 Free SUD Crisis Stabilization Program:</b> Support for overdose prevention education, naloxone distribution, access to treatment with medications for opioid use disorder for individuals who are uninsured, low-income, unhoused, lack access to transportation, or face other barriers to treatment.

## Treatment



Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Chase Brexton Health Services, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$150,095	<b>Substance Use Treatment Enhancement Program (STEP):</b> Support for access to substance use treatment, including medications for opioid use disorder, peer recovery services, transportation assistance, and services that promote drug user health.
Helping Up Mission, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$132,535	<b>Equitable Treatment and Recovery Access for Vulnerable Populations:</b> Support for substance use disorder treatment and recovery access, including transportation support, education, career development, and legal services with a focus on Hispanic or Latino men.

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Helping Up Mission, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$367,465	<b>Holistic Health Access for Homeless People in Residential SUD Programs:</b> Support for residential treatment and recovery services, transportation support, legal services, and wraparound services for men and women.
University of Maryland, Baltimore	Baltimore City	\$182,461	<b>JACQUES Initiative:</b> Support for services that promote drug user health, including infectious disease screening and treatment, overdose prevention education, naloxone distribution, wound care, treatment with medications for opioid use disorder, and other clinical services with a specific focus on urban American Indian communities.
Calvert County Health Department	Calvert County	\$351,067	<b>Connect, Assess, Review, and Educate (CARE) Program:</b> Support for expansion of case management services, 24-hour access to medications for opioid use disorder and withdrawal management, and on-call psychiatric nursing services.
St. Martin's Ministries, Inc. (DBA Martin's House & Barn)	Caroline County	\$88,799	<b>Treatment &amp; Recovery Access Network:</b> Housing support expansion for individuals accessing care, drug user health services, and transportation assistance, with a focus on women and women with young children. Collaboration with ENOUGH program participants, DC Center, Inc., and Mid Shore Restoring Hope in Women, will also support career development opportunities, transportation access, and wraparound services.

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Kent County Board of County Commissioners	Kent County	\$225,521	<b>Kent County Detention Center Opioid Use Disorder Telemedicine Treatment Initiative:</b> Support for substance use treatment through telemedicine, screening services, post-discharge planning, and connections to treatment for incarcerated and recently incarcerated individuals.
Washington County Board of County Commissioners	Washington County	\$425,430	<b>Washington County Jail-Based Medication for Opioid Use Disorder &amp; Reentry Program:</b> Support for treatment expansion with medications for opioid use disorder in county detention facility, counseling services, peer recovery support services, and referrals to community-based treatment after release for incarcerated individuals.
Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition, Inc	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$111,006	<b>Statewide Coalition Building Initiative:</b> Support for enhancing collaborative partnerships through the BRIDGES Coalition and the Maryland Harm Reduction Advocacy Network to improve the quality of resources that people who use drugs receive from community organizations.
HOFFA Foundation, Inc.	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$500,000	<b>HOFFA Transportation:</b> Support for on-demand transportation assistance for individuals accessing care for substance use disorders across Maryland.

# Recovery



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Club 164	Anne Arundel County	\$236,535	<b>Peer Recovery Specialist Training:</b> Support for a peer supervisor position to expand peer recovery specialists training opportunities for Club staff.
PIVOT, Inc.	Baltimore City	\$149,179	<b>Supporting Employment for Women in Recovery:</b> Support for career development training, transportation assistance, and wraparound services for recently incarcerated women.
Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Employment Development	Baltimore City	\$304,980	<b>MOED Peer Recovery and Employment Program (PREP):</b> Support for career development and connections to employment of individuals in substance use recovery, transportation support, and peer recovery specialist training opportunities.
Evolve KidsCare, Inc.	Cecil County	\$57,802	<b>Recovery Support Childcare Expansion Initiative:</b> Support for the expansion of free, drop-in childcare for individuals accessing substance use treatment and recovery services in partnership with Voices of Hope.
On Our Own of Frederick County, Inc.	Frederick County	\$197,702	<b>RecoveryWorks:</b> Support of peer recovery specialist career development opportunities.
Justice and Recovery Advocates, Inc.	Frederick County	\$118,519	<b>Collaborative Recovery &amp; Wellness Program:</b> Support for peer recovery support services, overdose prevention education, career coaching, and care coordination for recently incarcerated individuals in Frederick and Washington Counties.

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Garrett County Health Department	Garrett County	\$68,473	<b>The Garrett County Recovery and Beyond Project:</b> Support for peer recovery services, substance use care navigation, and workforce development opportunities. The program also includes the provision of grants to local recovery organizations to expand local recovery support infrastructure.
On Our Own of Maryland, Inc.	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$50,097	<b>Peer Certification Pathways:</b> Support for peer recovery specialist training opportunities.

# Public Safety



Organization	Jurisdiction	Award Amount	Project Description
Maryland Department of Labor	Anne Arundel County	\$218,753	<b>Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Training:</b> Support for peer recovery specialist training opportunities for incarcerated individuals in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George's County. The program is a collaboration with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Maryland Department of Health.
Maryland Office of the Public Defender	Multi-Jurisdictional	\$218,972	<b>Public Defense Recovery Support Project:</b> Support for connection to community based substance use treatment services for individuals in detention facilities awaiting trial or to support case resolution.