



Opioid Abatement Funding Program

Volusia County Regional Settlement Funds

Implementation Plan Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Volusia County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board

By interlocal agreement between Volusia County and thirteen eligible participating municipalities, the County's Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board was established as a collective of appointed representatives, one from each of the government bodies. The purpose of the board is to ensure that settlement funds are used to address opioid-related impacts within Volusia County. The board will review the County's Opioid Abatement Plan and make funding award recommendations to the Volusia County Council consistent with that plan as well as the State agreement. The board is tasked to fund services and programs that are available to and benefit all residents of Volusia County.

Volusia County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board Activities

Volusia County staff, at the direction of the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board, accepted proposals for programs, projects and services related to abating the opioid crisis from 4/19/2024 to 5/20/2024. Proposals were examined by the Advisory Board and the board held a meeting on 6/21/2024 to evaluate proposals and make recommendations of award. The board determined it will recommend funding for 10 applicant agencies.

The Advisory Board's recommendation of award was presented to Volusia County Council on 10/1/2024 and 10 programs and services received awards of funding. Awarded agencies executed agreements and began planning, procuring for and implementing proposed activities.

Daytona Beach Shores Department of Public Safety

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Other Strategies - Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$25,000

Project Summary

Funding for procurement and deployment of a Hands-Free CPR device to be strategically implemented in the Daytona Beach Shores Emergency Medical Services response unit. The hands-free CPR device will provide consistent, high-quality chest compressions during cardiac arrest events, particularly those related to opioid overdoses, reducing provider fatigue and allowing for more comprehensive patient care. This equipment will enable sustained cardiopulmonary resuscitation efforts during extended emergency response situations where manual CPR quality may deteriorate, ultimately improving survival rates and minimizing neurological deficits in cardiac arrest patients.

Implementation and Timeline

Daytona Beach Shores Department of Public Safety received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$25,000.00, for a one-year term of funding on 10/1/2024. The contractor has procured hands-free CPR device and is ongoing with staff training for device implementation.

Timeline:

Months 1-4- Completed

- Equipment procurement and vendor selection
- Device delivery and initial setup

Months 5-8- Ongoing

- Staff training and certification programs for EMTs and Paramedics
- Device placement in-service on ALS vehicle
- Full deployment and operational status

Months 9-12

- Ongoing monitoring, maintenance, and data collection
- Quarterly performance reviews and reporting

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced emergency response capabilities for cardiac arrest emergencies, particularly those related to opioid overdoses
- **Short-term Goals:** Increased Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) rates during on-scene cardiac arrest incidents
- **Intermediate Goals:** Improved survival rates and reduced neurological deficits for cardiac arrest patients in the service area
- **Long-term Objectives:** Minimized morbidity and mortality from cardiac complications requiring sustained CPR intervention
- **Community Benefit:** Enhanced public safety response capacity serving approximately 6,000 Daytona Beach Shores residents and up to 25,000 visitors during peak events, with an estimated 15 individuals per year directly benefiting from the device

Foundations to Freedom, Inc.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses - Prevent overdose deaths and other harms, support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$479,380

Project Summary: Funding to expand Foundations to Freedom's parent and children recovery program through the addition of specialized staff including a Certified Addictions Counselor and Certified Peer Recovery Specialist. The expansion will enhance in-house counseling capabilities and provide intensive peer support services to parents working toward reunification with their children. Additionally, the project includes deployment of Narcan vending machines to increase

community access to overdose reversal medication, with the first machine installed at the DeLand campus and a second location to be determined in year two. The program will provide housing scholarships to reduce barriers to program entry and includes comprehensive wraparound services to support successful family reunification and long-term recovery.

Implementation and Timeline

Foundations to Freedom, Inc. received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$479,380.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor is in the process of recruiting qualified staff and preparing for implementation. While no expenditures have been made to date, the agency will submit reimbursement claims beginning with County Fiscal Year Quarter 4 (July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025) by October 31, 2025.

Timeline:

Months 1-2- Completed

- Hire two new Certified Recovery Peer Support Specialists
- Hire Certified Addictions Counselor
- Order and install first Narcan vending machine at DeLand administrative offices
- Install Narcan supplies and usage instructions provided by community partners
- Obtain independent Grant Evaluator
- Establish data collection and tracking systems

Months 3-6- Completed

- Begin intensive peer support services (5 hours per week per parent)
- Initiate weekly individual counseling sessions
- Implement housing scholarship program
- Commence quarterly staff training programs
- Conduct dedicated staff meetings for parent and children program

Months 7-12

- Continue service delivery to first cohort of 25 parents
- Conduct mid-year program evaluation with Grant Evaluator
- Identify and secure location for second Narcan vending machine
- Implement program improvements based on evaluation findings
- Submit annual progress report to Advisory Board

Months 13-24

- Install second Narcan vending machine at identified location
- Serve second cohort of 25 parents
- Continue ongoing services and supervision

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced recovery support services for parents with children in the child welfare system, increased access to addiction counseling, and improved community access to overdose reversal medication
- **Short-term Goals:** Increased parent engagement in recovery services, achievement of DCF interim benchmarks for reunification, and community awareness of Narcan availability
- **Intermediate Outcomes:** Successful family reunifications, completion of recovery program phases, peer workforce development, and increased Narcan distribution throughout the community
- **Long-term Objectives:** Sustained recovery for parents, stable family reunifications, reduced overdose fatalities in the community, and expansion of evidence-based recovery support services
- **Community Benefit:** Strengthened families, reduced child welfare involvement, enhanced public safety through overdose prevention, and increased recovery support infrastructure serving Volusia County residents

Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Support evidence-based prevention, treatment, or recovery programs or strategies that are proven to effectively address addiction and related issues, including but not limited to addressing the needs of persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Address OUD in pregnant or parenting women; Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$207,716

Project Summary: Funding to expand existing Family Engagement (C.A.R.E.) and Healthy Start (Connect) programs through the hiring of two additional staff positions - one C.A.R.E. Specialist and one Connect Specialist. The C.A.R.E. program provides maternal SUD case management, family mentoring, nurse home visits and parenting resources to extremely high-risk families affected by substance use disorders. The Connect program provides prenatal and infant screening, coordination with local providers, intake and referral services, and home visiting programs including Doula services. Both programs target the education and prevention funding priority through maternal OUD and SUD care and family engagement, specifically addressing Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. The expanded programs will serve pregnant and postpartum women,

children up to 3 years old, and their families, providing comprehensive outreach, education, and intensive services to increase healthcare access and ensure healthy pregnancy and birth outcomes.

Implementation and Timeline

Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$207,716.00, for a two-year term of funding on 10/1/2024. The contractor will begin recruitment and hiring processes for the two additional specialist positions and initiate expanded service delivery. The agency commits \$65,525 in leveraged resources to support program operations including supervision, occupancy, communications, and participant assistance.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Completed

- Staff recruitment and hiring for C.A.R.E. and Connect Specialist positions
- Staff training and certification programs
- Development of enhanced referral networks and partnerships
- Implementation of expanded screening and intake procedures

Months 4-6- Completed

- Full deployment of additional staff capacity
- Begin serving expanded participant caseloads
- Initiate Plans of Safe Care development for high-risk families

Months 6-24- Ongoing

- Ongoing service delivery and case management
- Continuous data collection and program monitoring
- Regular coordination meetings with DCF, hospitals, and community partners
- Quarterly reporting and program evaluation

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced capacity to serve families affected by substance use disorders through additional specialized staff positions
- **Short-term Goals:** 140 C.A.R.E. participants will receive Plans of Safe Care, 168 C.A.R.E. participants will be connected to medical provider homes (68 prenatal/100 infant), 1,428 Connect participants will receive education information for cessation, prevention, and/or treatment, 1,260 Connect participants will be connected to medical provider homes (504 prenatal/756 infant)
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced incidence of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in Volusia County, Improved maternal and infant health outcomes for substance-affected families,

Increased connection to ongoing medical care and support services, Enhanced coordination between healthcare providers, DCF, and community agencies

- **Community Benefit:** Strengthened system of care for vulnerable pregnant women, mothers, and infants affected by substance use disorders, contributing to overall community health and reduced healthcare costs associated with untreated substance use during pregnancy

Largest Heart Corporation

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Support evidence-based prevention, treatment, or recovery programs or strategies that are proven to effectively address addiction and related issues, including but not limited to addressing the needs of persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Education to prevent addiction, Prevent overdose deaths and other harms, Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services

Total Contract Amount: \$176,600

Project Summary: Funding for the "Test Before You Try" fentanyl prevention and awareness program designed to address the urgent opioid crisis in Volusia County through targeted fentanyl testing and comprehensive education and prevention initiatives. The program provides free fentanyl test kits to the public through multiple distribution channels including community events, mail distribution, and community partnerships. Each test kit includes instructions, scoop, and 5 test strips with QR codes linking to educational materials. The program aims to reduce overdose deaths and trauma, educate the community about fentanyl dangers (the #1 killer among 18-44-year-olds), and empower stakeholders including law enforcement, teachers, and EMTs with life-saving technology that quickly identifies fentanyl substances. Through comprehensive outreach, education, and prevention activities, the program addresses Volusia County's priorities for opioid abatement funding while providing measurable harm reduction and community safety benefits.

Implementation and Timeline

Largest Heart Corporation received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$176,600.00, for a two-year term of funding on 10/1/2024. The contractor will begin procurement of raw materials for test kit manufacturing, website development, and comprehensive community outreach and education initiatives. The program leverages existing community partnerships and establishes new collaborations to maximize distribution and educational impact.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Completed/Ongoing

- Planning and coordination activities
- Website development with QR codes and ordering system
- Procurement of raw materials for test kit manufacturing
- Establishment of community partnerships and stakeholder engagement
- Development of marketing and educational materials

Months 4-12- Completed/Ongoing

- Official program launch with kick-off event
- Begin distribution of fentanyl test kits to first responders and healthcare providers
- Start offering educational workshops and training sessions in schools, community centers, and healthcare facilities
- Community engagement through in-person events, education and distribution
- Distribution of marketing materials and awareness campaigns through local media and social media platforms
- Regular community forums and stakeholder engagement activities

Months 13-24

- Continue regular in-person events, educational materials, and program expansion
- Seek additional funding and community partnerships within Volusia County
- Conduct annual program evaluations and strategy updates

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced community access to life-saving fentanyl detection technology and increased awareness of fentanyl dangers
- **Short-term Goals:** Distribute 40,000 fentanyl test kits throughout Volusia County, Reach 400,000 individuals through community events and educational activities, Serve 100,000 individuals through partnerships and community events, Provide 300 professionals (first responders, healthcare providers) with specialized training Engage 2,500 stakeholders through community outreach and partnerships
- **Long-term Objectives:** Measurable reduction in fentanyl-related overdose deaths and emergency room visits, Decreased stigma surrounding substance use disorders, Increased community knowledge and awareness about fentanyl dangers, Enhanced safety and response capabilities for law enforcement and emergency personnel, Sustainable community-wide prevention and harm reduction infrastructure
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive fentanyl prevention and education program providing life-saving resources to individuals, families, and first responders while building community capacity for ongoing harm reduction and substance abuse prevention efforts.

L.E.A.D. - Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in evidence-based prevention programs that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports through positive law enforcement interactions

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms through evidence-based prevention education; School-based prevention programs that address substance use disorders and associated stigma; Other Strategies - Support evidence-based curricula that provide education on opioids, prescription drugs, and other substances to students and families, while building protective factors and resistance skills

Total Contract Amount: \$95,570

Project Summary

Funding for implementation of the "Too Good for Drugs" evidence-based prevention curriculum in Volusia County elementary schools serving 5th grade students. The program will provide comprehensive drug and violence prevention education delivered by trained law enforcement officers in collaboration with school personnel. This initiative will reach approximately 4,662 students across 45 elementary schools county-wide, offering 10 hours of direct instruction per student using nationally recognized, SAMHSA-approved curriculum. The program builds protective factors, develops resistance skills, and creates positive relationships between youth and law enforcement while addressing substance use prevention, including opioids, through age-appropriate education that reduces stigma and promotes healthy decision-making.

Implementation and Timeline

L.E.A.D. received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$95,570.00, for a one-year term of funding on 10/1/2024. The contractor is in the process of coordinating with local law enforcement agencies and school districts for program implementation. The vendor has been unable to implement training processes prior to the end of the school year due to scheduling with the schools. The agency has requested a contract extension to allow program implementation in June, July and August 2025. It is expected that the agency's contract will be amended from a 1-year term to a 2-year term to allow program implementation throughout the entire school year. The agency is currently coordinating with local law enforcement to register law enforcement officers for training and will conduct all necessary trainings prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Timeline:

Months 1-8- Ongoing

- Discovery meetings with local law enforcement agencies and school districts
- Training needs assessment and scheduling
- Curriculum material procurement
- Law enforcement officer recruitment and registration

Month 9

- Five-day instructor training sessions (2 training classes)
- Officer certification in Too Good for Drugs curriculum delivery
- School scheduling and classroom coordination

Months 10-12

- Program implementation in elementary schools
- Delivery of Too Good for Drugs curriculum to 5th grade students
- Pre and post-testing administration
- Ongoing technical assistance and program monitoring

Months 13-24

- Continued program delivery across remaining schools
- Data collection and evaluation
- Program monitoring and quality assurance
- Annual program evaluation and reporting

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced prevention education delivery through trained law enforcement officers in school settings
- **Short-term Goals:** Improved social and emotional competency among participating students, Increased perception of risk and harm regarding substance use, Enhanced resistance skills and self-efficacy among students, Positive law enforcement-youth relationships
- **Long-term Objectives:** 10% increase in students reporting intent to abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, Reduced incidents of substance use among participating students in schools with measurement capabilities, Decreased substance use initiation rates among target population, Improved community attitudes toward substance use prevention
- **Community Benefit:** Strengthened prevention infrastructure serving Volusia County students and families, with enhanced collaboration between law enforcement, schools, and community stakeholders in substance abuse prevention efforts

Live Love Life, Inc.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand access to evidence-based treatment including medication-assisted treatment, Support individuals in treatment and recovery through housing, transportation, and wraparound services

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms, Treat opioid use disorders through medication-assisted treatment and behavioral health services, Support mobile and community-based harm reduction programs, recovery housing assistance, transportation services, and health insurance navigation to address barriers to treatment and recovery

Total Contract Amount: \$500,000

Project Summary

Funding for comprehensive opioid use disorder treatment and harm reduction services throughout Volusia County, with particular focus on underserved and marginalized communities in urban areas such as Daytona Beach and Deltona, as well as rural communities. The program will provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to 500 patients annually, distribute 1,000 naloxone doses, 2,000 wellness kits, and 5,000 fentanyl test strips, while offering critical support services including transportation assistance (3,000 vouchers annually), recovery housing support for 50 individuals, assistance with obtaining affordable mobile devices and phone plans and comprehensive case management. This multifaceted approach addresses a wide spectrum of needs for individuals with opioid use disorders, from immediate harm reduction and overdose prevention to long-term recovery support, while reducing barriers to care through transportation, housing, and health insurance assistance.

Implementation and Timeline

Live Love Life received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$500,000.00, for a two-year term of funding on 10/1/2024. The contractor is in the process of finalizing partnerships with local healthcare providers, emergency departments, transportation services, and housing organizations for comprehensive program implementation.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Completed

- Hire additional staff including program coordinators, outreach workers, and administrative support
- Finalize partnerships with local healthcare providers, emergency departments, transportation services, and housing organizations
- Develop and order educational materials, wellness kits, and fentanyl test strips

Month 4-5- Completed

- Launch distribution of wellness kits, and fentanyl test strips
- Expand providing transportation support through Ubers and bus passes
- Initiate MAT/MAR services, including medication provision and counseling support

Month 6-7- Ongoing

- Start outreach to emergency departments, connect with individuals experiencing overdoses
- Begin providing recovery housing funds and health insurance assistance
- Expand MAT/MAR services, including medication provision and counseling support

Months 7-9

- Monitor implementation and adjustment program as needed based on feedback and data
- Continue outreach and education efforts to increase program visibility and engagement
- Host community events to promote harm reduction and recovery resources

Months 10-12

- Conduct a mid-year review to assess program impact and identify areas for improvement
- Scale up services based on demand and feedback, increasing the number of recovery kits, transportation support, and housing funds as needed
- Expand outreach efforts to cover more areas within Volusia County
- Strengthen partnerships with local organizations to enhance service delivery

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced harm reduction services and overdose prevention capabilities throughout Volusia County communities
- **Short-term Goals:** Increased access to essential harm reduction supplies and overdose reversal medications, Improved transportation access to treatment and healthcare services, Enhanced housing stability for individuals in recovery, Expanded medication-assisted treatment availability
- **Long-term Objectives:** 15% reduction in new HIV and HCV cases among people who inject drugs over, 30% increase in individuals accessing treatment services annually, 50% of uninsured program participants obtain health insurance, 25% improvement in stable housing for individuals in recovery
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive, integrated approach to addressing the opioid crisis serving Volusia County residents, with strengthened collaboration between healthcare providers, harm reduction programs, emergency departments, and community organizations to create a robust support system for individuals affected by opioid use disorders

New Smyrna Beach Police and Fire Department

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports; Support programs for people in treatment or recovery

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, Training and educational programs for healthcare providers, first responders, and other professionals

Total Contract Amount: \$135,100

Project Summary

Funding for comprehensive expansion of the New Smyrna Beach Community Outreach Unit (COU) co-responder program and emergency medical capabilities. The COU pairs law enforcement officers with masters-level mental health clinicians to address mental health crises, substance use disorders, and homelessness through crisis de-escalation, intervention, and connection to community resources.

The project includes procurement of specialized transport vehicle to safely transport individuals to treatment facilities, medical appointments, and community resources; implementation of data management software system to track client outcomes, case management, and program efficacy; professional development through specialized training and certification programs for addiction treatment and mental health intervention; and acquisition of hands-free CPR devices for fire department ambulances to improve survival rates during opioid-related cardiac emergencies.

This multi-faceted approach will enhance the community's ability to respond to opioid-related emergencies while providing comprehensive support for individuals struggling with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions.

Implementation and Timeline

New Smyrna Beach Police and Fire Department received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$135,100.00, for a one-year term of funding on 10/1/2024.

Timeline:

Months 1-2- Completed

- Vehicle procurement and vendor selection
- Software vendor selection and system configuration
- Staff enrollment in training and certification programs
- CPR device procurement and installation planning

Month 3- Completed

- Vehicle delivery and equipment installation
- Software system implementation and staff training
- Installation of hands-free CPR devices on ambulance units
- Initial staff certifications completed

Month 4-7- Ongoing

- Full deployment and operational status for all components
- Data collection systems fully operational
- Staff training and certification programs ongoing

Months 8-12

- Ongoing program operations and service delivery
- Advanced training and professional development continuation

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced emergency response capabilities for opioid-related cardiac emergencies, Improved transportation capacity for individuals in mental health and substance use crises, Implementation of comprehensive data tracking system for program evaluation
- **Short-term Goals:** Reduced frequency of Baker Act and Marchman Act transports, Increased successful linkage to behavioral health and substance treatment services, Improved survival rates for cardiac arrest patients during opioid overdose incidents, Enhanced case management and follow-up capabilities
- **Long-term Objectives:** Measurable reduction in repeat emergency calls involving mental health and substance use issues, Decreased recidivism rates for individuals served by the COU program, Reduced mortality from opioid-related complications requiring cardiac intervention, Improved long-term recovery outcomes for program participants
- **Community Benefits:** Increased public safety response capacity serving New Smyrna Beach residents and visitors, Enhanced collaboration between law enforcement, fire/EMS, and behavioral health services, Reduced burden on emergency departments and criminal justice system, Improved community-wide approach to addressing opioid use disorder and mental health crises

ReNew Recovery Café

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Support programs for people in treatment or recovery; Support recovery housing; Provide connections to care for people who use opioids and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms, support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, training for health care providers, students, and other supporting professionals, support for workforce development

Total Contract Amount: \$224,000

Project Summary

Funding for comprehensive expansion of ReNew Recovery Café's community outreach capabilities to serve Volusia County's most vulnerable populations experiencing substance use disorders, homelessness, and mental health challenges. The program will extend recovery support services beyond the walls of the established Recovery Café through targeted street outreach and community engagement.

The project includes hiring two Certified Recovery Peer Specialists to conduct weekly community outreach programming; implementation of three weekly "Community Chats" providing safe spaces for education, support, and connection building; distribution of comprehensive harm reduction supplies including Naloxone kits, fentanyl testing strips, food, and hygiene items; mobile shower services to address basic dignity needs; and specialized training for effective street outreach programming.

This evidence-based Recovery Community Organization (RCO) model specifically targets individuals experiencing barriers to treatment access, including those who are low-income, homeless, and living with active addiction. The program aligns with education and prevention priorities while providing fentanyl testing resources and stigma reduction efforts throughout Volusia County.

Implementation and Timeline

ReNew Recovery Café received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$224,000.00, for a two-year term of funding on 10/1/2024.

Timeline:

Months 1-2- Completed

- Award notification received and job postings prepared
- Recruitment and interviewing for two Certified Recovery Peer Specialists (CRPS)
- Development of training curriculum for street outreach programming
- Establishment of community partnerships and outreach locations

Month 3- Completed

- Hire two CRPS staff members for community outreach focus
- Complete specialized training for effective street outreach programming
- Finalize Community Chat locations and scheduling
- Procure outreach supplies and mobile equipment

Months 4-15- Ongoing

- Launch ongoing weekly community outreach programming
- Conduct three Community Chats per week at strategic locations
- Distribute harm reduction supplies, food, and hygiene items
- Implement mobile shower services (6 months per year)
- Reach target of 75 individuals per week (3,900 annually)
- Connect individuals to Recovery Café membership and community partners

Months 16-24

- Continue comprehensive community outreach programming
- Expand partnerships and refine service delivery
- Ongoing data collection and quarterly reporting
- Preparation for program sustainability beyond funding period

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Two trained CRPS staff members conducting weekly outreach, Established Community Chat programming at three weekly locations, Regular distribution of harm reduction supplies and educational materials, Initial relationship building with vulnerable community members
- **Short-term Goals:** Consistent engagement with 75 individuals per week through outreach services, Distribution of Naloxone kits, fentanyl testing strips, and educational materials, Measurable reduction in stigma around substance use disorders, Increased awareness of recovery resources and support options, Enhanced trust between vulnerable populations and recovery services
- **Long-term Objectives:** Total of 3,900 individuals served annually through community outreach, 180 individuals from outreach program becoming active Recovery Café

Members, Demonstrated improvement in recovery capital and social determinants of health, Reduced barriers to treatment access for low-income and homeless populations, Measurable outcomes in housing stability, substance use, and social connectedness

- **Community Benefits:** Expanded recovery support infrastructure serving all of Volusia County, Enhanced collaboration between recovery organizations and community partners, Improved public health outcomes through harm reduction and education, Cost-effective alternative to emergency interventions (\$30 per person annually vs. \$1,264+ for emergency department visits), Strengthened recovery community and reduced isolation among vulnerable populations, Evidence-based model replicable for other communities throughout Florida

Volusia County Division of Corrections

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand disposal programs and education and awareness programs, including community-based education and awareness programs; Expand treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

Schedule B: Approved Uses - Treatment; Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) combined with counseling and behavioral therapies; Residential treatment and inpatient treatment; Recovery support services such as medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and recovery housing that allow or integrate evidence-based treatment; Support for witnesses to overdose, through trauma-informed care and related services.

Total Contract Amount: \$500,000

Project Summary: Funding for the enhancement of the existing Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program at Volusia County Division of Corrections through the implementation of Sublocade (monthly buprenorphine injection) for inmates with opioid use disorder. This program will transition eligible participants from daily Suboxone administration to monthly Sublocade injections, providing extended therapeutic coverage during the critical post-release period. The initiative addresses the gap in continuity of care by ensuring inmates maintain MAT benefits for up to 30 days post-release while connecting with community treatment providers. This evidence-based approach targets the incarcerated population of approximately 1,350 inmates, with an estimated 60-65% reporting substance use at booking, and specifically serves the 20-30 inmates currently receiving daily Suboxone treatment.

Implementation and Timeline

Volusia County Division of Corrections received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$500,000.00, for a one-year term of funding on 10/1/2024. The

contractor is in the process of finalizing partnerships with community providers and establishing protocols for Sublocade administration. The agency completed the first phase of the program to include creating new and strengthening existing partnerships with community treatment providers, staff training and securing agreements with MAT medication providers. The agency experienced delays with implementation due to clients declining to enroll in the Sublocade enrollment program for the first 3 months. The agency experienced an increase of enrollees throughout January, February and March of 2025 and expect enrollee numbers to continue to increase over the coming months.

Timeline:

Months 1-2- Completed

- Finalize partnerships with community treatment providers
- Complete staff training on Sublocade administration protocols
- Establish data collection and tracking systems
- Secure 340B pricing agreements with pharmaceutical suppliers

Month 3- Completed

- Begin participant education and enrollment process
- Initiate first Sublocade injections for willing participants
- Implement pre-release care coordination protocols

Months 4-12- Ongoing

- Full program implementation with target of 35-45 monthly injections
- Ongoing monitoring and data collection
- Continuous coordination with post-release treatment providers

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced continuity of MAT services for incarcerated individuals with opioid use disorder, reducing daily medication administration burden on correctional staff
- **Short-term Goals:** Successful transition of 35-45 participants monthly from daily Suboxone to monthly Sublocade injections, improved post-release treatment engagement rates
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced recidivism rates among program participants, decreased opioid usage in the community, improved workforce stability through reduced correctional healthcare demands
- **Community Benefit:** Enhanced public safety through evidence-based treatment of opioid use disorder, reduced burden on community healthcare systems, improved successful reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals into Volusia County communities

Volusia Recovery Alliance

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms, Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$295,220

Project Summary

Funding for a comprehensive harm reduction and workplace recovery initiative that includes: Distribution of 4,000 fentanyl test strips through targeted outreach activities based on overdose data from high-risk zip codes; Delivery of 100 education and training sessions on substance use disorders, Narcan, and fentanyl test strips to community agencies, first responder agencies, and businesses reaching a minimum of 500 individuals; Implementation of a Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative in partnership with the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce, engaging 100 businesses with the goal of having 20 businesses commit to becoming Recovery Friendly Workplaces; and Distribution of 100 ONEbox™ emergency overdose reversal kits to area businesses and homeless shelters. This multi-faceted approach addresses Volusia County's significant opioid crisis through evidence-based harm reduction strategies, stigma reduction education, and innovative workplace recovery support programs.

Implementation and Timeline

Volusia Recovery Alliance received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 6/21/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$295,220.00, for a two-year term of funding on 10/1/2024. The contractor will begin implementation immediately upon contract execution, with staff assignments and supply procurement occurring within the first 30 days. The agency will submit quarterly reimbursement claims by the established deadlines throughout the contract period.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Completed

- Executive Director assigns staff to Education and Training Manager (ETM) and Education and Training Specialist (ETS) roles

- Coordinate with Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce to expand Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative
- Order fentanyl testing strips for immediate distribution at outreach activities

Months 4-6- Completed

- Complete 20 education and training courses for community agencies, first responders, and businesses
- Distribute 500 fentanyl test strips at community outreach events in high-risk zip codes identified through OD2A and VSO data
- Engage 25 businesses for Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative
- Distribute 25 ONEbox emergency overdose reversal kits to area businesses
- Secure commitments from 5 businesses to become Recovery Friendly Workplaces
- Attend coalition meetings, task force meetings, and chamber events to promote available training services

Months 7-12- Ongoing

- Complete additional 25 education and training courses
- Distribute 1,000 fentanyl test strips through targeted outreach activities
- Engage additional 25 businesses (cumulative total: 50 businesses)
- Distribute additional 25 ONEbox kits (cumulative total: 50 kits)
- Secure commitments from 5 additional businesses (cumulative total: 10 businesses)

Months 13-18

- Complete additional 25 education and training courses (cumulative total: 70 courses)
- Distribute 1,000 fentanyl test strips (cumulative total: 2,500 strips)
- Engage additional 25 businesses (cumulative total: 75 businesses)
- Distribute additional 25 ONEbox kits (cumulative total: 75 kits)
- Secure commitments from 5 additional businesses (cumulative total: 15 businesses)

Months 19-24

- Complete final 30 education and training courses to reach 100 total sessions
- Distribute final 1,500 fentanyl test strips, including 2,000 strips at Rocktoberfest event (total distribution target: 4,000 strips)
- Engage final 25 businesses to reach 100 total businesses engaged
- Distribute final 25 ONEbox kits to reach 100 total kits distributed
- Secure commitments from 5 additional businesses to reach 20 total committed businesses

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced community access to harm reduction tools through fentanyl test strip distribution, Increased knowledge of substance use disorders among first

responders, community agencies, and business stakeholders, Improved emergency response capabilities through ONEbox distribution to businesses

- **Short-term Goals:** 0.05% decrease in Volusia County overdose rate, Documented increase in SUD knowledge evidenced by pre and post-test results from 100 training sessions, 20 businesses committed to Recovery Friendly Workplace practices, Establishment of sustainable partnerships with chambers of commerce and community stakeholders
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced stigmatization of substance use disorders in the community and workplace, Decreased absenteeism in Recovery Friendly Workplaces, Improved employee performance and workplace safety in participating businesses, Development of a scalable Recovery Friendly Workplace model for implementation by other chambers of commerce in Volusia County, Sustained reduction in opioid-related overdoses and fatalities
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive harm reduction service delivery across high-risk zip codes. Enhanced workforce recovery support capacity serving employers and employees throughout Volusia County, strengthened partnerships between recovery organizations, chambers of commerce, and local businesses, Evidence-based model for addressing the opioid crisis through multi-sector collaboration

Volusia County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board Activities

Volusia County staff, at the direction of the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board, accepted proposals for programs, projects and services related to abating the opioid crisis from 10/14/2024 to 11/13/2024. Proposals were examined by the Advisory Board and the board held a meeting on 2/27/2025 to evaluate proposals and make recommendations of award. The board determined it will recommend funding for 12 applicant agencies.

The Advisory Board’s recommendation of award was presented to Volusia County Council on 2/18/2025 and 12 programs and services received funding awards. Awarded agencies executed agreements and began planning, procuring for and implementing proposed services.

Daytona Beach Shores Department of Public Safety

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Other Strategies - Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care

or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$50,000

Project Summary: Funding for procurement and deployment of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to be strategically placed in all Daytona Beach Shores Law Enforcement patrol vehicles and key city-owned facilities including parks, buildings, and public facilities. The AEDs will provide critical cardiac defibrillation capabilities during opioid-related cardiac arrests, complementing naloxone administration and CPR efforts. This equipment will enable rapid response to cardiac complications associated with opioid overdoses and improve survival rates during emergency situations where advanced life support is not immediately available.

Implementation and Timeline

Daytona Beach Shores Department of Public Safety received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2025 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$50,000.00, for a one-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor has procured the AED devices and is currently training staff for implementation. The agency expects devices will be received and placed in vehicles in June-July 2025.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Ongoing

- Equipment procurement and vendor selection
- AED installation in patrol vehicles and city facilities
- Staff training and certification programs

Month 4

- Full deployment and operational status

Months 4-12

- Ongoing monitoring, maintenance, and data collection

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced emergency response capabilities for opioid-related cardiac emergencies
- **Short-term Goals:** Improved survival rates for cardiac arrest patients during opioid overdose incidents
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced mortality from opioid-related complications requiring cardiac intervention

- **Community Benefit:** Increased public safety response capacity serving Daytona Beach Shores residents and visitors

City of Deltona Fire Department

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Other Strategies - Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$349,592.84

Project Summary: Funding for procurement and deployment of enhanced hands-free CPR devices (AutoPulse NXT systems) to be strategically distributed across all frontline and backup fire/EMS units in the City of Deltona. The AutoPulse devices will provide critical mechanical chest compression capabilities during opioid-related cardiac arrests, complementing naloxone administration and manual CPR efforts. This advanced equipment will enable consistent, high-quality compressions during cardiac complications associated with opioid overdoses and improve survival rates during emergency situations requiring extended resuscitation efforts. The project includes 12 AutoPulse NXT Starter Kits, spare batteries, service plans, and comprehensive training for all Fire/EMS personnel.

Implementation and Timeline

City of Deltona Fire Department received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$349,592.84, for a one-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor is in the process of finalizing procurement agreements with ZOLL Medical Corporation and scheduling comprehensive training for implementation.

Timeline:

Months 1-4- Ongoing

- Evaluate, price and complete preliminary agreement
- Finalize procurement specifications and contracts
- Purchase hands-free CPR devices from approved vendor

- Implement initial training with company representatives
- Deploy equipment to field units

Months 4-12

- Receive equipment and implement usage on all units
- Conduct ongoing data collection for quality assurance
- Monitor usage and ensure quality reporting via integrated software
- Quality assurance reviews with individuals and crews
- Implement needed changes and improvements as indicated by quality assurance measures

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced emergency response capabilities for opioid-related cardiac emergencies through consistent, high-quality mechanical chest compressions
- **Short-term Goals:** Improved survival rates for cardiac arrest patients during opioid overdose incidents, Enhanced knowledge and skills in hands-free CPR among Fire/EMS personnel, Improved response times and enhanced effectiveness of CPR/prehospital ROSC rates during cardiac arrest events
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced mortality from opioid-related complications requiring cardiac intervention, Continue higher prehospital ROSC and survival rates for cardiac arrest patients in community, Increased safety for crew members while decreasing risk of compression-related injuries for patients
- **Community Benefit:** Increased public safety response capacity serving Deltona residents and visitors with state-of-the-art life-saving technology and enhanced emergency medical care capabilities

Foundations to Freedom, Inc.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses - Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (Harm Reduction); Support people in treatment and recovery; Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Other Strategies - Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$483,524

Project Summary: Funding for a comprehensive opioid abatement program that combines harm reduction, recovery support, and access to essential resources for individuals in early recovery in Volusia County. The program includes strategic placement of six Naloxone vending machines in high-risk areas identified through Volusia County's Overdose and Resource Map, providing 24/7 access to lifesaving overdose reversal medications and PPE supplies. Additionally, the program establishes dedicated Case Managers and Care Coordinators to provide personalized support to clients in developing recovery plans, coordinating essential services such as counseling, healthcare, and employment resources, and addressing barriers to ensure long-term success and stability. The program also includes financial assistance for first-month recovery housing costs, monthly bus passes for transportation to critical appointments, and essential supplies such as medications, work clothing, and healthcare items to support recovery and employment goals.

Implementation and Timeline

Foundations to Freedom, Inc. received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$483,524.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor has established partnerships with Florida Department of Children and Families Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) Office for ongoing Naloxone supply and is in the process of finalizing case management staffing and vending machine procurement.

Timeline:

Months 1-7- Ongoing

- Designate and hire two Case Managers (one male, one female) and two Care Coordinators for personalized client support
- Procure Naloxone vending machines and oversee installation at six designated locations across Volusia County
- Begin quarterly reporting to grant funder on program progress, outcomes, and key performance indicators

Months 8-24

- Acquire necessary supplies and identify precise locations and installation requirements for vending machines
- Case Managers assess client progress, identify obstacles, and provide recommendations for improvement
- Care Coordinators conduct UA/BA tests, provide transportation to meetings, and support clients in staying on track with recovery goals
- Key staff collaborate with Program Evaluator to review program data, analyze outcomes, and develop action plans for continuous improvement
- Distribute monthly bus passes to clients, ensuring access to transportation for employment and essential activities

- Assist clients with obtaining medications, work attire, shoes, and other essential items to support recovery and maintain employment

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced community access to lifesaving Naloxone and PPE supplies through 24/7 vending machine availability, Immediate support for individuals in early recovery through dedicated case management and care coordination
- **Short-term Goals:** Reduced overdose deaths and increased community safety through widespread Naloxone access in high-risk areas, Improved client engagement and coordination of essential services leading to better recovery outcomes, Enhanced knowledge and skills in hands-free CPR among Fire/EMS personnel
- **Long-term Objectives:** Sustained recovery and long-term success for program participants through comprehensive support services, Clients establish stable housing, secure employment, and maintain recovery through coordinated care and essential resource provision, Reduced recidivism and improved quality of life for individuals in recovery, contributing to overall community health and safety
- **Community Benefit:** Strategic geographic distribution ensuring all Volusia County residents have access to lifesaving overdose reversal medications, Comprehensive recovery support system addressing multiple barriers to long-term success including housing, transportation, employment, and healthcare access, Evidence-based, well-structured program providing sustainable framework for recovery and support that can be replicated and expanded

Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties, Inc.
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Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses - Offer home-based wrap-around services to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH condition; Training for personnel that work with pregnant women and their families; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$421,734

Project Summary: Funding to expand two existing programs/partnerships to enhance community health nursing services, community education and training outreach for pregnant and postpartum women affected by substance use disorders or mental illness. The program adds a dedicated Community Health Nurse to the Family Engagement Program to focus specifically on pregnant

women and babies affected by SUD or mental illness, using the evidence-based Partners for a Healthy Baby Curriculum. Additionally, the program expands the existing collaborative partnership with local healthcare providers to provide education and training outreach to multi-sector providers on SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment), developing plans of safe care, and reducing stigma. The program also includes follow-up services for women receiving care, ensuring continuity of care and support throughout pregnancy and postpartum periods.

Implementation and Timeline

Healthy Start Coalition of Flagler & Volusia Counties, Inc. received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$421,734.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The organization has established partnerships with the Florida Department of Health, Volusia County Health Department and other local medical and behavioral treatment providers. The agency filled the Community Health Nurse position and is in the processes of orientation and training for the new staff member.

Timeline:

Months 1-12- Ongoing

- Develop 96 documented Plans of Safe Care for each family served (12 families per quarter for 24 months)
- CHN provides 96 health screenings to identify health concerns and provide linkage and referrals to appropriate providers and community partners (12 screenings per quarter for 24 months)
- Provide individualized training and support to 96 parents or caregivers for unique needs (12 per quarter for 24 months)
- Train 480 providers and community partners demonstrating knowledge gains related to SBIRT, developing Plans of Safe Care, stigma reduction and referral process to Volusia County providers (20 per month for 24 months)
- Support and follow up with 480 women receiving care to ensure consistent and adequate care throughout pregnancy and postpartum (20 per month for 24 months)

Months 13-24

- Continue all program activities on ongoing monthly/quarterly basis
- Maintain documentation and data collection requirements
- Conduct program evaluation and outcome assessments
- Develop sustainability plans for program continuation beyond funding term

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced prenatal and postpartum care for high-risk pregnant women affected by substance use disorders through dedicated Community Health Nursing services, Improved provider knowledge and capacity for screening, intervention, and referral services related to maternal substance use
- **Short-term Goals:** 96 documented Plans of Safe Care developed providing comprehensive safety and care coordination for families, 96 Parents/Caregivers receive individualized support to promote positive birth outcomes and family stability, 480 community partners demonstrate knowledge gains through evidence-based training on SBIRT and Plans of Safe Care development
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced rates of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) and improved birth outcomes for substance-exposed infants, Decreased maternal and infant morbidity and mortality associated with maternal substance use, Enhanced community capacity and reduced stigma surrounding maternal substance use and addiction
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive support system for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders ensuring consistent, adequate care throughout the perinatal period, Multi-sector provider network equipped with evidence-based tools and knowledge to address maternal substance use effectively, Cost savings to healthcare system through prevention of complications associated with untreated maternal substance use, reducing expensive NICU stays and long-term healthcare costs associated with poor birth outcomes

One Voice for Volusia

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Support people in treatment and recovery; Leadership, planning, and coordination/research; Support for evidence-based data collection, research, and evaluation; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Prevent misuse of opioids; Leadership, planning, and coordination/research, Support people in treatment and recovery; connect people who need help to the help they need, Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$500,000

Project Summary

Funding to develop and implement a comprehensive three-component opioid abatement strategy for Volusia County including: Establishment of an Overdose Fatality Review Board to conduct systematic reviews of overdose deaths and generate evidence-based recommendations for system improvements, expansion of Behavioral Health Navigation services to provide direct clinical support, care coordination, and referral management for individuals with substance use disorders; and Countywide Information Dissemination program targeting vulnerable populations with prevention education, harm reduction resources, and treatment connectivity. This comprehensive approach will create a data-driven system of care that addresses gaps in services, reduces overdose fatalities, and improves access to treatment and recovery resources throughout Volusia County.

Implementation and Timeline

One Voice for Volusia received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$500,000.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor will begin implementation of core activities including establishment of the Overdose Fatality Review Board, expansion of behavioral health navigation services, and initiation of information dissemination campaigns.

Proposed Timeline

Months 1-3- Ongoing

- Develop Overdose Fatality Review Board leadership team and partnerships
- Begin recruitment and training of behavioral health navigation staff
- Initiate social media and information dissemination campaigns

Months 4-12

- Convene quarterly meetings, begin case reviews, develop systematic review processes
- Launch direct clinical services, establish referral pathways, provide no-cost counseling and care coordination
- Full implementation of prevention programming for youth, parents/caregivers, and vulnerable populations

Months 13-15

- Continue quarterly OFR Board meetings with expanded case review capacity
- Maintain and expand behavioral health navigation services
- Ongoing information dissemination and prevention education efforts

Months 16-24

- Comprehensive evaluation of OFR Board recommendations and system impact
- Full integration of behavioral health navigation with county-wide referral systems

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Establishment of systematic overdose death review process, Enhanced access to behavioral health navigation services for 100+ individuals annually, Increased community awareness through targeted prevention campaigns
- **Short-term Goals:** Identification of system gaps and evidence-based recommendations from OFR Board, 75% of individuals served through behavioral health navigation will achieve successful service connections, Measurable increases in community knowledge of substance use prevention and harm reduction resources
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced overdose fatalities through implementation of OFR Board recommendations, Improved recovery outcomes through coordinated behavioral health navigation, Decreased substance use initiation among youth through targeted prevention education, Enhanced system capacity for substance use disorder treatment and recovery support
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive, data-driven approach to opioid crisis response serving all Volusia County residents, Strengthened partnerships between healthcare, law enforcement, and community organizations, Increased availability of evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery resources

Ormond Beach Police Department

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$54,385.00

Project Summary

Funding for procurement and deployment of 75 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to be strategically placed in all Ormond Beach Police Department patrol vehicles. The AEDs will provide critical cardiac defibrillation capabilities during opioid-related cardiac arrests, complementing naloxone administration and CPR efforts. This equipment will enable rapid response to cardiac complications associated with opioid overdoses and improve survival rates during emergency situations where advanced life support is not immediately available. In 2024, the Ormond Beach Police Department responded to over 30 overdose calls, with 9 becoming fatal, highlighting the critical need for enhanced emergency response capabilities.

Implementation and Timeline

Ormond Beach Police Department received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$54,385.00, for a one-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor will procure AED devices and implement comprehensive training programs for all patrol officers.

Timeline

Months 1-4- Ongoing

- Equipment procurement and vendor selection
- Administrative processing and device ordering
- Development of training protocols and procedures

Month 5

- AED devices delivered and inventoried
- Initial device testing and validation
- Assignment of department tracking numbers

Months 6-7

- Comprehensive officer training programs conducted
- AED installation in all patrol vehicles (10-15 vehicles city-wide)
- Device issuance and assignment protocols implemented
- Full deployment and operational status achieved

Months 8-12

- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance programs
- Regular equipment inspections every six months
- Battery replacement every twelve months
- Data collection and performance evaluation

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced emergency response capabilities for opioid-related cardiac emergencies, 100% coverage of patrol vehicles with life-saving AED equipment, Improved first responder preparedness for overdose complications
- **Short-term Goals:** Trained professional responders equipped with life-saving AED devices, Reduced response time for cardiac emergencies during overdose incidents, Enhanced coordination with emergency medical services
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced mortality from opioid-related cardiac complications, Improved survival rates for overdose patients experiencing cardiac arrest, Enhanced public

safety response capacity for medical emergencies, Addition of critical life-saving tools to departmental emergency response toolkit

- **Community Benefit:** Increased public safety response capacity serving Ormond Beach's 44,000 residents and thousands of annual visitors, Enhanced emergency medical response during large community events (Bike Week, Biketoberfest, NASCAR races, Spring Break), Improved coordination between law enforcement and emergency medical services

Rising Against All Odds, Inc.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Support people in treatment and recovery; Leadership, planning, and coordination/research; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Prevent misuse of opioids; Training programs and education initiatives, Support people in treatment and recovery; Connect people who need help to the help they need (connections to care), Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$500,000

Project Summary

Funding to implement a comprehensive seven-component opioid prevention and treatment initiative for western Volusia County including the purchase and renovation of a mobile health RV unit for expanded community outreach, installation of a naloxone vending machine providing 24/7 access to life-saving medication, deployment of four drug disposal boxes at partnered pharmacies to reduce excess opioid availability, public education and training programs on naloxone use, opioid misuse, and Good Samaritan laws, direct assistance helping individuals access substance use disorder treatment; and Hiring of a new Substance Use Counselor to provide comprehensive support services. This multi-faceted approach addresses the full continuum of opioid crisis response from prevention through treatment and recovery support, serving western Volusia County residents with evidence-based interventions.

Implementation and Timeline

Rising Against All Odds, Inc. received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$500,000.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The

organization will implement a phased approach beginning with infrastructure development and expanding to full-service delivery across all program components.

Timeline:

Months 1-4- Ongoing

- Collaborate with community partners to establish outreach opportunities and venue reservations
- Develop curriculum and training materials for public and school-based education programs
- Begin procurement process for supplies, equipment, and RV acquisition

Months 4-5

- Purchase and implement naloxone vending machine at RAAO headquarters (340 S Woodland Blvd, DeLand)
- Install drug disposal boxes at four RAAO-partnered pharmacies
- Define staff roles and begin recruitment for Substance Use Counselor position

Months 6-8

- Complete RV purchase, renovation, and implementation of mobile health unit
- Hire and train new Substance Use Counselor
- Launch public training programs on naloxone use and Good Samaritan laws

Months 9-12

- Implement direct assistance services for SUD treatment access
- Conduct at least 50 additional outreach events using mobile RV unit

Months 13-17

- Continue comprehensive analysis and program monitoring
- Expand naloxone distribution goals to reach 1,000 additional units
- Maintain ongoing community education programs

Months 18-20

- Complete target of educating 100 adults on substance abuse dangers
- Achieve goal of 100 additional community outreach events
- Monitor and evaluate all program components for effectiveness

Months 21-24

- Conduct final program evaluation and outcome measurement
- Prepare sustainability planning and continuation strategies
- Complete data collection and impact assessment for all seven program components

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced community access to naloxone through 24/7 vending machine availability, Reduced excess opioid availability through strategic medication disposal box placement, Increased mobile outreach capacity through RV deployment, Direct treatment access support for individuals with substance use disorders
- **Short-term Goals:** Distribution of 1,000+ additional naloxone units beyond previous RAAO distribution, Education of at least 100 adults children on substance abuse prevention, Completion of 100+ additional community outreach events, Successful connection of 20+ Volusia County residents to opioid treatment services
- **Long-term Objectives:** Sustained reduction in opioid-related injury and death in west Volusia County, Decreased number of accidental poisonings through education initiatives, Improved community knowledge and utilization of naloxone and harm reduction resources, Enhanced access and reduced inequity in SUD treatment services, Strengthened community partnerships supporting comprehensive opioid response
- **Community Benefit:** Expanded prevention and treatment capacity serving western Volusia County's most vulnerable populations, Evidence-based, multi-component approach addressing prevention, harm reduction, and treatment, Enhanced coordination between healthcare, education, and community organizations, Increased availability of culturally competent substance use counseling services, Comprehensive support system spanning prevention through recovery

ReNew Recovery Cafe

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports; Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Support People in Treatment and Recovery, Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms, Increase availability and public education regarding overdoses

Total Contract Amount: \$350,000

Project Summary

Funding for the implementation of "Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World" program, a 16-session workshop series providing people who are motivated to get out of poverty with the tools and support necessary. The program is intended to teach people how to increase their income, decrease debt, become more self-sufficient, decrease social services assistance, and increase awareness of dental, vision, medical and financial services available in Volusia County. This evidence-based program will empower individuals facing poverty to understand the "hidden rules" of economic class, identify their existing resources, and develop a personalized plan to move towards self-sufficiency while addressing underlying factors that contribute to substance use disorders and breaking the cycle of generational and situational poverty.

Implementation and Timeline

ReNew Recovery Cafe received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$350,000.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor will begin program implementation immediately upon contract execution, focusing on recruiting and training staff, developing participant materials, and establishing community partnerships to provide educational services for key components of the program.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Ongoing

- Recruit, hire, and train program staff
- Create participant material and program marketing collateral
- Purchase workbooks and class materials
- Connect with community partners for commitments to provide educational services

Months 4-12

- Review participant applications and assist with enrollment activities
- Facilitation of Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World program begins
- Ongoing monitoring, data collection, and program evaluation

Months 13-18

- Training for participants selected to be facilitators
- Continue facilitation of Getting Ahead program with expanded capacity
- Review participant applications and assist with enrollment activities

Months 19-24

- Continue program facilitation and data collection
- Complete final review of program outcomes over the two-year period

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced community outreach for neighbors experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders through evidence-based programming
- **Short-term Goals:** Improved participant outcomes including increased income, decreased debt, improved financial literacy, and enhanced access to healthcare and support services
- **Long-term Objectives:** Breaking the cycle of generational and situational poverty, reduced substance use disorders, improved housing stability, and increased community engagement among participants
- **Community Benefit:** Increased recovery support capacity serving Volusia County residents, particularly those experiencing the intersection of poverty, homelessness, and substance use disorders

SMA Healthcare, Inc.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families, Fund evidence-based prevention programs in schools and community education programs

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Increase availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses, Fund evidence-based prevention programs in schools and community education programs, Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with OUD, Use of MAT to treat Opioid Use Disorder, Support recovery and sober living

Total Contract Amount: \$138,500

Project Summary:

SMA Healthcare will implement a comprehensive five-component opioid abatement strategy targeting prevention, treatment, and recovery support services throughout Volusia County. The project includes: (1) Placement of five naloxone vending machines at SMA treatment sites to provide 24/7 access to life-saving overdose reversal medication; (2) Implementation of evidence-based prevention curriculum "This is Not About Drugs" in middle and high schools with distribution of prevention materials at community events; (3) Training of 15 clinical staff in specialized evidence-based treatment approaches (EMDR and/or ART) to enhance treatment outcomes for individuals with opioid use disorders and co-occurring trauma; (4) Purchase of medical equipment including mini refrigerators, Dinomap vital sign machines, and exam tables to improve quality of care at two MAT clinic locations; and (5) Development of a voucher system providing financial assistance to uninsured clients for medications, temporary housing, utilities, transportation, and other essential recovery support services.

Implementation and Timeline

SMA Healthcare received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$138,500.00, for a one-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor will utilize its senior leadership responsible for prevention, treatment, and MAT clinics to coordinate implementation across all program components.

Timeline:

Months 1-6- Ongoing

- Procurement and placement of five naloxone vending machines at designated SMA locations
- Purchase and installation of medical equipment at both MAT clinic sites
- Initiate EMDR/ART training for 15 professional counselors
- Begin procurement of prevention curriculum materials

Months 3-12- Ongoing

- Full deployment of naloxone vending machines with ongoing maintenance and restocking
- Implementation of "This is Not About Drugs" prevention curriculum delivery (minimum 12 presentations)
- Complete staff training in evidence-based treatment approaches
- Launch voucher system for client recovery support services
- Distribute 12,000 prevention materials at community events

Months 4-12

- Monthly monitoring of naloxone distribution and usage data
- Quarterly reporting on prevention curriculum reach and outcomes
- Continuous client services and voucher program operation
- Equipment maintenance and program evaluation

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced access to naloxone through strategically placed vending machines providing 24/7 availability, Improved quality of care at MAT clinics through upgraded medical equipment, Increased community awareness through prevention education initiatives
- **Short-term Goals:** Distribution of 1,000 naloxone doses through vending machine network, Delivery of prevention curriculum to middle and high school students reaching significant youth population, Training completion for 15 clinical staff in evidence-based trauma treatment approaches, Financial assistance provided to clients removing barriers to recovery

- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduced opioid overdose deaths through increased naloxone accessibility, Decreased substance use initiation among youth through comprehensive prevention programming, Improved treatment outcomes for clients with opioid use disorders and co-occurring conditions, Enhanced recovery success rates through comprehensive support services
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive opioid abatement strategy serving residents across multiple Volusia County locations, Strengthened continuum of care from prevention through treatment and recovery support, Improved capacity of local healthcare system to address opioid use disorders, Evidence-based approaches addressing multiple aspects of the opioid crisis

Volusia County Emergency Medical Services

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis, Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater expertise

Total Contract Amount: \$100,360.05

Project Summary:

Volusia County Emergency Medical Services will deploy mechanical CPR assist devices (LUCAS 3 Chest Compression Systems) on remaining Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances and Quick Response Vehicles (QRVs) to enhance emergency response capabilities for opioid-related cardiac emergencies. The project will provide funding for the procurement of five (5) LUCAS devices, five (5) desktop battery chargers, and five (5) spare batteries, enabling EMS units to provide continuous, high-quality chest compressions during opioid overdose incidents where patients are not breathing and lack a pulse. These devices will significantly improve survival outcomes by delivering consistent mechanical CPR during extended transport times to definitive care, supporting the Chain of Survival for overdose patients requiring cardiac intervention. The enhanced capabilities will reduce response times for time-critical emergencies and ensure the closest EMS resource can initiate life-saving interventions, including naloxone administration and mechanical CPR, more effectively upon arrival at overdose scenes.

Implementation and Timeline

Volusia County Emergency Medical Services received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$100,360.05, for a one-year term of funding on

2/18/2025. The EMS Division will promptly place the newly acquired CPR-assist devices on Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances and Quick Response Vehicles as soon as they are received and tagged as County assets.

Timeline:

Months 1-4- Ongoing

- Receive approval of award and finalize procurement documentation
- Process purchase orders and coordinate with vendor (Stryker) for device delivery

Months 3-4

- Receive delivery of five (5) LUCAS devices, chargers, and spare batteries from vendor
- Expected delivery timeframe of 90-120 days from purchase date
- Tag and process equipment as County assets

Month 5

- Deploy LUCAS devices on Basic Life Support ambulances and Quick Response Vehicles
- Complete staff training on device deployment and operation
- Implement devices into active emergency response operations

Months 6-12

- Full operational deployment across service area
- Ongoing monitoring of device utilization and clinical performance indicators
- Quarterly reporting on overdose response outcomes and device effectiveness

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced emergency response capabilities for opioid-related cardiac emergencies through deployment of five mechanical CPR devices, Improved ability for closest EMS units to provide immediate life-saving interventions at overdose scenes, Increased likelihood of positive outcomes for overdose patients experiencing cardiac arrest
- **Short-term Goals:** Deployment of high-performance CPR technology on all remaining Basic Life Support ambulances and Quick Response Vehicles, Improved Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) rates for overdose patients in cardiac arrest, Enhanced integration of mechanical CPR with naloxone administration protocols, Reduced response times through optimal deployment of equipped emergency vehicles
- **Long-term Objectives:** Improved survival rates for opioid overdose patients experiencing cardiac complications, Enhanced quality of CPR delivery during extended transport periods to definitive care, Strengthened Chain of Survival response for overdose emergencies requiring cardiac intervention, Reduced morbidity and mortality from opioid-related cardiac arrests
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive emergency medical response capability serving all Volusia County residents and visitors, enhanced public safety response capacity for opioid-

related emergencies, Improved emergency medical system readiness for high-acuity overdose incidents, Evidence-based emergency response supporting optimal patient outcomes during critical opioid emergencies

Volusia Recovery Alliance, Inc

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Other Strategies - Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions; Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions; Provide/support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD

Total Contract Amount: \$334,856

Project Summary:

Funding for comprehensive harm reduction and recovery housing support services including procurement and deployment of Narcan vending machines strategically placed throughout Volusia County at identified overdose hotspots. The program will install 10 Narcan vending machines in year one and 10 additional machines in year two for a total of 20 machines, providing 24/7 access to life-saving naloxone kits. Additionally, the program will provide Recovery Housing Supports for up to 50 individuals per year (100 total over the two-year grant term) with Substance Use Disorders, offering stable housing assistance to support long-term recovery. The initiative includes peer support services, outreach and engagement activities, and connections to treatment and recovery resources within the community.

Implementation and Timeline

Volusia Recovery Alliance received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$334,856.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor will begin implementation upon contract execution and will submit quarterly reimbursement claims according to the established reporting schedule.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Ongoing

- Narcan vending machine procurement and vendor selection
- Site identification and preparation for 10 vending machine installations
- Staff training and certification programs for Recovery Housing Supports
- Outreach program development and community partnerships establishment

Months 4-6

- Installation of first 10 Narcan vending machines at identified hotspots
- Begin providing Recovery Housing Supports to initial cohort of participants
- Launch peer support services and outreach activities
- Data collection system implementation

- **Months 7-12**

- Full operation of year one vending machines with weekly restocking
- Provide Recovery Housing Supports to up to 50 individuals
- Ongoing peer support programming and community engagement
- Quarterly data reporting and program evaluation

Months 13-15

- Site preparation and installation of additional 10 Narcan vending machines
- Continue Recovery Housing Supports for second cohort of up to 50 individuals
- Program expansion and enhancement based on year one outcomes

Months 16-24

- Full deployment and operational status of all 20 vending machines
- Ongoing Recovery Housing Supports and peer services
- Comprehensive data collection and analysis
- Final program evaluation and sustainability planning

Expected Outcomes

Immediate Impact: Enhanced community access to life-saving naloxone through strategically placed vending machines, Increased availability of recovery housing supports for individuals with substance use disorders, Strengthened peer support networks and recovery community connections

Short-term Goals: Provide access to 18,720 Narcan kits over the two-year period (4,368 in year 1, 10,608 in year 2, and additional 3,744 from hotspot distribution) Assist 100 individuals with Recovery Housing Supports over the grant term, Reduce opioid overdose deaths by 5% in targeted zip code areas, Achieve 85% success rate for individuals transitioning into stable Recovery Housing

Long-term Objectives: Decrease overall opiate overdoses by 5% over the two-year grant period, Establish sustainable Narcan distribution network throughout Volusia County, Create lasting recovery housing support infrastructure, Build community capacity for ongoing harm reduction and recovery services

Community Benefit: Increased public safety and harm reduction capacity serving all Volusia County residents, Enhanced recovery support services for vulnerable populations, Strengthened community partnerships and collaborative approach to addressing opioid crisis, Evidence-based model for future expansion and replication

Youth Emotional Support (Y.E.S)

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Expand counseling to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MAT; Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including counseling

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of MAT; Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including counseling; Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members

Total Contract Amount: \$200,000

Project Summary: Funding for comprehensive Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) training program and establishment of the "Sweet Pea Fund" to address opioid addiction and related mental health challenges in Volusia County. The initiative will expand DBT training for therapeutic staff, enabling therapists to effectively support individuals struggling with opioid addiction through evidence-based therapeutic interventions. Additionally, the Sweet Pea Fund will provide financial assistance for individuals and families facing barriers to accessing counseling services, ensuring immediate and accessible mental health support for those in crisis situations where affordability prevents treatment access.

Implementation and Timeline

Youth Emotional Support (Y.E.S) received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 12/16/2024 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$200,000.00, for a two-year term of funding on 2/18/2025. The contractor is in the process of partnering with PsyWire to develop training curriculum and establishing Sweet Pea Fund application processes.

Timeline:

Months 1-6- Ongoing

- Partner with PsyWire to finalize DBT training curriculum and schedule
- Recruit and identify therapists across Volusia County for DBT training
- Develop Sweet Pea Fund application processes and committee structure
- Communicate training opportunities to qualified mental health providers
- Begin DBT training program delivery

Months 7-12

- Continue DBT training sessions for practitioners
- Launch Sweet Pea Fund and begin accepting applications
- Establish partnerships with local healthcare providers, schools, and community organizations
- Begin providing direct counseling services through trained DBT therapists
- Monitor and evaluate training completion rates and participant feedback

Months 13-18

- Expand DBT training to additional practitioners
- Provide ongoing training and resources for DBT practitioners
- Scale Sweet Pea Fund operations to serve increased demand
- Conduct community awareness campaigns about DBT benefits and available services
- Evaluate client outcomes and program effectiveness

Months 19-24

- Complete comprehensive program evaluation and outcome measurement
- Ensure sustainability planning and continued funding strategies
- Provide final training sessions and certification completion
- Document best practices and lessons learned for future replication
- Submit final reporting and program documentation

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced capacity of local practitioners to support individuals facing opioid addiction through evidence-based DBT therapeutic interventions
- **Short-term Goals:** Train at least 30 therapeutic staff members in DBT techniques within the first year, Establish Sweet Pea Fund providing financial assistance for counseling services to at least 100 individuals or families in need, Increase community awareness of DBT benefits and available services to at least 500 community members
- **Long-term Objectives:** Achieve 70% of participants reporting improved emotional regulation and reduced substance use, Create sustainable support network for individuals struggling with opioid addiction through enhanced training and financial accessibility,

Reduce barriers to mental health treatment through ongoing DBT practitioner development and direct financial assistance

- **Community Benefit:** Increased access to specialized addiction and mental health treatment services serving Volusia County residents, with particular focus on addressing underlying mental health issues that often drive substance use and fostering long-term recovery and community well-being

Volusia County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board Activities

Volusia County staff, at the direction of the Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board, accepted proposals for programs, projects and services related to abating the opioid crisis from 12/19/2024 to 2/3/2025. Proposals were examined by the Advisory Board and the board held a meeting on 2/27/2025 to evaluate proposals and make recommendations of award. The board determined it will recommend funding for 3 applicant agencies.

The Advisory Board's recommendation of award was presented to Volusia County Council on 4/1/2025 and 3 programs and services received awards of funding. Awarded agencies executed agreements and began planning, procuring for and implementing proposed services.

First Step Shelter, Inc.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Expand counseling to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MAT; Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including counseling

Schedule B: Approved Uses - Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of MAT; Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including counseling; Engage non-profits, faith-based communities, and community coalitions to support people in treatment and recovery and to support family members

Total Contract Amount: \$339,487

Project Summary: Funding for comprehensive expansion of evidence-based treatment and recovery support services for individuals experiencing homelessness with opioid use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions. The program will enhance Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services through psychiatric support and group counseling, expand Recovery Support Peer Services including additional NA/AA groups and one-on-one counseling, and provide Certified Peer Recovery Coach training for up to 32 clients annually. These integrated services will provide wrap-around support including housing assistance, employment training, and intensive case management to break the cycle of homelessness and addiction while promoting long-term recovery and community reintegration.

Implementation and Timeline

First Step Shelter, Inc. received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 2/27/2025 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$339,487.00, for a two-year term of funding on 4/1/2025. The contractor is in the process of partnering with Volusia Recovery Alliance and Outreach Community Care Network to enhance service delivery and preparing office space and technology systems for expanded programming. While initial planning and partnerships are being established, the agency will implement new services and submit reimbursement claims.

Timeline:

Months 1-6- Ongoing

- Prepare for new case manager and professional services by preparing office space and purchasing programming computers
- Advertise, interview, background check, hire, and on-board new case manager
- Start and continue MAT screenings, treatment, and group counseling with Outreach Community Care Network
- Start and continue Peer Recovery Support Services with Volusia Recovery Alliance
- Continue on-going Health and Housing Program at First Step Shelter

Months 7-12

- Create google forms and ready HMIS for new data collection processes
- Start program and financial reporting for grant outcomes and outputs
- Continue enhanced MAT services with increased psychiatric support and group therapy sessions
- Expand peer recovery support services to include additional 20 hours per week of activities and one-on-one counseling

Months 13-18

- Continue MAT screenings, treatment, and group counseling with Outreach Community Care Network
- Continue Peer Recovery Support Services with Volusia Recovery Alliance
- Continue on-going Health and Housing Program at First Step Shelter
- Provide quarterly data reporting on grant outcomes and client progress
- Maintain enhanced service delivery with full programming implementation

Months 19-24

- Continue enhanced services throughout final year of grant term
- Conduct comprehensive program evaluation and outcome assessment
- Develop transition plans for continued service delivery beyond grant period

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced emergency response and treatment capacity for individuals experiencing homelessness with opioid use disorders through expanded MAT services and peer recovery support
- **Short-term Goals:** Serve 157 clients annually, including 112 with history of OUD and/or co-occurring SUD/MH disorders to complete program and obtain housing, Provide MAT services to at least 74 unique individuals annually with 40% achieving sustained recovery outcomes, Achieve 80% success rate in Recovery Support Peer Services with participants not relapsing or overdosing within two years
- **Long-term Objectives:** Reduce chronic homelessness among individuals with opioid use disorders by providing comprehensive treatment and housing support, Create sustainable peer recovery network within the community through trained coaches and ongoing support services, Demonstrate cost savings to Volusia County through reduced emergency service utilization and improved housing stability
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive continuum of care for Volusia County's most vulnerable population experiencing both homelessness and addiction, with integrated services addressing housing, employment, mental health, and substance use disorders to promote long-term recovery and community reintegration

Hearthstone Fellowship Foundation, Inc.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of MAT; Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including counseling

Schedule B: Approved Uses - Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of MAT; Provide the full continuum of care of treatment and recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including counseling; Collaborative efforts between emergency responders, law enforcement, and substance abuse providers; Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including supportive housing, recovery housing, housing assistance programs, training for housing providers, or recovery housing programs that allow or integrate FDA-approved medication with other support services

Total Contract Amount: \$483,687

Project Summary: Funding for comprehensive expansion of evidence-based outpatient substance abuse treatment services and recovery housing programs for individuals with opioid use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions. The program will expand treatment capacity from 100 to 225 clients through enhanced group therapy sessions, telehealth services, and trauma-informed care approaches. Additionally, the initiative will increase recovery housing capacity by expanding Peabody House from 10 to 30 beds over two years, providing safe, sober living environments that integrate FDA-approved medications with comprehensive support services. The program includes fentanyl testing capabilities, drug abuse response team coordination, and workforce development for addiction professionals to ensure sustainable, high-quality care delivery across Volusia County.

Implementation and Timeline

Hearthstone Fellowship Foundation, Inc. received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 2/27/2025 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$483,687.00, for a two-year term of funding on 4/1/2025. The contractor is in the process of expanding current infrastructure, procedures and staff to implement increased client and resident capacity while maintaining existing high standards of care.

Timeline:

Months 1-6- Ongoing

- Begin development and expansion of programs, services and housing for implementation of services for OUD and/or SUD/MH conditions
- Continue to enhance and improve current program and services using evidence-based practices
- Initiate expansion of Peabody House recovery housing from 10 to 20 beds
- Enhance group therapy programming and telehealth service delivery capabilities
- Begin workforce development programs for addiction professionals

Months 7-12

- Expand availability of treatment to provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- Expand evidence-based services for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions adherent to ASAM continuum of care
- Implement enhanced telehealth services to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- Continue recovery housing expansion and trauma treatment program development
- Establish fentanyl testing protocols and drug abuse response team coordination

Months 13-18

- Complete Peabody House expansion to full 30-bed capacity
- Expand trauma treatment for individuals with OUD including violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, or adverse childhood experiences

- Enhance workforce development support for addiction professionals working with persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions
- Fully implement telehealth and group therapy expansion programs
- Conduct mid-program evaluation and outcome assessment

Months 19-24

- Achieve full operational capacity serving 225 clients with expanded treatment and housing services
- Complete comprehensive program evaluation and outcome documentation
- Develop sustainability planning for continued service delivery beyond grant period
- Submit final reporting and program documentation
- Establish long-term partnerships and funding strategies for program continuation

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced treatment capacity and access to evidence-based services for individuals with opioid use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions through expanded outpatient treatment and recovery housing
- **Short-term Goals:** Expand treatment services from 100 to 225 clients with comprehensive wrap-around services including housing, telehealth, and trauma-informed care, Increase recovery housing capacity from 10 to 30 beds providing safe, structured sober living environments, Implement fentanyl testing and drug abuse response team coordination to prevent overdoses and improve emergency response, Train and support 200 additional individuals through workforce development programs for addiction professionals
- **Long-term Objectives:** Achieve sustainable treatment and recovery outcomes for individuals with OUD through comprehensive continuum of care services, Demonstrate cost savings to Volusia County through reduced incarceration costs (estimated at \$40,540.55 per year per individual) and improved community health outcomes, Create lasting infrastructure improvements and workforce capacity for ongoing addiction treatment services
- **Community Benefit:** Comprehensive expansion of evidence-based addiction treatment services serving all Volusia County residents, with particular focus on providing the full continuum of care including outpatient treatment, recovery housing, trauma services, and professional workforce development to address the opioid crisis through sustainable, high-quality interventions that promote long-term recovery and community safety

The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia

Schedule A: Core Strategies

Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families; Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports

Schedule B: Approved Uses

Prevent overdose deaths and other harms; Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise; Other Strategies - Support mobile units that offer or provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services to persons that use opioids or persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

Total Contract Amount: \$500,000

Project Summary: Funding for the comprehensive Steps Program designed to identify and connect individuals with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and Mental Health Disabilities (MHD) to housing, treatment, and supportive services to prevent relapse, recidivism, and homelessness. The program will operate a designated group home facility housing up to 8 participants at a time, providing transitional housing with wraparound services including daily case management, transportation to resources, outpatient treatment connections, and provision of essential items for stabilization and success. The program includes dedicated outreach efforts in partnership with DeLand Police Department and Volusia County Law Enforcement to identify and engage a minimum of 30 homeless individuals with SUD/MHD, connecting them to housing and other necessary resources.

Implementation and Timeline

The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia received a recommendation of award from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Advisory Board on 2/27/2025 and an award of funding from the Volusia County Council in the amount of \$500,000.00, for a two-year term of funding on. The contractor is in the process of hiring program staff, securing housing facilities, and establishing partnerships for implementation.

Timeline:

Months 1-3- Ongoing

- Staff recruitment and hiring (Program Director, Case Managers, Outreach Worker)
- Staff training and certification programs
- Housing facility staging and office setup
- Partnership agreements with law enforcement and treatment providers
- Initial supply procurement and vehicle acquisition

Month 4

- Full program deployment and operational status
- Begin housing placements with initial participants
- Initiate outreach activities with law enforcement partnerships

Months 4-24

- Ongoing program operations with continuous participant intake and placement
- Ongoing training and professional development for staff
- Continuous collaboration with community partners and stakeholders

Expected Outcomes

- **Immediate Impact:** Enhanced community response capabilities for individuals with SUD/MHD experiencing homelessness, Reduced emergency service utilization through proactive intervention and housing stabilization
- **Short-term Goals:** House minimum of 16 participants over the program term, Connect minimum of 30 homeless individuals to housing and services through outreach efforts, Achieve 75% program completion rate for housed participants
- **Long-term Objectives:** Overall reduction of homelessness in West Volusia County, Reduced recidivism rates among program participants, Sustainable recovery outcomes and community reintegration, Prevention of relapse and return to homelessness
- **Community Benefit:** Decreased public safety incidents related to homelessness and substance use, Reduced strain on emergency services and healthcare systems, Enhanced coordination between law enforcement, healthcare, and social services, Improved quality of life for vulnerable community members and the broader West Volusia community

Volusia County Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board Activities

The advisory board held a meeting on 2/27/2025 and determined eligibility criteria and proposed next meeting dates. The board determined it will open a subsequent cycle to receive proposals. The application cycle was published on 5/19/2025 and will close on 6/20/2025. The advisory board will meet on 8/13/2025 to examine and score proposals and make funding recommendations.

It is expected that agencies receiving recommendations of award will be presented to Volusia County Council in October 2025. Agencies receiving funding awards will execute contracts and begin program implementation. At the meeting of 8/13/2025 the advisory board will further determine the timeline for subsequent application periods, funding amounts and eligibility criteria.