

OPIOID REMEDIATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS 2023 OUTCOMES REPORT

Harm Reduction & Prevention (Round 1) Funding Overview & Successes

- Contract period: March 1, 2023-February 29, 2024
- \$1.2 Million was allocated to 7 organizations and to support a communication campaign
 - 70% of funds went to harm reduction efforts across St. Louis County in 2023
 - 30% of funds went to youth prevention programming in 2023
 - Provided \$120,000 towards communication campaign that launched in 2024
- Presented on subcommittee work and funding implementation
 - October 2023 at Statewide MN Prevention Sharing Conference
 - December 2023 at the Association for MN Counties Meeting
- Met quarterly with all organizations to provide space for connection, celebrate successes and work through barriers

Communication Campaign Updates

- Incorporating the One Pill Can Kill materials from the US Drug Enforcement Administration in the campaign launch during April & May 2024
- Contracting for 8 billboards around St. Louis County between April - August 2024
 - example image below
- Providing weekly emails for broad distribution highlighting harm reduction focused resources
- Including multiple social media posts on Chemical Awareness Prevention & Education (CAPE) Coalition and St. Louis County Public Health pages

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deadly decision.



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process for determining use of funds.



2023 SUCCESSES & BARRIERS

ORGANIZATION	SUCCESSES	BARRIERS
CHUM* Allocated \$94,150 To hire a street outreach worker with an emphasis on engaging the unsheltered population	Established a framework for street outreach collaboration between agencies	Difficulty hiring staff that can fill the unique position of responding to the needs of the unsheltered population
Recovery Alliance Duluth (RAD)* Allocated \$283,248 To expand outreach and recovery supports, facilitate connections to resources and treatment in northern St. Louis County communities	Provided recovery meetings virtually twice a week, including for individuals in the county jail and in transitional housing; hosted free in-person community recovery events twice a month in both north and south St. Louis County	Leadership changes and difficulty hiring staff
Rural Aids Action Network (RAAN)* Allocated \$144,468.24 To expand syringe service programming and operational hours in northern St. Louis County	Established new relationships and connections within the community; Provided support and naloxone to loved ones of people who use drugs; Began testing at the Virginia location	Difficulty hiring staff
United Way of NE MN Allocated \$34,000 To expand the Lunch Buddies mentoring program in northern St. Louis County	Doubled Lunch Buddy school partnerships from 5 in 2022-23 school year to 10 in the 2023-24 school year; increased number of mentor-mentee relationships	Ensuring parents of referred mentees complete the registration paperwork in order for students to be enrolled
Vita Nova Allocated \$300,000 To fund a transitional housing program in Duluth for people formerly incarcerated	Purchased and rehabilitated a triplex; these funds helped leverage additional funding	Slow timelines for house renovations
Wellbeing Development* Allocated \$134,957 To explore, develop, and prepare to launch a recovery residence that houses care coordination and recovery supports	Formed an advisory committee for the work; 150 individuals completed a community needs assessment; became a Naloxone Access Point; hosted a naloxone training for 15 people; had 50 people attend their sponsored Sober Fun Friday event	Securing a final space for the recovery residence has been delayed until late 2024
YWCA Duluth Allocated \$100,000 To provide naloxone and overdose training to residents and community members; implement Health Realization programming for clients	Provided services and housing for 10 young moms and 9 children; approved and trained all staff in emergency procedures; 48 people attended Health Realization classes	Due to lack of ongoing funding, Health Realization classes will not continue once opioid settlement funds are used

*Notes organizations who requested and received no-cost contract extensions to extend the use of their funding allocation through the end of 2024