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Opioid settlement grantees announced

August 19, 2024, ANCHORAGE — The Division of Public Health (DPH) has announced the grantees for the Statewide Opioid Settlement grant, part of the National Opioid Settlement funds to help Alaska's communities address the opioid epidemic. These grants represent approximately \$2.8 million that will be annually available to support a three-year program totaling almost \$8.5 million.

The grantees applied through a competitive RFP process. Final decisions on awardees were made by a committee with representatives from DPH, the Division of Behavioral Health, State of Alaska procurement, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust. The maximum number of grantees for each [Public Health Region](#) are three, with one additional statewide grantee.

Region 1 – Anchorage		
Akeela	\$142,857	Expand assessment services and support more timely access to behavioral health services.
Alaska's Children's Trust	\$115,990	Support the updating of Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) program, implement the PIP train the trainer curriculum and fund 3 sub-awardees to implement the curriculum for caregivers.
Volunteers of America Alaska	\$142,857	Provide medically monitored high-intensity residential services for youth and adolescents.

Region 2 – Gulf Coast		
Central Peninsula General Hospital	\$142,757	Provide peer support and care transitions by helping patients address barriers to care.
Kachemak Bay Recovery Connections	\$142,742	Develop a mobile recovery program and develop a long-term and recovery community center facility.
Set Free	\$142,857	Expand telehealth and integrated telepsychiatry services to individuals with complex mental health needs.

Region 3 – Interior		
Interior AIDS Association	\$142,742	Expand harm reduction, enhance treatment services, naloxone training/distribution, disease testing and connections to other care needs.

Region 4 – Mat-Su		
Mat-Su Youth Housing	\$142,000	To provide peer support services at their drop-in center.
Set Free	\$142,857	Increase medical staffing to expand treatment availability.
Sunshine Community Health Center	\$129,843	Creating peer specialists and transportation support.

Region 5 – Northern		
Norton Sound Health Corporation	\$142,857	Localizing their naloxone training and distribution program.
Maniilaq Association	\$142,857	Supporting a substance use disorder therapist.

Region 6 – Southeast		
Kin Support Program – Haa Yatix'u Saiani	\$142,857	Pilot Kinship Navigation wraparound services for Alaskan Native families who have been destabilized by opioid abuse.
Petersburg Medical Center	\$142,827	Provide opioid use disorder treatment through telepsychiatry services.
Prince of Wales Health Network	\$142,392	Expand peer support services through additional staff.

Region 7 – Southwest		
Bethel Family Clinic	\$142,847	Expand medicated assisted treatment, connections to care and support people in recovery.
Camai Community Health Center	\$142,857	Implement Medicaid for Opioid Use Disorder services, counseling, testing and recovery support.
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association Inc.	\$142,857	Expand culturally responsive substance use disorder/mental health treatment and support services.

Statewide		
Alaska Behavioral Health Association	\$291,248	Provide training and technical assistance support to the DPH FY25 Opioid Settlement grantees. Award additional subawards to new grantees working on opioid remediation efforts.

“Alaska’s communities continue to be ravaged by the opioid epidemic, and there is no “one size fits” all approach to addressing the problems created by it,” said Lindsey Kato, Director of the Division of Public Health. “Taking a community-level approach through each of these grantees provides us the best opportunity to affect change through meaningful, lasting actions.”

Alaskans seeking treatment for themselves, or a loved one are encouraged to contact their primary care provider, mental health provider, or call 1-800-662-4357 to find treatment options. For help with mental-health related distress, including thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress, call or text 988; dial 911 for a medical emergency. Additional information about overdose in Alaska, prevention, and other resources are available at opioids.alaska.gov.

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