



## **Proposed Opioid Settlement Fund Projects 2025F Budget Requests**

### **Priority Area: Harm Reduction**

**Activities that prevent or reduce overdose deaths through harm reduction interventions. Provide education, training and access to opioid overdose reversal medications like naloxone, expand syringe exchange services, and support mobile response to meet individuals where they are.**

**Overdose Prevention - Naloxone (Health Dept)                      \$100,000**

The Salt Lake County Health Department is reinforcing and expanding upon its high-impact, robust opioid and overdose prevention programming which focuses on Naloxone training and education, engaging high-risk communities, and revising policies to better support prevention. It currently receives funding to support these efforts through the CDC's OD2A grant and state opioid dollars. However, neither of these funding sources nor state SAMHSA funding for Naloxone meets the need for Salt Lake County.

The Health Department is requesting OSF dollars to purchase 2,500 naloxone kits in addition to what is available from the State DHHS and Utah Naloxone to support access and distribution at county facilities and more broadly in the community. The Health Department will utilize state and Utah Naloxone resources as its first request and purchase sufficient additional quantities to meet County need.

This proposal has a [direct link to settlement MOU approved uses – Schedule B, Section H, Items 1,2,3,6](#) and to Prevention as outlined in the sequential intercept model and systemic reform efforts.

### **Priority Area: Treatment**

**Efforts that provide and support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (MH/SUD). Resources for the treatment workforce, such as training and education.**

**Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion -  
OTP Accreditation (Jail)    \$61,820**

The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and SLCo Behavioral Health have been considering Jail Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) expansion for several years. Currently, the only individuals who qualify for Jail MAT are those who are enrolled in a community-based opioid

treatment program upon entering jail. Our goal is that anyone who enters the jail, whether they are currently enrolled in MAT or not, can maintain or receive the treatment.

There are several factors prohibiting an expansion, including funding, staff, and capacity. The first and integral step to address these challenges is for the jail to obtain the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) accreditation. Currently, the jail contracts with an external partner to provide opioid treatment. The lack of accreditation allows only a minimal number of patients as well as limits the amount of MAT prescriptions allowed on jail premises. Becoming an OTP allows the county to provide more effective, continuous and integrated services to incarcerated individuals dealing with opioid use disorder. The accreditation process takes up to two years. It feels timely to start the accreditation process now as the Public Safety Bond is under consideration and SLCo received the Medicaid waiver to cover incarcerated individuals up to 90-days, which both could impact the number of MAT clients. It is important to note that accreditation is just the start. Once this occurs, additional funds will be needed to ensure appropriate staffing levels and prescription purchasing.

Year 1 upfront cost - \$46,090, Subsequent years - \$15,730/annually, Total for 2-years - \$61,820.

[This proposal has a direct link to settlement MOU approved uses -Schedule B, Section A, Items 1,4,7 as well as improving health as part of the systemic coordination plan.](#)

### **Intensive Outpatient Clinic (IOC) - UUHP**

**\$400,000**

The mission of the Intensive Outpatient Clinic (IOC) is to provide highly coordinated and integrated care for Medicaid members with complex mental and medical problems that result in high utilization of health care services. It provides both medical and behavioral health care, including treatment for opioid use disorder (including MAT). Its current population focus is people enrolled in the University of Utah Medicaid Health Plan who have chronic, complex conditions (two or more chronic conditions and coexisting behavioral health concern) resulting in high utilization of the healthcare and other support systems and have healthcare service costs exceeding \$40K per client. Approximately half of their patients are in treatment for opioid use disorder and another 25% are at high risk of engaging in opioid utilization. Of those in substance use treatment, 90% of clients have responded positively to treatment and most are enrolled in MAT.

Outcomes to date demonstrate a 49% reduction in cost of care compared to increased costs for control group at 3 years and 67% reduction in ER visits annually compared to slightly higher EH visits for the control group.

Key to the funding of the project to date was a budget supported by the University of Utah Hospital with increasing Medicaid funding through University of Utah health plan. Proposed project seeks to expand services to an additional 60+ medically and behaviorally complex patients at the Rose Park site focusing on those enrolled in Medicaid plans. The IOC seeks to leverage the County OUD settlement funds to approach other partners, including state Medicaid office, to fully fund and expand the program going forward.

The recommendation is to support this ask at \$400k for one year as a bridge as the program becomes enrolled with Optum and other payors. The funding would support additional staffing, clinic resources, and connection to community-based services with the goal of increasing housing stability while reducing substance misuse and involvement in the criminal justices system and operational costs for the expanded patient population.

This program has a direct link to settlement MOU approved uses (Schedule B, Section B, Items 1,2,3 and Section D, Item 5) as well as direct connection to the System Reform plan both focusing on increasing access to health and wellness care as well as prevention from ongoing homelessness and criminal justice activity.

**Priority Area: Prevention – Early**

**Upstream efforts to train and educate individuals, youth and communities on opioid misuse prevention**

<b>The Children’s Center Utah – Capital</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>The Children’s Center Utah – Program operations</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

The Children’s Center Utah provides comprehensive mental health care to enhance the emotional well-being of infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their families. Provided services include outpatient therapy to address a range of behavioral health services, including evidence-based treatment for trauma. In 2023, The Children’s Center Utah began the development of a children’s mental health campus in West Valley. The move expands capacity to work with more children and their families, as well as expand services to typically underserved communities, including those affected by opioid use disorder (OUD).

This proposal has two components. First, a capital contribution (one-time funding) to partially address the capital fundraising for the campus of \$420,429. We recommend \$150,000 to support the effort. Second, funds to support service expansion with a more tailored focus on working with OUD treatment and support service providers and develop a more comprehensive OUD specific curriculum. This second component is a two-year request, Year-1 \$40k and Year-2 \$85K for a total of \$125K. The two components are not mutually exclusive, though together they can provide a greater impact.

[Direct link to settlement MOU approved uses – Schedule B, Section E, Items 6,7,8.](#)