

OACGP Progress Update: February 2026

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Program Implementation

Granite United Way (GUW) continues to administer the Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP) in alignment with contractual requirements, opioid settlement guidance, and DHHS priorities. Program activity during this reporting period reflects significant statewide engagement and increased demand for opioid abatement funding.

Responsive Grant Cycle # 2 Overview

The second responsive grant cycle generated 68 applications, a substantial increase from the initial round, which received 29 applications. Of the current submissions, 45 projects were funded, supporting a range of prevention, recovery, harm reduction, treatment, and community capacity-building activities.

By comparison, the first responsive funding round received 29 applications, of which 26 were funded. The increase in application volume indicates growing awareness of the program and continued engagement from community-based organizations statewide.

Applications not selected for funding were primarily impacted by unclear or unallowable budget expenses identified during review. GUW has maintained consistent fiscal oversight to ensure responsible stewardship of settlement funds and compliance with contractual requirements. To strengthen future submissions, we will offer a targeted budget development workshop and continue providing 1:1 technical assistance to prospective applicants in advance of the third RFP which opens in April 2026.

Observations & Considerations for Future Responsive Grant Design:

Over two OACGP funding cycles, we have observed that current responsive grant parameters limiting personnel costs create operational challenges for applicants. Organizations are able to pay external consultants but cannot support their own staff time to implement approved activities, which may not always represent the most cost-effective or sustainable use of funds.

This structure can unintentionally increase project costs, limit workforce sustainability, and create barriers for smaller or rural organizations that rely on existing staff capacity.

We recommend the Department consider allowing restricted personnel costs tied directly to project deliverables in future responsive grant rounds, with appropriate guardrails to maintain compliance and fiscal oversight. This adjustment could improve efficiency, strengthen implementation, and better support community-based organizations while maintaining responsible stewardship of settlement funds.

Multi-Year Grant Cycle #1 Overview

The OACGP first multi-year grant RFP, administered in partnership with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF), closed on February 18, 2026, with 104 applications received statewide. Applications are currently under review. Award determination will be announced in March 2026. Based on available funding, approximately 20 multi-year awards are anticipated in this round.

A second multiyear RFP will be released in April 2026.

Responsive Grant Cycle # 2: Summary of Awards

Geographic Reach

The current OACGP application pool reflects strong statewide engagement, with proposals spanning all ten New Hampshire counties and multiple multi-county and statewide initiatives. Applications are most concentrated in Hillsborough, Merrimack, and Rockingham counties, while participation from western and northern regions, particularly Cheshire and Sullivan counties, is more limited, suggesting potential opportunities for continued outreach and capacity development in those areas.

Program Domain Distribution

Across domains, applicants are primarily focused on Prevention and Community Capacity Building, followed by Recovery initiatives. Harm Reduction proposals are moderately represented, while Treatment-focused projects make up a smaller portion of the portfolio.

Overall, the distribution indicates a strong emphasis on upstream strategies, systems development, and community-based approaches aligned with long-term opioid abatement goals.

Collectively, the application landscape demonstrates broad interest in collaborative, prevention-oriented work and highlights both the geographic reach of the program and emerging opportunities to strengthen domain balance and regional participation in future funding cycles.

Program Name	Project Title	Amount Awarded	Counties Served	Prevention	Treatment	Recovery	Harm Reduction	Comm. Capacity Building
Amoskeag Health	Expanding Access to Trauma-Informed SUD Care	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough	X	X	X		X
Archways	Increasing Access to Archways Recovery Enhancement Program	\$15,000.00	Belknap, Grafton, Hillsborough		X	X		X
Austin 17 House	Safe Hours, Safer Futures: An After-School Youth Prevention Program	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough, Rockingham, Strafford	X				X
Back in the Saddle Equine Therapy Center	SOAR (Trauma-Responsive Equine Therapy for Youth enrolled in Concord School district)	\$15,000.00	Merrimack	X	X	X		
Boys & Girls Club - Souhegan Valley	Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley Mental Health Improvement Project (Community Action for Safe Teen CAST)	\$14,900.00	Hillsborough	X	X	X	X	X
Children Unlimited, Inc.	Advancing Early Childhood Outcomes Through Expanding Universal Developmental Screening into Carroll County	\$15,000.00	Carroll	X				
City of Portsmouth (Grants)	Portsmouth Police Department Summer Camp, Case Management Software for the Social Work Team, and Notary Public Services	\$13,000.00	Rockingham	X				X

Community Action Partnership of Strafford County	Mobile Outreach Van program	\$15,000.00	Statewide (All Counties)	X		X	X	
Concord Hospital	CRSW Workforce Training	\$15,000.00	Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, Merrimack		X	X	X	
Dismas Home of New Hampshire Inc	Healing in Motion: Yoga & Equine Therapy for Women in Recovery	\$15,000.00	Statewide (All Counties)	X	X	X		X
Families Flourish Northeast Inc.	FFNE: Data & Technology Infrastructure, Staff training, Resident-informed program development	\$15,000.00	Statewide (All Counties)		X	X		X
Granite Pathways	Training and Development for Peer Recovery Support Staff	\$13,200.00	Statewide (9 Counties, - Coos)	X		X		X
Greater Nashua Mental Health Center at Community Council	Attending the All Rise National Conference and Purchasing The Complete Living in Balance Collection Curricula, Updated	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough	X	X			X
Greater Nashua Prevention Coalition	Prevention in Plain Sight: Opioid & Substance Misuse Education Kiosks	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough	X	X	X	X	X
Greater Seacoast Community Health	Medication-Assisted Recovery Prescription Assistance	\$10,000.00	Rockingham, Strafford		X			
Harbor Care	NH Recovering Together - RCO Video History Project	\$15,000.00	Statewide (All Counties)			X		X
Headrest, Inc.	Headrest Recovery Home Opioid Response and Supportive Services Expansion	\$15,000.00	Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, Sullivan	X	X	X	X	

Hope for New Hampshire Recovery	Strengthening Recovery Infrastructure Through Technology Investment	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough			X	X	X
Hope on Haven Hill	Hope on Haven Hill Trauma-Responsive Care Expansion	\$12,100.00	Rockingham			X		
Hypertherm Hope Foundation	Local Fast Recovery Opportunity Fund - Equipping Recovery Friendly Workplaces for Emergency Response	\$15,000.00	Sullivan, Grafton					X
Jobs Forward, INC	Peer Recovery Workforce Training and Credentialing Project	\$15,000.00	Grafton	X				X
Keene Housing Kids Collaborative	Summer PCEs to Prevent and Reduce Harm Related to OUD for At-Risk Youth Living in Subsidized Housing in Cheshire County	\$15,000.00	Cheshire	X			X	
Lakes Region Community Services	Family Support Programming for SUD impacted families	\$15,000.00	Belknap, Grafton	X				
Littleton Fire Rescue	Littleton Fire Rescue Mobile Integrated Healthcare Grant	\$10,200.00	Grafton	X	X	X	X	
Makin' It Happen, Coalition for Resilient Youth	Unregulated Intoxicants Seminar	\$14,925.00	Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham	X				
Miss Julieann Foundation	Resilient Child Project - Music-based therapy and Teacher training (Manchester School District)	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford	X				
New Hampshire Afterschool Network	Connecting Prevention, Families, and Community Supports: A Statewide NHAN Initiative	\$15,000.00	Statewide (All Counties)	X				X
New Hampshire	Substance Use Workforce Training Room Supplies	\$15,000.00	Statewide (All Counties)					X

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association								
Newfound Coalition for Youth	Vape Detection for nicotine, THC, tobacco, and other emissions	\$14,555.00	Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack	X			X	
NH Catholic Charities	Supporting Training and Outreach for Liberty House Staff and Program	\$15,000.00	Statewide (All Counties)		X	X		X
Project S.T.O.R.Y.	Project S.T.O.R.Y. (Supporting Talents Of Rising Youth)	\$15,000.00	Merrimack	X				X
Raymond Coalition for Youth	Raymond Coalition For Youth - Youth and Parent Prevention Strategy (Family Engagement)	\$15,000.00	Rockingham	X				
Revive Recovery Resource Center	Manchester Center HVAC Installation for Sustained Recovery Operations	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough, Rockingham			X		X
Rise for Baby and Family	Pyramid Model Outdoors	\$12,320.00	Cheshire, Hillsborough	X				
Riverbend Community Mental Health	Reducing barriers and increasing access for uninsured people with OUD	\$15,000.00	Merrimack		X			
Salem Family Resources	Crossroads Family Resilience Partnership (Salem Family Resources & Crossroads Recovery Center Collaboration)	\$15,000.00	Rockingham	X	X	X	X	X
School's Out! Program Ossipee Central School	School's Out Program Strong Families Initiative	\$15,000.00	Carroll	X				X
Seacoast Mental Health Center Inc.	Enhancing the Capacity of REAP Counselors	\$15,000.00	Rockingham	X			X	X
Seacoast Youth Services	Substance Use and Mindfulness Training for SYS Clinicians	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough, Merrimack,	X	X			X

			Rockingham, Strafford					
SOS Recovery Community Organization	Supporting 6th Annual Recovery, Inclusion, Community, Harm Reduction (RICH) Conference	\$15,000.00	Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford	X	X	X	X	X
The Family Resource Center of Northern NH	Building Strong Families Through Evidence-Based Skill Building and Prevention	\$15,000.00	Coos, Grafton	X		X		X
The Friendly Kitchen	Recovery-Oriented Community Support Program	\$12,100.00	Merrimack					X
Thrive New England	Specialized SUD Services for Trafficking Survivors	\$15,000.00	Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham	X		X	X	X
Webster House	Webster House: Building Sustainable Substance Use Prevention and Recovery Support for Youth	\$14,300.00	Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Sullivan	X		X		X
White Horse Recovery	White Horse Recovery Berlin Transportation	\$15,000.00	Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Strafford	X	X	X	X	X
Total Awarded		\$651,600.00						