

OACGP Progress Update: September 2026

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Program Implementation

Cycle 4 continued to draw applications from community organizations, health care providers, municipalities, schools, family support programs, and recovery partners. Proposed projects ranged from direct services to prevention and improvements in local response capacity..

Responsive Grant Cycle # 4 Overview

The fourth responsive grant cycle received **63 applications requesting \$908,523**. Following review, **29 projects totaling \$400,725** are recommended for funding. Applications increased from 58 in Cycle 3, while the number of recommended awards remained at 29.

The recommended projects span all five OACGP domains. They include mobile outreach, overdose response training, recovery navigation, reentry support, youth prevention, kinship and grief support, and assistance with barriers to recovery. Other projects strengthen service delivery through workforce training and community health worker development.

Applications were reviewed for alignment with OACGP funding domains, project clarity, budget allowability, readiness for implementation, and consistency with opioid settlement funding requirements.

Review Considerations and Duplicate Funding As organizations participate in successive OACGP cycles, review of prior awards remains important. Cycle 4 recommendations were checked against each applicant's existing responsive and multiyear awards to confirm that proposed activities, costs, and deliverables are distinct. This is particularly relevant for projects that expand an established program or build on earlier investments.

General Observations and Considerations

Several recommended projects bring services closer to people who face barriers to accessing them. Mobile outreach, rural recovery connections, navigation, and library-based community health workers offer different ways to reach residents beyond fixed service locations.

The portfolio also includes upstream prevention for children and families. Youth leadership, mentoring, grief support, and kinship programs strengthen relationships, stability, and resilience. These are protective factors that support young people's well-being and form part of a comprehensive substance use prevention strategy.

Responsive Grant Cycle # 4: Summary of Awards

Geographic Reach

Cycle 4 applications identified service areas in all ten New Hampshire counties. Of the 29 recommended projects, **17** serve more than one county, including four that list all ten counties. Hillsborough County appears most often in the recommended portfolio (**17 projects**), followed by Rockingham (**13**) and Grafton (**12**). These counts overlap because projects may serve multiple counties.

The portfolio combines statewide initiatives with local work in northern and rural communities, including behavioral health workforce support in northern New Hampshire, recovery access in the Lincoln and Woodstock area, and community health worker development in Whitefield.

Program Domain Distribution

Among the **29** recommended awards, **24** identify Prevention, **19** Community Capacity Building, **14** Recovery, **12** Harm Reduction, and **11** Treatment. Projects may identify more than one domain, so these counts are not additive.

OACGP Responsive Grant Cycle 4 — Award Summary

Funded organization	Project title and summary	Counties served	Funding domains	Amount awarded
Archways	Community Reentry Recovery Stabilization Project Supports people with substance use disorder returning to the community after incarceration. The project addresses immediate barriers to treatment and basic needs during reentry, when overdose risk is elevated.	Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack	Treatment, Recovery, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000

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Breakthrough Manchester	Empowering Breakthrough Scholars and Teaching Fellows! Supports Manchester students and teaching fellows through educational programming, mentoring, and family connections. The project uses sustained youth support and opportunities for higher education as a prevention strategy.	Hillsborough	Prevention	\$13,000
City of Manchester	Opioid and substance use recovery service expansion at the Engagement Center at 200 Elm St. Manchester, NH Expands opioid and substance use recovery services at the Manchester Engagement Center. The project increases access to support for people experiencing homelessness and facing barriers to treatment and recovery.	Hillsborough	Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
City of Portsmouth (Grants)	Portsmouth CARES Mobile Outreach Equips Portsmouth CARES to provide mobile outreach in the greater Portsmouth area. Outreach workers can meet people where they are and connect them to opioid treatment, recovery, and harm reduction supports.	Rockingham	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$13,000
Community Caregivers of Greater Derry	Building Safe Response Capacity for Volunteers Serving At-Risk Neighbors Trains volunteers serving older adults, medically fragile residents, and people experiencing isolation to recognize and respond to opioid related concerns. The project strengthens volunteers' ability to connect neighbors with appropriate support.	Hillsborough, Rockingham	Prevention, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
Elliot Hospital	Greater Manchester Doorway Engagement and Recovery Support Initiative Provides practical supports to patients engaged with the Greater Manchester Doorway, including help with food and phone access that can reduce barriers to appointments and recovery. The project also supplies infant care and safety items to new mothers in the Maternal Opioid Misuse program.	Hillsborough	Treatment, Recovery	\$15,000
Friends of Aine	Grief Support for Manchester Children Impacted by Opioid Deaths Offers school accessible grief support for Manchester children affected by opioid related deaths. Peer groups help participants build coping skills and connect with other young people who have experienced similar losses.	Hillsborough	Prevention, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000

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Granite Youth Alliance - City of Dover	Granite Youth Alliance Youth Empowerment Team Support Supports a youth empowerment team that develops young advocates for substance use prevention. The project uses peer leadership to strengthen prevention messages and youth engagement.	Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, Sullivan	Prevention, Community Capacity Building	\$13,200
Headrest, Inc.	Headrest Recovery Home Opioid Response and Supportive Services Expansion Expands opioid response and supportive services connected to Headrest's recovery home. The project addresses transportation barriers in rural areas and improves access to naloxone and recovery support.	Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, Sullivan	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction	\$14,300
Home For Now	Home For Now Homeless Shelter Provides wraparound support for shelter residents affected by opioid use, including assistance with security deposits. The project helps participants move toward stable, long term housing that supports recovery.	Carroll, Rockingham, Strafford	Prevention, Recovery	\$13,875
Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services	Opioid Abatement - Recovery to Home Navigation & Family Stabilization Program Provides navigation and family stabilization support for people affected by opioid use in the Monadnock region. Activities include connections to treatment and recovery services, overdose prevention, and support for families and caregivers.	Cheshire, Hillsborough, Sullivan	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
Life Forest	Comfort in Crisis: A Life Forest Initiative for Children of the Opioid Epidemic Offers a grief focused initiative for children and families affected by opioid related loss. The project creates opportunities for connection and support during periods of crisis.	Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, Sullivan	Prevention, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
Littleton Winter Shelter	Equipment upgrades at Winter Shelter Funds equipment/supplies at the Littleton Winter Shelter. The investment supports the shelter's ability to serve people affected by opioid use and housing instability.	Coos, Grafton	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$5,000

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Marguerite's Place	Ensuring Transitional Housing Readiness for Families Impacted by Opioid Use Supports readiness of transitional housing for families affected by opioid use. The project helps maintain a stable setting where families can access support while working toward longer term stability.	Hillsborough	Prevention, Recovery, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
Merrimack Valley Assistance Program, Inc	Engage, Equip & Connect: Harm Reduction Initiative Expands harm reduction engagement and connects participants with relevant resources and services. The project equips staff and partners to reach people who may face barriers to conventional care.	Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford	Prevention, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
N.H. Teen Institute	Expansion of Leaders in Prevention Expands youth leaders' participation in prevention programming. The project develops young people's skills to lead substance use prevention efforts among their peers and communities.	Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, Sullivan	Prevention	\$13,430
Operation Delta Dog, Inc.	Veteran Opioid Prevention Through Treatment of Trauma-Related Disabilities With Service Companions Supports veterans affected by trauma related disabilities through service companion programming. The project positions trauma support and sustained connection as protective factors against opioid misuse.	Hillsborough, Merrimack	Prevention	\$15,000
Salem Family Resources	Kinship Support Project: Relatives Raising Children Affected by Opioid Use Provides support to relatives raising children affected by opioid use. The kinship project helps caregivers access guidance, resources, and connections that strengthen family stability.	Rockingham	Prevention, Community Capacity Building	\$12,000
SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth	Connecting Communities to Opioid Prevention Resources Through Modernized Outreach Modernizes outreach to connect residents with opioid prevention and harm reduction resources. The project broadens access to information and supplies across the coalition's service area.	Rockingham	Prevention, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000

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Team MPM 692 LTD	COMET (Community Outreach Mobile Simulation Training) Program Provides mobile simulation training for Manchester first responders on opioid overdose response. The project plans multiple sessions with the Manchester Fire Training Division to strengthen practical response skills.	Hillsborough	Treatment	\$10,000
Teen Challenge New England Inc.	Recovery Learning and Digital Access Initiative Improves learning and digital access for men in residential treatment. The project provides tools and educational opportunities intended to support treatment and recovery.	Hillsborough	Treatment, Recovery, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
The Bridge Project	The Bridge Project Recovery Access and Connection Project Expands access to an established recovery connection program in the Lincoln and Woodstock area. Technology and hybrid participation options help address transportation, weather, scheduling, and stigma related barriers.	Grafton	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
The Family Resource Center of Northern NH	Rural Behavioral Health & Recovery Workforce Support Supports education pathways for rural behavioral health and recovery staff, including advanced credentials. The project aims to build local workforce capacity in northern New Hampshire.	Coos, Grafton	Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
The Granite YMCA	The Granite YMCA - YSTAY Program Supports the YSTAY program for young people in the Manchester area. The established program uses youth development and supportive relationships as a substance use prevention approach.	Belknap, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford	Prevention	\$15,000
The Mayhew Program	Program Access for NH Boys in Opioid-Impacted Families Expands access to Mayhew programming for boys from families affected by opioid use. The project provides structured youth development and supportive relationships as a prevention strategy.	Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, Sullivan	Prevention	\$15,000
The River Center	The River Centers Kinship Family Support Program Supports relatives caring for children affected by a parent's substance use. The kinship program combines caregiver support, concrete resources, and social connection.	Hillsborough	Prevention, Community Capacity Building	\$8,000

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TLC Family Resource Center	Sustainable Employment Program Expands a sustainable employment program for people in recovery, with a focus on retaining work after placement. Continued coaching and check ins address barriers that can threaten employment stability.	Grafton, Sullivan	Prevention, Recovery, Community Capacity Building	\$15,000
Whitefield's Official Library Friends	Community Health Works at Whitefield Public Library Develops community health worker capacity through the Whitefield Public Library. Trained workers can connect residents to resources, naloxone, warm handoffs, and family support in a familiar public setting.	Coos, Grafton	Prevention, Harm Reduction, Community Capacity Building	\$14,920
Winnacunnet Cooperative School District	Connecting Caring Adults Supports prevention focused connections between students, families, and caring adults in the Winnacunnet school community. The project includes participation supports such as meals, childcare, and transportation.	Rockingham	Prevention	\$15,000
Total Awarded				\$400,725