

State Opioid Response III Funding

In Fall 2022, Pennsylvania's Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) received \$80 million in federal funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) III grant. The SOR grant provided Pennsylvania with continued critical support to address the opioid epidemic and the rapidly rising trend of stimulant use disorder.

Funding is broken down by four overarching goals laid out in DDAP's 2019-2022 State Plan: reducing stigma, intensifying primary prevention, strengthening treatment systems, and empowering sustained recovery. This report is accurate as of December 31, 2023 and program development and procurement activities are ongoing. Please note, this document is to provide insight into larger projects utilizing funds. Small-scale projects and funds used for operational purposes, are not highlighted.

Reduce Stigma

PUBLIC AWARENESS - \$4.2 MILLION

Statewide awareness campaigns to increase the general public's understanding of substance use disorder (SUD), decrease stigma, increase knowledge of accessing treatment services, provide education on overdose prevention, and increase awareness of insurance benefits for mental health and SUD treatment.

Intensify Primary Prevention

PREVENTION INITIATIVES - \$9.2 MILLION

Development of new training and educational materials by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), Single County Authorities (SCA), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to include action plans for prevention activities across Pennsylvania; including funding for schools to establish evidence-based prevention programs to combat substance use initiation among youth and support of Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in postsecondary institutions.

NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION - \$6.5 MILLION AND FENTANYL AND XYLAZINE TEST STRIPS - \$2 MILLION

Distribution by PCCD to provide free naloxone as well as fentanyl and xylazine test strips through the Pennsylvania Overdose Prevention Program (POPP), previously known as the Naloxone for First Responders Program (NFRP).

HARM REDUCTION AND INTEGRATED CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES - \$3 MILLION

DDAP will allocate funding to SCAs to support their efforts to increase harm reduction and integrated crisis stabilization services with the communities that they serve.

Strengthen the Drug and Alcohol Treatment System

TREATMENT FOR UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED - \$13 MILLION

DDAP has formulated allocations for the 47 SCAs to assist in securing treatment and support services for individuals who are uninsured and underinsured. SCAs are responsible for the oversight of SUD services delivered at the local level.

MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER - \$8.3 MILLION

Improve quality of care for individuals receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) and expand access to FDA-approved MOUD across the Commonwealth, including to reentrants in correctional facilities.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR VETERANS - \$2 MILLION

Support existing and new programs tailored to the unique needs of Veterans with SUD through the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). Programs provide a combination of evidence based co-occurring treatment including treatment courts, recovery support, and robust case management services including supportive housing, educational and employment services, and support groups for Veterans and their families.

IMPROVING JUSTICE SYSTEM RESPONSES TO SUBSTANCE AND OPIOID USE DISORDERS - \$4.2 MILLION

Strengthen the justice system's response to SUD and opioid use disorder, support pre-trial and problem-solving courts, and the expansion of MAT services in county correctional facilities for individuals at the local level.

Empower Sustained Recovery

HOUSING AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - \$18.6 MILLION

Assisting people in recovery with obtaining and maintaining safe, supportive housing and expanding case management. These expanded case management services include but are not limited to housing-specific case management and navigation, employment support services, childcare assistance, integrated care coordination, legal assistance, advocacy, educational assistance, assistance in obtaining government benefits, and transportation services.

VIRAL HEPATITIS/HIV SCREENING AND REFERRAL - \$750,000

Initiative between the Department of Health (DOH) and SCAs to increase capacity for diagnostic and routine screening for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and viral hepatitis in SUD treatment facilities.

POLICE DIVERSION TO TREATMENT INITIATIVE - \$1.25 MILLION

Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) will continue to use the Overdose Information Network (ODIN) to identify areas where there have been increased overdose or police activity related to opioids. Combining the community policing and warm handoff models, officers will increase their presence in those communities to identify individuals in need of services and supports and encourage them to engage in treatment and disseminate NARCAN where needed.

REGIONAL RECOVERY HUBS - \$ 2.2 MILLION

DDAP is supporting a Recovery-Oriented-System of Care (ROSC) by establishing a Recovery Hub and Spoke to work in partnership with recovery community leaders to conduct ongoing needs assessment through surveys and focus groups and provide technical assistance to organizations providing recovery supports that will enhance and promote recovery within each region. Community driven services will serve as the spokes.

SCAs will continue coordinating funding services at the local level.

For funding opportunities, visit ddap.pa.gov to find your local SCA's contact information.