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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PERIOD NOW OPEN FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANTS

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CA – The County of Santa Cruz Behavioral Health Division is pleased to announce that it has contracted with Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County to manage the grant distribution process for the prevention, early intervention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery of opioid related disorders. This effort aims to support nonprofit organizations that can provide innovative, community-involved solutions to combat the opioid crisis. **The Request for Proposal period will be open from May 14, 2024 to July 10, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. (PST).**

Eligibility and Funding

Nonprofit organizations providing services in Santa Cruz County are invited to apply for these grants. Applicants will be required to provide detailed responses on how they will address the High Impact Abatement Activities (HIAA), including demographic information for current and projected program participants to ensure that the diverse needs of our Santa Cruz County residents will be addressed. Allowed uses of these grants are detailed in an attachment to the national settlement agreement known as [Exhibit E of the settlement agreement](#).

A total of \$810,000 will be distributed during the Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Individual grants will be awarded up to \$400,000 each, with a performance period of up to two years. All grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2026.

“This initiative reflects our commitment to addressing the opioid crisis with comprehensive and sustained efforts that involve our experienced community partners in the response. We highly encourage eligible nonprofit organizations to apply,” said Casey Swank, Behavioral Health Services’ Director of Substance Use Disorder Services.

“Santa Cruz County is in the grips of an overdose crisis. We’re honored to work alongside the Health Services Agency and our nonprofit partners on this important issue. Our role as manager of a timely grant program will get dollars generated from the profits of the opioid manufacturers and distributors that created this crisis in the first place, into the hands of trusted providers of care, treatment, and prevention programs,” said Susan True, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Foundation Santa Cruz County.

Key Dates:

- May 14, 2024:** Application period opens.
Eligible applicants can submit their application-related questions via the form found in the Community Foundation’s [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).
- July 10, 2024 (11:59 PM):** Deadline for grant requests via the Community Foundation’s [grant portal](#).
- August 2024:** Funding decisions will be announced and grant payments issued.
- June 30, 2026:** Deadline for funds to be expended.



For more information on this grant opportunity, please visit: me-qr.com/I/OSF-RFP.

For questions about opioid settlement funds, contact: OSFquestions@santacruzcountyca.gov.

Recovery resources are available for all Santa Cruz residents. Please call the 24-hour helpline at 2-1-1 or visit santacruzhealth.org/RecoveryWave.

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