

February 27, 2024: *Opioid settlement funds: What are other states doing?*



# Kansas Fights Addiction Treatment and Prevention Grant Award Projects

*(Priority areas: treatment, recovery, harm reduction, linkages to care, providers and health systems, public safety and first responders)*

- Expand drug courts and access to treatment for drug court participants
- Provide or increase SUD treatment
- Increase recovery meetings and volunteers to lead meetings
- Provide support for those that need insurance, treatment, housing
- Training for prescribers, pharmacists, first responders, school-based staff, advocates, treatment professionals
- Provide and distribute naloxone kits
- Establish or expand MAT (medication assisted training) programs to include opioid treatment, telehealth
- Fund labs, tests, prescriptions that patients cannot afford
- Increase residential and outpatient treatment
- Establish or expand telehealth services for treatment and recovery (equipment, providers)
- Increase testing for SUD, HIV, Hep C
- Increase behavioral health workforce and retention
- Increase SUD treatment, including MAT for corrections residents
- Provide financial assistance for treatment for individuals who are uninsured/underinsured
- Increase licensure of licensed master's addiction counselors (LMACs)
- Expand bed capacity at residential treatment centers
- Develop comprehensive referral network
- Implement school-based prevention programs
- Increase law enforcement staff and equipment to improve investigation of distribution, possession, importation of heroin, fentanyl, other opioids
- Establish SUD crisis intervention teams to provide 24/7 service
- Establish non-opioid pain management clinic
- Establish Addiction Medicine Fellowship for physicians who wish to develop expertise in treating SUD population

# What Are Other States Doing?

*Many of the same things that Kansas is doing, but also:*

- Anti-stigma campaigns and conferences
- Apps to provide citizens with quick information and access to services (immediate placement assessment for treatment, direct link to receive free naloxone, education resources, helplines for training assistance)
- Enhanced data collection systems (identify points of crisis, collect field data from ED encounters, improved reporting to a central data repository)
- Expand programs focused on pregnant women, babies
- Support overdose prevention centers (provide safe space to use with access to sterile equipment, trained responders available in the event of an overdose)
- Outreach to BIPOC communities
- Housing, food, other social services
- Various types of harm reduction programs (facilitate the use of sterile supplies and safe disposal of used syringes; provide fentanyl test strips, supplies to reduce the rates of sexually transmitted infections and bloodborne diseases)

*Other options being considered for funding:*

- Several governments have used dollars to purchase police patrol cars, technology to break through electronic devices' security or recover deleted data, equipment to identify unknown substances and to analyze case information to identify patterns
- Body scanners for jails, restraint devices
- Providing support for county budgets
- Funding for sheriffs' offices
- Funding for additional detectives and prosecuting attorneys
- Paying for overtime for law enforcement personnel conducting narcotics investigations
- Capital projects to improve, repair, upgrade jail facilities
- Funding for law enforcement to travel to schools to make presentations to students

*Some states haven't decided what to do with the money yet:*

- Still in the process of identifying priorities and developing processes to award grants
- Need more guidance on appropriate uses
- Surveying residents on what they want

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