

# Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County Opioid Resistance & Prevention Program

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*2025 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust  
Grants-second half of 2025*

## ***Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County***

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# Application Form

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## *Region Selection*

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### **Project Name\***

Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County Opioid Resistance & Prevention Program

**You may only select one Abatement Region, if you are applying for funding from more than one region you will need to fill out and submit a separate application for each region.**

### **Select Multi County Abatement Region OR Metro Region\***

Select the Multi-County Abatement Region **OR** the Metro Region you are requesting grant funds from. Click [HERE](#) for a detailed map of Multi-County Regions and Metro Regions.

Abatement Region 3

### **Regional Funding Request\***

If you are applying to multiple regions, please select all the regions to which you are submitting applications.

N/A

## *Application Overview*

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### **About the Organization/Program\***

Give a brief description of the Organization/Program/Project. Include the mission statement and the services provided.

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County (BGCCC), founded in 1994, has been a cornerstone of youth development in Montana. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

BGCCC provides a safe and supportive environment for youth to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

Daily programming includes;

- academic support,
- mentoring,
- social-emotional learning,
- arts,
- STEM activities,
- leadership development, and
- hearty and healthy snacks & meals.

We are committed to nurturing the potential of every child who walks through our doors. In 2024 the BGCCC registered 207 Club Member, ages 6 to 18 years old, and served an additional 50 youth through outreach. The Club provides community youth with a positive alternative to the negative behaviors and influences that are far too prevalent in many of their homes and communities.

### What category does the program fit into\*

Check the category/categories the program fits into. You may select more than one option.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of approved opioid remediation uses

Prevention

### Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

*Schedule A - select all that apply*

G. PREVENTION PROGRAMS

### Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

*Schedule B - select all that apply*

G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS

### How does the program meet the Opioid Remediation Guidelines\*

Provide a detailed explanation of how the program fits into the approved Opioid Remediation Guidelines selected in the above question.

*Please be specific*

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County’s proposed program aligns with the Opioid Remediation Guidelines under Schedule A: Prevention Programs and Schedule B: Prevent Misuse of Opioids by taking a layered, proactive approach to youth prevention.

#### Schedule A: Prevention Programs

The Club will provide consistent, safe, and engaging opportunities for middle and high school youth in Carbon County. Daily, weekly, and monthly teen-focused events will reduce isolation, foster connection, and offer healthy alternatives to risky behaviors. Trauma-informed staff, in partnership with community coalitions, will ensure youth feel safe and supported. These regular touchpoints will build resilience, improve decision-making, and strengthen protective factors that lower the risk of substance misuse.

#### Schedule B: Prevent Misuse of Opioids

Targeted prevention efforts will focus on engaging middle school students through Torch Club, a leadership and service group that will create peer-driven opioid prevention messaging and activities such as poster campaigns, social media outreach, and peer presentations. In collaboration with the Carbon County Crisis

Coalition and Health Department, the Club will establish a peer-to-peer prevention program to connect teens with support, resources, and mentorship for those struggling with opioid misuse and other challenges.

The Club will also incorporate best-practice models, including elements from the evidence-based Positive Actions curriculum, which fosters social-emotional learning, responsible decision-making, academic success, and community involvement.

By empowering youth through leadership, education, and positive peer engagement, this program addresses root causes of opioid misuse and equips young people with the skills to make healthy, informed choices.

### New Program or Existing\*

Is the funding intended for a new program or to expand an existing program?

A new program for your region.

## Fiscal Information

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### Requested Amount\*

\$45,000.00

### Program Budget\*

How will the funds be allocated? Attach a detailed line item budget breakdown for the program. If the funds are intended for a multi-year program please specify the amount budgeted for each year.

BGCCC Opioid Grant Budget - Revised.xlsx

### Source of Funding\*

Does the program currently receive funding from another source? If yes, please explain in detail. (i.e. amount, funding source, etc.)

Grant funding is intended for the creation or expansion of opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery projects. The money is **NOT** meant to replace or supplant existing funding.

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County does not currently receive dedicated funding for the specific elements outlined in this proposal. While our annual operating budget of over \$504,000 is supported by private foundations, individual donors, and special events, those funds sustain broader programming and do not cover the staffing or activities central to this prevention-focused initiative.

This proposal to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust seeks \$45,000 to launch a new effort aimed at increasing daily participation among middle and high school youth through intentional, engaging activities that build strong relationships and protective factors against substance misuse. The requested funding would make possible the addition of a 75% FTE Tween/Teen Coordinator—who will also coordinate with local coalition partners—along with weekly teen nights, staff professional development, and program supplies.

In 2025, \$6,000 of grant funds will support non-compensation expenses: \$1,500 for consumable program supplies, \$3,000 for weekly teen night expenses, and \$1,500 for professional development. The remaining \$39,000 will be allocated to staffing, including \$38,500 for wages and benefits for the Tween/Teen Coordinator and \$500 toward the Program Director's benefits (5% FTE).

Staff are the heart of our prevention strategy. Dedicated, trauma-informed professionals cultivate trust, guide important conversations, and design intentional programming that encourages youth to participate in both fun and educational activities—including critical opioid prevention initiatives.

This project is not a continuation or expansion of existing programming; it is a new, targeted prevention effort that will only be possible with this funding. By strategically investing in teen-focused staffing and activities, the Club will strengthen protective factors, increase positive engagement, and equip youth with the skills to make lifelong healthy choices.

## Do you have a Fiscal Agent\*

No

## *Program Abstract*

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### Program Description\*

Describe the objectives of this project. Provide a detailed overview of the program, including its purpose, priorities & objectives, and intended results.

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County (BGCCC), in partnership with Carbon County Public Health and the Carbon County Crisis Coalition, proposes a prevention-focused initiative to reduce opioid misuse among Red Lodge middle and high school students. Rooted in local coalition work, the project aims to increase youth engagement, strengthen protective factors, and embed trusted adults and strategies into daily experiences.

The initiative aligns with Montana's Opioid Remediation Guidelines under Schedule A (Prevention Programs) and Schedule B (Prevent Misuse of Opioids) by providing structured programming, mentorship, and mental health supports that reduce risk behaviors and build resilience.

#### Project Priorities

- Hire a Tween/Teen Coordinator to expand BGCCC's capacity with middle and high school youth.
- Deliver age-appropriate daily and weekly experiences that foster relationships and wellness.
- Incorporate Positive Actions curriculum and mentoring to promote regulation, goal-setting, and refusal skills.
- Collaborate with coalition partners to provide mental health support, peer leadership, and evidence-based prevention messaging.

#### Program Components

- Middle School Nights: Two monthly events with meals, social connection, and embedded prevention content. Local partners will provide on-site behavioral health support and coping skill development.
- High School Nights: Two monthly events focused on life skills, wellness, and prevention strategies tailored to older teens.
- Daily Engagement: The Coordinator will engage youth during Club hours and build lasting relationships with caring adults.

### Prevention Programming

- Integrate Positive Actions lessons into daily and event-based programming with a focus on prevention and decision-making.
- With coalition support, launch Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer initiative training teens to support peers with substance-related or emotional challenges.

### Project Partners

- Carbon County Public Health & Crisis Coalition: Co-lead Hope Squad, join Teen Nights, provide behavioral health support, and train staff to identify and assist at-risk youth.
- Red Lodge Public Schools: Support event outreach, promotion, and student access to programming.

### Intended Results

- Serve at least 50 middle and high school students annually.
- Increase teen participation and retention in Club programming.
- Improve protective factors, regulation, and decision-making skills.
- Reduce opioid misuse and other risky behaviors.
- Strengthen school–community collaboration on prevention.
- Empower youth as peer prevention leaders.

Grant funding will support the Tween/Teen Coordinator (75% FTE), curriculum, supplies, Teen Nights, and staff development. Nearly 90% of the budget covers staffing, with 10% dedicated to consumables and training. Additional resources will be pursued for transportation and outreach.

## Specific Goals\*

Describe the primary goals your program seeks to achieve. For each goal, explain how the program intends to accomplish it.

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County (BGCCC) will implement a layered, youth-centered opioid prevention strategy rooted in trusted relationships, intentional engagement, and consistent support. Goals include:

#### 1. Increase Engagement Among Middle & High School Youth

Hiring a full-time Teen Services professional will expand BGCCC's capacity to engage older youth through daily and weekly interactions. Staff will build positive relationships, provide safe alternatives to risky behavior, and offer consistent mentorship during vulnerable years.

#### 2. Deliver Weekly Teen Programming to Reinforce Positive Habits

Four monthly evening events (two middle school, two high school) will include meals, structured activities, and prevention content from partners like Carbon County Public Health. These gatherings mix fun with trusted guidance and prevention messaging.

#### 3. Expand Daily Club Experience

As trust grows, teens needing more support will join daily Club activities, giving them a consistent place to belong while fostering decision-making, emotional regulation, and purpose.

#### 4. Launch Hope Squad Peer-to-Peer Mentoring

BGCCC will introduce Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer prevention program that builds connection, resilience, empathy, and emotional intelligence. Students will learn to support peers, make constructive choices, and connect friends with trusted adults.

#### 5. Integrate Positive Actions Curriculum Across Programs

This evidence-based curriculum will be embedded into daily programming, events, and mentoring, building skills in emotional regulation, empathy, and goal setting. Lessons will be reinforced by partners and real-world application.

Through this collaborative approach, youth will receive consistent prevention tools, trusted guidance, and peer-led messaging that build resilience, strengthen protective factors, and reduce opioid misuse.

## Evaluation Method\*

Please explain in detail how you will gauge the effectiveness and overall impact of the program. What specific evaluation methods, tools, or metrics will you use to measure success.

The proposed Boys & Girls Club Opioid Prevention & Engagement Project will be embedded across multiple layers of programming designed for Red Lodge middle and high school youth. While its reach will be broad, spanning daily activities, special events, and peer-led efforts, we will evaluate the program's effectiveness using clear, measurable strategies focused on engagement, connection, and prevention outcomes.

### 1. Increased and Frequent Teen Participation

We will track participation using our electronic member management system to measure how often middle and high school students engage with the Club. Data will include attendance at daily programming, special events (such as Middle School and High School Nights), and prevention activities. Our goal is to see a measurable increase in frequent teen participation over the course of the year, especially among youth who previously attended infrequently or not at all.

### 2. Sense of Belonging and Adult Relationships

To assess connection to caring adults and emotional safety, we will administer the National Youth Outcome Survey (NYOS), a standardized Boys & Girls Clubs of America tool. This survey is given annually to Club members in grades 3–12 and measures social-emotional indicators including feeling safe, supported, and known by staff, all factors shown to build protective buffers against substance misuse.

### 3. Prevention Knowledge and Behavior Change

To evaluate attitudes toward opioids and related risk behaviors, BGCCC will collaborate with Carbon County Public Health to develop a customized teen survey. Based on elements from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the survey will be administered annually and will measure prevention awareness, perceived harm, behavioral intentions, and any self-reported substance use. Responses will be anonymous to ensure honest feedback.

### 4. Peer-to-Peer Impact Tracking

As part of the Peer-to-Peer initiative, participants will complete pre- and post-training reflections to assess their readiness and confidence to support others. We will also collect qualitative feedback from teens receiving peer support to evaluate the model's effectiveness in promoting connection and early intervention.

Together, these evaluation methods will provide a layered understanding of the program's reach and impact, allowing us to adjust and strengthen the project over time.

## Data Source\*

What data or evidence will you collect to show you are meeting your program goals? What specific information, metrics and documentation will you provide to demonstrate the program objectives have been achieved.

### Frequent Member Participation

To measure progress toward our goal of increasing regular engagement among Red Lodge middle and high school youth, we will utilize our electronic member management system. This system records daily attendance and generates monthly reports, allowing us to monitor participation trends and track which youth are engaging most frequently. We will analyze attendance at daily programming and monthly events like Middle School and High School Nights to assess growth in overall reach and retention of older members.

### Adult Connections & Sense of Belonging

To evaluate the development of meaningful relationships between youth and trusted adults, we will administer the National Youth Outcome Survey (NYOS), a standardized tool provided by Boys & Girls Clubs of America. This annual survey is given to members in grades 3–12 and includes key questions about emotional safety, staff support, and overall connection to the Club. By comparing year-over-year data, we will assess whether expanded staffing and increased opportunities for older youth have resulted in stronger feelings of belonging—an essential protective factor against risky behavior, including substance misuse.

### Prevention Knowledge and Youth-Led Influence

In partnership with Carbon County Public Health, we will create and administer a prevention-focused survey to middle and high school participants. The tool will assess understanding of opioid-related risks, attitudes toward substance use, and confidence in making healthy decisions. Anonymous responses will help us measure the reach and effectiveness of prevention messaging embedded throughout Club experiences.

### Youth Leadership Outcomes

To evaluate the impact of the new Torch Club and Peer-to-Peer mentoring initiative, we will collect feedback from youth leaders and their peers. This will include self-reflections, peer input, and staff observations regarding leadership growth, communication skills, and influence on peer behavior. This data will help us understand the program's success in empowering youth to take active roles in prevention efforts.

These combined data sources will provide a well-rounded picture of how we're achieving our goals and where we can continue to grow.

## Awareness\*

How do you plan to create awareness of this program? Briefly describe what action the program plans to take to create awareness in the community.

The Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County will use a multi-channel outreach strategy to raise awareness of its expanded opioid prevention and teen engagement efforts. Our goal is to ensure families, partners, and the broader community understand the importance and impact of this initiative.

We will regularly feature program highlights on our Club's Facebook page, including photos, videos, and testimonials from participating youth. Posts will showcase special events such as Middle School and High School Nights, teen-led prevention projects, and key moments from our Torch Club and Peer-to-Peer mentoring initiatives. These updates will spotlight the program's positive impact while helping families stay informed and engaged.

The Club will also include dedicated sections on the prevention program in its biannual electronic newsletter distributed to Club families. These updates may feature youth spotlights, success stories, partner involvement, and progress toward program goals.

In addition, we will use our printed newsletter which is mailed twice a year to supporters, donors, and partners to provide broader visibility into the program. We'll highlight youth leadership, community collaborations, and data-driven results that illustrate how this work is making a meaningful difference in the lives of Red Lodge teens.

Finally, BGCC staff will work directly with Red Lodge Public Schools and community partners to share upcoming events and encourage participation, ensuring that program opportunities are widely known and accessible.

## *Additional Documents*

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### **Tax Exempt Organization\***

By clicking this box you are confirming the applying organization is a tax exempt organization.

Yes

### **Tax Exempt Determination Letter\***

Please upload a copy of the Organization 501(C)(3) Tax Exempt Determination Letter.

BGCCC 501 (c) (3) IRS letter.pdf

**Use this section to upload or explain any additional information regarding the program/organization. ie. a detailed budget projection, program/organization history, etc.**

**Upload #1**

**Upload #2**

**Upload #3**

**Additional Information**

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- BGCCC Opioid Grant Budget - Revised.xlsx
- BGCCC 501 (c) (3) IRS letter.pdf

Employee Compensation

*Teen Service Staff*

FT Teen Services Coordinator

Program Director

Annual Wage	Annual Insurance	Annual Taxes	Annual Comp	Percent To Grant
40,000	8,400	3,060	51,460	75%
50,000	8,400	3,825	62,225	0%

<u>Wages To Grant</u>	<u>Benefits To Grant</u>	<u>Total Comp To Grant</u>
30,000	8,595	38,595
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# Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County

## *2025 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Grant Budget*

	Grant Wages	Grant Benefits	Total Compensation	
<b>Employee Compensation</b>				
<i>Program Support</i>				
Program Director (5%)	-	500	500	
<i>Middle &amp; High School Services</i>				
Tween/Teen Coordinator (75%)	30,000	8,500	38,500	
<b>Employee Compensation Totals</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Non-Compensation Expenses</b>				
Consumable Program Supplies			1,500	
Weekly Teen Night Expenses			3,000	
Red Lodge HS Staff Stipends			-	
Staff Professional Development			1,500	
<b>Non-Compensation Totals</b>			<b>6,000</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Project Budget Total</b>			<b>45,000</b>	

*Updated: 7-30-25*

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Person to Contact: Mr. Lafollette  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request of June 02, 2008, regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in February 1995, that recognized you as exempt from Federal income tax, and discloses that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section 509(a)(2).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Michele M. Sullivan*

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