

# Kyle's House Foundation Supporting Recovery in Havre

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*2026 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust  
Grants*

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# Application Form

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## *Region Selection*

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### **Project Name\***

Kyle's House Foundation Supporting Recovery in Havre

**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 2

### **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.

Kyle's House, a nonprofit recovery residence serving Hill County and Montana's Hi-Line, proposes a one-year Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) initiative to fully operationalize and strengthen its seven-unit recovery home as a strategy to reduce opioid-related harms in this rural region. Geographic isolation, limited treatment access, housing instability, and elevated overdose risk, especially during justice-system transitions, make safe recovery housing a critical need.

This project will operationalize and stabilize the recovery home, ensure beds are consistently filled with individuals at highest risk of relapse and overdose, and establish hardship scholarships to remove financial barriers to residency. MOAT funds will support essential furnishings, household supplies, and safety-related items necessary to create a structured, recovery-oriented living environment. A stable residence promotes accountability, peer support, and connection to services.

Kyle's House will coordinate closely with Bear Paw Recovery Center (also operated by Jesse Bergren) and other community partners to prioritize referrals from outpatient treatment providers and criminal justice

agencies. Local parole and probation has expressed strong interest in partnership once certification is finalized. Structured intake processes and coordinated warm hand-offs will support individuals transitioning from incarceration or supervision.

Hardship scholarships will offset residency fees for individuals with limited income, preventing high-risk returns to unstable housing. Residents will receive integrated recovery support, access to outpatient treatment, overdose prevention education, and naloxone.

Kyle's House anticipates serving approximately 12–18 residents annually through its seven-unit home, depending on length of stay.

Health Equity Solutions (HES) will serve as fiscal agent, providing financial oversight, grant compliance, and reporting to ensure responsible stewardship of MOAT funds.

### 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

Treatment  
Recovery

### Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

#### *Schedule A - select all that apply*

- A. NALOXENE/OTHER FDA-APPROVED DRUG TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES
- E. EXPANSION OF WARM HAND-OFF PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY SERVICES
- F. TREATMENT FOR INCARCERATED POPULATION

### Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

#### *Schedule B - select all that apply*

- B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT & RECOVERY
- C. CONNECTIONS TO CARE
- D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS
- H. PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS & OTHER HARMS (HARMS REDUCTION)

### 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*

Kyle's House's proposed project, in partnership with Health Equity Solutions, and Bear Paw Recovery, aligns directly with the approved Opioid Remediation Uses outlined in Exhibit E, Schedule A and Schedule B by implementing coordinated overdose prevention, recovery housing stabilization, treatment linkage, and recovery support activities in a high-need rural and frontier region.

The project addresses Exhibit E, Schedule A: Naloxone / Other FDA-Approved Drugs to Reverse Opioid Overdoses and Schedule B: Prevent Overdose Deaths & Other Harms (Harm Reduction) by expanding overdose education and naloxone access for residents of the recovery home and other individuals at highest risk, including people with opioid use disorder and individuals transitioning from incarceration.

The project aligns with Exhibit E, Schedule A: Expansion of Warm Hand-Off Programs and Recovery Services and Schedule B: Connections to Care by formalizing warm hand-off and referral workflows that move individuals quickly from first contact into recovery housing, outpatient treatment, and recovery support services. These coordinated processes reduce delays, minimize dropped referrals, and strengthen continuity of care.

The project supports Exhibit E, Schedule B: Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Schedule B: Support People in Treatment & Recovery by providing structured recovery housing, accountability, peer support, and coordinated outpatient engagement that improve retention and recovery stability.

Services for justice-involved individuals align with Exhibit E, Schedule A: Treatment for Incarcerated Population and Schedule B: Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons through continuity-of-care planning, post-release housing placement, overdose prevention education, and structured follow-up during high-risk reentry periods.

### **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\***

\$149,450.00

### **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.

Kyle's House Foundation Budget.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.

Kyle's House currently operates as a nonprofit recovery residence supported primarily through modest resident program fees and limited private donations. These funds support basic operational costs but do not provide sufficient resources to fully furnish the home, expand overdose prevention services, or establish a hardship scholarship program for residents with limited income.

The activities proposed in this application—including furnishing the seven-unit recovery home, strengthening referral and intake processes, integrating overdose prevention and naloxone access, and establishing hardship scholarships—are not currently supported by dedicated state, federal, or private grant funding. There are no existing opioid settlement, state block grant, or other public funds supporting these specific initiatives.

If awarded, the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust funding will not replace or supplant any current funding source. Instead, MOAT funds will create new and expanded capacity by stabilizing recovery housing infrastructure, increasing access for high-risk individuals, and reducing financial barriers that prevent individuals from entering or remaining in safe recovery housing. The proposed funding represents an expansion of opioid-focused prevention and recovery services in a rural region with limited housing and treatment options.

### 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.

Kyle's House proposes a one-year Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) initiative to strengthen and fully operationalize its seven-unit recovery home as a critical component of the opioid response in Hill County and Montana's Hi-Line. This rural and frontier region faces significant barriers to recovery, including limited treatment capacity, housing instability, transportation challenges, and elevated overdose risk—particularly among individuals transitioning from incarceration or early recovery. The purpose of this project is to reduce opioid-related harms by expanding access to safe, structured recovery housing and integrating overdose prevention and coordinated care supports.

The primary objectives of the project are to: (1) furnish and stabilize the recovery home to ensure a safe, recovery-oriented living environment; (2) increase access to recovery housing for individuals at highest risk of relapse and overdose; (3) establish hardship scholarships to eliminate financial barriers to residency; and (4) strengthen referral, intake, and continuity-of-care processes in coordination with community and criminal justice partners.

MOAT funding will support essential furnishings, household items, and safety-related needs necessary to maintain a fully functional residence. A stable and appropriately furnished home provides structure, accountability, peer support, and a substance-free environment—protective factors that significantly reduce relapse and overdose risk during early recovery.

Kyle's House will actively fill beds through coordinated referral pathways with outpatient providers, community partners, and criminal justice agencies. Local parole and probation has expressed strong interest in partnership once certification is finalized, recognizing the need for structured housing options for individuals under supervision. Structured intake and warm hand-off processes will ensure individuals transitioning from incarceration or supervision are quickly connected to safe housing and recovery supports.

A hardship scholarship component will offset residency fees for individuals with limited or no income, preventing high-risk returns to unstable or unsafe environments. Residents will receive recovery support, overdose prevention education, naloxone access, and coordinated linkage to outpatient treatment and community resources.

During the one-year project period, Kyle's House anticipates serving approximately 12–18 residents through its seven-unit recovery home, depending on length of stay and turnover.

Intended results include increased access to safe recovery housing, improved engagement in outpatient treatment, strengthened reentry outcomes for justice-involved individuals, reduced relapse and overdose risk, and enhanced long-term recovery stability in a rural community with limited housing infrastructure.

## Specific Goals\*

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

The primary goals of Kyle's House are to reduce opioid overdose risk, increase access to safe recovery housing, and strengthen recovery stability for individuals impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) in Hill County and Montana's Hi-Line. These goals will be achieved through recovery housing stabilization, coordinated referrals, financial access supports, and integrated overdose prevention.

**Goal 1:** Expand access to safe, stable recovery housing for individuals at high risk of relapse and overdose. Kyle's House will furnish and fully operationalize its seven-unit recovery home to provide a structured, substance-free living environment. The program will actively fill beds through coordinated referrals from outpatient providers, community partners, and criminal justice agencies, prioritizing individuals transitioning from incarceration or early recovery.

**Goal 2:** Reduce financial barriers that prevent individuals from entering or remaining in recovery housing. Kyle's House will establish a hardship scholarship program to offset residency fees for individuals with limited or no income. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need and recovery readiness, ensuring that inability to pay does not result in homelessness or return to high-risk environments.

**Goal 3:** Strengthen continuity of care and recovery stability for residents. Residents will receive structured recovery support, peer accountability, and coordinated linkage to outpatient treatment, recovery services, and community resources. Kyle's House will work closely with providers such as Bear Paw Recovery Center to ensure residents remain engaged in treatment and recovery activities.

**Goal 4:** Reduce overdose risk through integrated prevention and reentry support. Kyle's House will integrate overdose prevention education and naloxone access for all residents, with particular focus on individuals transitioning from incarceration. Warm hand-offs, reentry coordination, and follow-up during the first 30 days of residency will reduce relapse and overdose risk during this vulnerable period.

Together, these goals will increase utilization of recovery housing, improve treatment engagement, reduce overdose risk, and strengthen long-term recovery outcomes in a rural region with limited housing and treatment infrastructure.

## 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.

Kyle's House will gauge the effectiveness and overall impact of the program through a structured process and outcomes evaluation framework focused on recovery housing utilization, resident engagement, overdose prevention, and continuity of care. Health Equity Solutions (HES) will serve as the fiscal agent and evaluation partner and will provide expertise in behavioral health evaluation, opioid response initiatives, and rural recovery programs.

Evaluation will rely on standardized tracking tools, recovery housing records, and routine documentation collected at intake, throughout residency, and at exit. HES will support the development of data collection tools, performance indicators, and reporting protocols to ensure data quality, consistency, and compliance with Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) reporting requirements. Program and evaluation staff will review data monthly to monitor progress, identify barriers, and inform continuous quality improvement.

Key process measures will include the number of beds furnished and available, occupancy rates, referral sources, time from referral to move-in, and number of hardship scholarships awarded. Additional measures will include length of stay, resident participation in required recovery activities, and successful warm hand-offs to outpatient treatment and recovery supports.

Key outcome measures will focus on recovery stability and overdose prevention. Metrics will include resident retention rates, continued engagement in outpatient treatment during residency, naloxone education completion, and confirmation of naloxone access for all residents. For justice-involved residents, additional indicators will include coordination with parole and probation, completion of reentry planning, and stability during the first 30 days of residency, a period of heightened overdose risk.

HES will support mid-year and end-of-year evaluation summaries that combine quantitative data with brief, de-identified implementation examples to illustrate program impact. Program success will be demonstrated by increased recovery housing utilization, reduced barriers to entry through scholarships, strong resident engagement in treatment and recovery activities, and reduced overdose risk among residents served by Kyle's House.

## 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.

Kyle's House will collect and report defined program-level and resident-level data to demonstrate progress toward each project goal. Data collection will rely on standardized intake forms, residency agreements, scholarship documentation, referral logs, recovery activity tracking, naloxone distribution records, and exit summaries. Health Equity Solutions (HES), serving as fiscal agent and evaluation partner, will support data oversight, aggregation, and reporting to ensure accuracy and compliance with MOAT requirements.

To demonstrate expanded access to recovery housing, Kyle's House will document the number of beds furnished and available (7 units), occupancy rates (target: 85% or higher), number of residents admitted (12–16 residents annually), referral sources, and time from referral to move-in (target: within 7–10 days when feasible). Documentation will include intake forms, referral records, and residency start dates.

To demonstrate reduced financial barriers, Kyle's House will track the number of hardship scholarships awarded (8–12 residents annually), amount of assistance provided per resident, and duration of support.

Scholarship applications, award determinations, and payment records will be maintained to document financial access and prevent displacement due to inability to pay.

To demonstrate recovery stability and engagement, Kyle's House will report average length of stay (target: 120–180 days), participation in required recovery activities (90% of residents), and confirmation of engagement with outpatient treatment or recovery support services (at least 85% of residents). Documentation will include attendance logs, service coordination notes, and treatment verification when applicable.

To demonstrate overdose prevention impact, Kyle's House will document completion of overdose prevention education for 100% of residents, distribution of naloxone kits to 100% of residents upon entry, and confirmation of naloxone access at exit.

For justice-involved residents, Kyle's House will track referrals from parole and probation (target: 6–10 residents annually), coordination contacts, and stability indicators during the first 30 days of residency, including retention (80% retained at 30 days) and continued engagement in treatment.

HES will compile monthly dashboards and produce mid-year and end-of-year summaries demonstrating increased housing stability, reduced financial barriers, strong engagement, and reduced overdose risk among residents served.

## 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.

Kyle's House will create awareness of the recovery housing program through targeted outreach to community partners, criminal justice agencies, healthcare providers, and behavioral health organizations across Hill County and Montana's Hi-Line. Outreach efforts will focus on increasing awareness of available recovery housing beds, hardship scholarships, referral pathways, and overdose prevention supports for individuals at highest risk of relapse and overdose.

A primary outreach strategy will be direct engagement with criminal justice partners. Local parole and probation has expressed strong interest in partnering once Kyle's House is certified as a recovery home. Upon certification, Kyle's House will conduct in-person meetings and coordination sessions with parole and probation officers to establish clear referral procedures, eligibility criteria, and warm hand-off processes. This partnership will help ensure that individuals under supervision, particularly those transitioning from incarceration, are aware of and referred to safe recovery housing options.

Kyle's House will also coordinate with outpatient treatment providers, including Bear Paw Recovery Center and other regional behavioral health agencies, to ensure consistent referrals and shared case coordination. Informational materials describing the recovery home, scholarship availability, and referral steps will be distributed to providers, emergency responders, social service agencies, and community organizations.

To reach individuals and families directly, Kyle's House will maintain updated information on its website and social media platforms outlining admission criteria, scholarship opportunities, and contact information. Printed materials will be available in clinics, community centers, and other high-traffic locations.

These outreach efforts will ensure that individuals in need, community partners, and justice-system stakeholders understand how to access recovery housing quickly. By strengthening referral relationships and increasing program visibility, Kyle's House will promote timely placement into safe housing and reduce relapse and overdose risk in the community.

## *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.

501c3.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**

LOS Jennifer Rolfes Health Equity Solutions - signed.pdf.pdf

### **Upload #2**

LOSs for Bear Paw Recovery and Kyle's House.pdf

### **Upload #3**

### **Additional Information**

## File Attachment Summary

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### *Applicant File Uploads*

- Kyle's House Foundation Budget.xlsx
- 501c3.pdf
- LOS Jennifer Rolfes Health Equity Solutions - signed.pdf.pdf
- LOSs for Bear Paw Recovery and Kyle's House.pdf

Line Item	FTE	Cost	Requested
<b>Personnel</b>			
Project Director	0.25	\$80,00	\$20,000
Peer Recovery Support Specialist	1	\$41,60	\$41,600
<b>Total Personnel</b>			<b>\$61,600</b>
<b>Fringe</b>			
Payroll Tax, Work Comp, Unemployment	11%		\$6,468
<b>Total Fringe</b>			<b>\$6,468</b>
<b>Supplies</b>			
Laptop	1		\$750
Printer	1		\$300
Printing, copying, paper, pens (\$100/Mo	12		\$1,200
<b>Total Supplies</b>			<b>\$2,250</b>
<b>Facility</b>			
Lease			\$19,800
Utilities			\$4,800
Renovations			\$6,000
Furniture			\$10,000
<b>Total Facility</b>			<b>\$40,600</b>
<b>Other</b>			
Hardhip Scholarships	5		\$15,000
<b>Total Supplies</b>			<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Contract</b>			
HES - Reporting and Evaluation			\$10,000
<b>Total Contractual</b>			<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>			<b>\$135,918</b>
Indirect Costs	10%		\$13,592
<b>Total Project Costs</b>			<b>\$149,510</b>

IRS

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Employer ID number:  
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Person to contact:  
Name: Paul F Cappel II  
ID number: 1010762  
Telephone: (877) 829-5500

Accounting period ending:  
December 31

Form 990-PF required:  
Yes

Effective date of exemption:  
June 2, 2023

Addendum applies:  
No

DLN:  
26053717017933

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

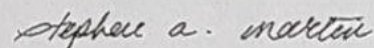
Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a).

You're required to file Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation, annually, whether or not you have income or activity during the year. If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PF" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PF, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Private Foundations, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,



Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements



**Health Equity Solutions (HES)**

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February 10, 2026

Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT)

Re: Letter of Support and Fiscal Sponsorship Commitment for Bear Paw Recovery Center

To the MOAT Review Committee,

Health Equity Solutions (HES) is pleased to provide this Letter of Support for Bear Paw Recovery Center and its MOAT application submitted by Jesse Bergren, LAC. HES confirms our commitment to serve as the fiscal agent for this one-year recovery home project, supporting the responsible receipt, management, and reporting of MOAT funds in accordance with all grant requirements and applicable policies.

Bear Paw Recovery's MOAT proposal centers on the launch and stabilization of a new recovery home that expands safe, supportive housing and recovery services for individuals impacted by opioid use disorder. The recovery home model strengthens the local continuum of care by providing a structured, recovery-supportive environment, improving stability during early recovery, and increasing successful linkage to treatment, peer support, and community-based services. The project aligns with opioid abatement priorities including warm hand-offs and recovery services, connections to care, support for people in treatment and recovery, harm reduction and overdose prevention, and focused support for criminal justice-involved individuals, particularly during re-entry when overdose risk is elevated.

As fiscal agent, HES will provide financial and administrative oversight to ensure strong stewardship of MOAT resources. HES responsibilities will include establishing appropriate fiscal controls and documentation, processing payments and reimbursements consistent with the approved budget and scope, maintaining audit-ready records, and supporting required fiscal reporting. In addition, HES will support data and evaluation by assisting with standardized tracking tools, performance monitoring, and outcome reporting tied to the recovery home's objectives, including occupancy, retention, warm hand-offs to care, and overdose prevention measures.

HES values Bear Paw Recovery Center's leadership in expanding recovery infrastructure in rural Montana and believes this recovery home will produce measurable benefits for individuals and families impacted by opioid use disorder in Hill County and the Hi-Line region. We appreciate the Trust's consideration and welcome any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Rolfes*

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**Jennifer Rolfes, DBH, MS (Statistics), MBA**  
President & CEO  
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# LOS Jennifer Rolfes Health Equity Solutions

Final Audit Report

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February 11, 2026

Jesse Bergren, LAC  
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#### Support for Substance Use Treatment Services

The Fletcher Group is pleased to support Bear Paw Recovery Center in Havre, Montana for funding through the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) to expand recovery programs and services.

With few resources the norther region of Montana faces significant challenges in providing adequate access to recovery services for individuals experiencing a substance use disorder. The Bear Paw Recovery Center takes a proactive, community-based approach to providing evidence-based and timely services to individuals and families in the region. Thus, it is with strong confidence that we support their application for funding through MOAT to expand and increase services enabling them to increase their reach by building a sustainable recovery ecosystem in these rural communities.

The Fletcher Group, a national nonprofit organization, is a Center of Excellence on Recovery we provide technical assistance training, and research in evolving the capacity and quality of recovery services. We support and endorse the vision of Bear Paw Recovery Center in their service delivery model. Our support extends beyond this letter of support to include our commitment to provide technical assistance and subject matter expertise to Bear Paw Recovery Cener as the expand and evolve their programs and services.

Please feel free to contact me at [djohnson@fletchergroup.org](mailto:djohnson@fletchergroup.org) if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



Dave Johnson, CEO  
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**Dan Aune, Consultant**  
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February 6, 2026

Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT)

Re: Letter of Support - Bear Paw Recovery Center (Havre, MT)

To the MOAT Review Committee,

I am writing in support of Bear Paw Recovery Center and its application to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT). The applicant is Jesse Bergren, LAC, and the proposed project will expand and strengthen opioid abatement activities in Havre, Hill County, and the Hi-Line region, with an emphasis on recovery-oriented services and community coordination.

I support this effort because rural communities require practical, locally grounded solutions that increase access, improve outcomes, and build sustainable recovery capacity.

In my role as a consultant, I support Bear Paw Recovery Center through general guidance and program support as needed, which may include elements such as startup planning, implementation problem-solving, partnership coordination, and/or sustainability considerations.

I believe Bear Paw Recovery Center is well-positioned to use MOAT funds responsibly to strengthen recovery supports and reduce opioid-related harms in the region. I encourage the Trust to fund this proposal.

Sincerely,

*Danny Aune*

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February 6, 2026

Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT)

Re: Letter of Support - Bear Paw Recovery Center (Havre, MT)

To the MOAT Review Committee,

I am writing to express my support for Bear Paw Recovery Center and its MOAT application submitted by Jesse Bergren, LAC. I understand the proposed project will expand recovery-oriented services and strengthen opioid abatement efforts for individuals and families impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) in Havre, Hill County, and the Hi-Line region.

In my work as a mental health provider, I regularly see the overlap between substance use disorders, trauma, depression/anxiety, and other co-occurring needs. Access to consistent, recovery-centered supports is critical; especially in rural communities where service options and transportation can be limited.

I support this MOAT request because Bear Paw Recovery Center's work will help:

- Improve continuity and stability for individuals pursuing recovery
- Strengthen linkages between clinical behavioral health services and recovery supports; and
- Reduce overdose risk by increasing supportive, structured recovery resources in the community.

As appropriate and within my scope, I am willing to support collaboration through referrals, care coordination, and participation in local partnership conversations that improve access and continuity for mutual clients.

Thank you for considering this MOAT application.

Sincerely,



[Lydia Zilkoski \(Feb 10, 2026 08:25:26 MST\)](#)

**Lydia Zilkoski, LAC, LCPC**  
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February 6, 2026

Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT)

Re: Letter of Support / Technical Assistance Commitment - Bear Paw Recovery Center

To the MOAT Review Committee,

I am writing in support of Bear Paw Recovery Center's MOAT application submitted by Jesse Bergren, LAC. I understand this proposal will expand opioid abatement capacity in Havre, Hill County, and the Hi-Line region by strengthening recovery-oriented services and improving local access to supports that reduce opioid-related harm.

As the executive director of RAM assisting with program launch, I am supporting Bear Paw Recovery Center with implementation guidance and startup technical assistance to strengthen program readiness and operational success.

Support being provided (as applicable):

- Program launch planning and readiness support.
- Development/refinement of policies, procedures, and workflows to support quality services.
- Guidance on partnership development and referral pathways; and
- Problem-solving support during early implementation to improve sustainability and outcomes.

I believe MOAT investment in this work will measurably strengthen the region's recovery continuum and contribute to reductions in opioid-related harms. I appreciate the Trust's consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Maney', is written over a horizontal line.

[Peter Maney \(Feb 6, 2026 17:43:57 MST\)](#)

**Peter Maney**

Executive Director  
Recovery Access Montana (RAM)