

## Notice of Funding Opportunity

### Yellowstone Region Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Fund

Through the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust (MOAT) Fund, the Yellowstone Metro Region MOAT Fund Committee is soliciting proposals for projects that support **opioid abatement and substance use disorder (SUD) remediation** in Yellowstone County. This funding opportunity prioritizes evidence based/informed, system level approaches that prevent opioid use or overdose, expand access to treatment and recovery, improve crisis response, and reduce reliance on emergency departments and incarceration—consistent with:

- [Montana opioid settlement requirements](#)
- The Yellowstone Region Montana Opioid Abatement Trust priorities ([MOAT](#))
- The Yellowstone County Behavioral Health Strategic Plan (2026–2028) ([MOAT](#))

MOAT funds are dedicated to reducing the harm caused by opioid misuse and addiction (inclusive of co-occurring disorders with mental health conditions) through prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives and are allocated on a formula basis to abatement regions. The Yellowstone County Metro Region Committee plans to prioritize projects that align with the Yellowstone County Behavioral Health Coalition Strategic Plan and the Yellowstone Metro Region Priorities linked above.

#### Total Funding Available

- **Estimated Total Available:** \$1,630,144 total for 2026, \$986,532 annually after
- **Grant Period:** 12 months

The Opioid Abatement Committee reserves the right to fund all, some or none of the proposals received. Proposals may be partially funded dependent on the number of applications received.

Funds **may not** be used for: general operations unrelated to opioid abatement, supplanting existing funding sources, construction or new building opportunities, activities not compliant with Montana’s opioid remediation definition.

#### Funding Criteria

- Eligible applicants include Nonprofit organizations (501(c)(3)), healthcare systems and clinics, behavioral health and substance use treatment providers, recovery oriented organizations, local government entities, tribally affiliated organizations, and school districts.
- Eligible applicants must reside in and serve Yellowstone County specifically. Applicants located outside of Yellowstone County will not be considered for funding. Applicants with locations both inside and outside Yellowstone County must ensure funds are only used within Yellowstone County.
- Eligible programs and initiatives must be evidence-based or evidence-informed.
- Demonstrate measurable outcomes and community impact by incorporating baseline data and qualitative evaluation methods.

- Focus on building sustainable systems and strengthening long-term local capacity.
- Priority will be given to projects that have strong potential for scalability or broader community impact.
- Only one year funding is available, for multi-year funding requests the applicant must re-apply annually, and repeated funding is not guaranteed.
- All indirect costs must be justified and reasonable.

### Application Details

- Applications must be submitted through the [Montana Opioid Abatement Trust \(MOAT\) grant portal](#).
- Applications can be submitted anytime but will only be reviewed once per calendar year. To be considered, applications must be submitted by August 1.
- All applications are reviewed by the Yellowstone County Metro Abatement Region Committee. Top applicants will be invited to present their project at an upcoming Yellowstone County Metro Abatement Region Committee meeting, either in person or virtually.
- Funding recommendations are made to the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust Advisory Board (State level). This MOAT Advisory Board will make final funding decisions.
- All funding is processed through the MOAT Advisory Board (State Level).
- Funded applicants must submit a six-month and one year programmatic and financial report.

### Application Timeline

| Process/Communication        | Date  |
|------------------------------|---|
| NOFO Release                 | June 1  |
| Optional Information Session | Mid-June  |
| <b>Application Deadline</b>  | <b>August 1</b>                                   |
| In Person Presentations      | Late August – Early September                     |
| Award Notifications          | After October 20 <sup>th</sup> (from State Board) |
| Grant Start Date             | January   |

For more information, please visit: [Montana Opioid Abatement Trust - Fighting Opioid Addiction](#)

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