



Montana Opioid Abatement Trust

July 21st, 2026

Operating Trustees Meeting Minutes

1597 Avenue D, Suite 6 Billings, MT 59102

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM

Roll Call Taken

Operating Trustees Present

Will Selph, Drenda Niemann, Jeanna Miller, Steve Crawford, Jake Strissel,
Maureen Ward, Becky Rice, Scott Malloy

Operating Trustees Absent

Brenda Kneeland, Rebecca de Camara

Staff Present

Rusty Gackle (Executive Director), Steffanie McGowan (Program Director)

Additional Attendees

Allied Investments

Approval of April. 21st Meeting Minutes

Approval of the meeting minutes was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

MOAT Updates

Executive Director, Rusty Gackle, gave an update on Abatement Region committees and communications.

MOAT staff provided a financial update including:

- Overview of Investment Portfolio
- Overview of 2026 Budget
- Grant Dollars Disbursed



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Old Business

The Trustees reviewed seventeen 6-month follow-up reports and eleven 1-year follow-up reports submitted as part of previously approved applications. These reports were submitted as part of previously approved applications.

The Trustees reviewed the previously approved October 9, 2025, application for the *City of Missoula Community Planning, Development & Innovation Housing Sprint grant for the Johnson Street Emergency Shelter (\$250,000), including the updated addendum*. A motion to approve the updated addendum to the Housing Sprint application for the Johnson Street Emergency Shelter was properly moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

New Business

Trustees reviewed eight submitted applications:

Abatement Region 4

Park County, MT – Park County Offices Reconfiguration and Expansion for Increased Substance Abuse Services ~ \$101,850.00

Motion to deny the application Park County Offices Reconfiguration and Expansion for Increased Substance Abuse Services was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Broadwater County Sheriff's Office – Broadwater County Apex Raman Spectrometer ~ \$32,900.00

Motion to deny the application Broadwater County Apex Raman Spectrometer was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Montana Legal Services Association – Montana Health Justice Partnership - Recovery Project in Region 4 ~ \$25,340.00

Approval of the application Montana Health Justice Partnership - Recovery Project in Region 4 program was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Park County, Montana - Park City-County Health Department Opioid Prevention and Education Program ~ \$106,500.00

Approval of the application Park City-County Health Department Opioid Prevention and Education Program was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Madison County DUI Task Force - Madison County Substance-Impaired Driving Prevention & Response Program ~ \$50,000.00



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Approval of application Madison County Substance-Impaired Driving Prevention & Response Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Flathead County Metro Region

Flathead Warming Center – FWC's Opioid Use Prevention and Recovery Support Program ~ \$78,840.00

Approval of application FWC's Opioid Use Prevention and Recovery Support Program was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Flathead City-County Health Department – Crisis Assistance Team - Capacity Expansion ~ \$39,400.00

Approval of the application Crisis Assistance Team - Capacity Expansion was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Butte-Silver Bow County Metro Region

The LifeGuard Group – Montana Human Trafficking Hotline Regional Liaison Silver Bow - ADDENDUM ~ \$34,960.00

Approval of application Montana Human Trafficking Hotline Regional Liaison Silver Bow ADDENDUM was properly moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

***Disbursements for proposed Opioid Remediation programs and services to Participating Abatement Regions shall be reviewed by the MOAT Advisory Committee to determine whether the proposed disbursements meet the criteria for Opioid Remediation and Approved Purposes. The MOAT may not deny a proposal for distribution of funds from a Region or Local Government, provided the proposal identifies Approved Purposes for which the funds are currently available and will be expended as defined and provided for in the Settlement Agreements.*

Next Meeting: October 20th, 2026

Meeting adjourned at: 2:15