

National Prescription Opiate Litigation
Project: **END OVERDOSE MKE**
Sober Living Grant - 2022

INTRODUCTION

The City of Milwaukee Health Department seeks to provide a grant to a sober living transitional housing vendor. This grant must be used to develop continuum of care services and add to the social safety net in a diverse neighborhood in the heart of Milwaukee. The goal of the grant is for current sober living transitional housing service agencies to increase bed availability and expand wraparound service accessibility in the city of Milwaukee.

BACKGROUND

National data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show an estimated 107,622 drug overdose deaths in the United States in 2021, a 15% increase over what was already a record-setting year in 2020. Milwaukee County lost 544 lives in 2020, following an 18% increase of 644 lives from a drug related overdose. Unfortunately, these numbers are only a small fraction of the opioid epidemic that Milwaukee continues to face. Milwaukee suffers from the highest overdose burden compared to all of Wisconsin, but few resources exist to aid in a person's road to recovery, especially for housing.

Housing is a basic need that often times cannot be met for community members seeking refuge in an atmosphere that supports drug-free living while easing into everyday living and responsibilities. Milwaukee has continued to experience a housing crisis and minimal resources exist for sober living housing, thus the City is offering a grant for a sober living facility located in the city of Milwaukee.

PROJECT SCOPE

Agency Eligibility Criteria:

- 501(c)(3) Organization
- Must be in an underserved neighborhood in Milwaukee (e.g. 53204, 53205, 53206, 53208, 53215, 53233)
- Sober living provider for men and women in co-ed facilities
- Provide a secure residential program for a minimum of three months
- Milwaukee County Bridge Housing Provider
- Wraparound services provided including employment, housing and required daily 12-step or similar addiction intervention programming
- Resources for all substances including opioids, alcohol and stimulants
- Supports and provides space to accommodate and measures positive re-connections to family and community

Preferred Eligibility Criteria:

- Offers Medication Assisted Treatment
- Offers holistic programming (e.g. Reiki, yoga, mindfulness, acupuncture)

PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

The project's objectives are to provide an opportunity for an existing sober living agency to develop or expand substance use disorder services to the Milwaukee community.

1. Provide congregate residential sober living beds in an underserved neighborhood of Milwaukee.
2. Provide critical transitional housing and supportive services to allow addicts and alcoholics to bridge in-patient treatment and transition to a stable recovery and sobriety.

Metrics: The selected vendor must demonstrate monthly data showing

- Number of people served
- Employment status for residents
- Progress toward restored family, interpersonal and community connections reported by survey or spreadsheet

BUDGET

The City of Milwaukee Health Department proposes a budget of \$250,000 as a grant opportunity for one sober living transitional housing within the city of Milwaukee.

ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TIMELINE

December, 2022 – December, 2023

Applicants responding to this RFP will provide the following: a statement of qualifications; description of the program, day-to-day staff, a listing of support services, a timeline for implementing the program; an evaluation plan; and budget.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP):

The City of Milwaukee Health Department seeks proposals from sober living transitional housing vendors to develop continuum of care services and add to the social safety net in diverse community neighborhoods in the heart of Milwaukee. This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for current sober living transitional housing services agencies to increase bed capacity and expand wraparound service availability in the city of Milwaukee.

ITEMS FOR RESPONSE

Respond with your nonprofit’s written proposal for sober living beds. The City requests the following in your response:

1. Describe nonprofit’s experience of providing sober living beds in the City of Milwaukee.
2. Program outline including:
 - a. Staff assigned to the project and experience and expertise.
 - b. Listing of support services
 - c. Project timeline
 - d. Evaluation plan
3. Approximate project start and completion date. Must fall within grant funding timeline (1/2023-12/2023).
4. The overall, total cost of the project

DELIVERABLES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROJECT:

1. Present to the City County Heroin Opioid Cocaine Task Force (CCHOCTF) about agency and the approved project.
2. Regularly scheduled group support with MHD staff and MHD leadership team.
3. Regularly scheduled project-status updates for the MHD leadership team.
4. Monthly reporting on people served, employment and progress toward community, family and interpersonal re/connections.

PROJECT LOCATION

City of Milwaukee Health Department
UWM Zilber School of Public Health
1240 N 10th St, Suite 210A, Milwaukee, WI 53205
Other locations to be determined.

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ESTIMATED START DATE

The estimated start date is approximately December 30, 2022, or thereabouts, and estimated completion date is approximately December 30, 2023, or thereabouts.