

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

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Project/Program Title: Milwaukee Drug Rapid Testing and Outreach Program (M-DROP)Grantor Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (BJA COSSAP)Grant Application Date: 6/23/2022Anticipated Award Date: 9/29/2022

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

Milwaukee County is the most populated county in Wisconsin with an estimated population of 946,687 people in 2020, about 16% of the state's total population. Milwaukee is also the most diverse county in Wisconsin accounting for 62% of the state's total black population. It has the greatest overdose burden in the state, leading in both count and rates. For the first time in 2021, the rate of fatal overdoses was higher among the black population in Milwaukee County than white and Hispanic counterparts.

This program was created to address a challenge identified by the Milwaukee Overdose Death Public Health and Safety Team (OD-PHAST) group, a current Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grantee. The OD-PHAST Data Strategy Team identified alarming new overdose trends within the black population of Milwaukee and within polysubstance overdose deaths. Overall, fatal overdoses have increased in Milwaukee County, with 613 accidental or undetermined drug overdose deaths in 2021, a 68% increase from 2018 to 2021.

Milwaukee Drug Rapid-Testing and Outreach Program (DROP) would serve all of Milwaukee County, with an emphasis on reaching the historically underserved black population concentrated in the northside of Milwaukee as well as people who use cocaine given the recent increase in overdose risk for these populations. The black population in Milwaukee experienced a 51.7% increase in fatal overdose rates from 2020 to 2021, compared to only a 4.8% rate increase among the white population. The substances involved in fatal overdoses saw distinct shifts, with a 42% increase in the number of cocaine and fentanyl related overdoses from 2020-2021, which was disproportionately experienced by the black population. Milwaukee partners have been limited in identifying the cause of these recent changes.

M-DROP objectives:

- Collect and Coordinate Near-Real-Time Data
- Increase capacity for near-real-time substance testing at overdose scenes
- Initiate the first real-time drug checking program in the state through partnerships with harm reduction and substance use support service organizations
- Develop a near-real-time substance testing mapping application through the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP)
- Communicate Near-Real-Time Data to Public Health, Public Safety, and Community- Based Harm Reduction Partners
- Increase understanding of changing and emerging polysubstance use trends
- Inform education, outreach, and harm reduction efforts based on real-time substance trends
- Continue to strengthen existing public health and public safety partnerships, including the Milwaukee Overdose Public Health and Safety Team (OD-PHAST) and Milwaukee City-County Heroin, Opioid and Cocaine Task Force (CCHOCTF).

2. Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

M-DROP will present to the City County Heroin Opioid Cocaine Task Force in an effort to raise awareness on the substance trends in Milwaukee as well as strategize overdose prevention. This program includes an equity-based approach with a focus on the historically underserved black population in Milwaukee.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

These grant funds will allow the purchase of important equipment to analyze substances in near real time. It will also allow for community partners to disseminate the results in a culturally sensitive and impactful way in order to resonate with the diverse Milwaukee populations.

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

See attached Time Task Plan and Timeline

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:

10/01/2022 to 9/30/2025

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office
Washington Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, ODMAP
Maryland Overdose Data Collaborative, Johns Hopkins University
United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS)
Samad's House

7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.

Attached