



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** County Health Department  
**Department No.:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** September 9, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, Director, County Health  
Contact: Jack Mohr, Health Services Manager, County Health  
**SUBJECT:** Opioid Unified Response in Santa Barbara County (OUR SBC) Fiscal Year 2025-26  
Community Partner Grant Award Allocations

Signed by:  
*Mouhanad Hammami*  
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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve recommended grant award recipients (Attachment C) and authorize the disbursement of allocated funds in the total amount of \$500,000 to selected recipients for the FY 2025-26 Opioid Unified Response in Santa Barbara County (OUR SBC) Community Partner Grant Awards for the grant period starting September 15, 2025, and not to extend beyond August 31, 2027;
- b) Approve and authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to execute grantee award agreements with the FY 2025-26 OUR SBC Community Partner Grant recipients (Attachments D-H);
- c) Authorize the Director of the County Health Department, or designee, to execute future no cost amendments or modifications to the scope of work upon review and approval of County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, and Risk Management, subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and are exempt per CEQA Guidelines section

15378(b)(5), because the recommended actions consist of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

### **Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to request approval of the County Health Department's recommended awards for the Opioid Unified Response in Santa Barbara County (OUR SBC) Community Partner Grants and authorization to disburse the \$500,000 in opioid settlement funds allocated by the Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2024. The grant program was open to local nonprofit organizations providing opioid use and overdose prevention services across Santa Barbara County. Five successful community grant program applications are recommended today for approval (at \$100,000 each) to Fighting Back Santa Maria, Allan Hancock College Police Department, Future Leaders of America, and two separate projects submitted by Good Samaritan Shelter. Upon approval, grant agreements will be executed for either one or two-year projects based on submitted proposals for the period starting September 15, 2025, and not to extend beyond August 31, 2027.

### **Discussion:**

On June 18, 2024, the Board delegated the County Health Department, in coordination with the County Executive Office, as the lead department in managing receipt and distribution of opioid settlement funds, including allocation of community partner grants. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for the OUR SBC community grant program was issued by the department on February 10, 2025 with a deadline of March 10, 2025. Eight applications were submitted by eligible non-profit organizations. On May 5, 2025, previously identified review members from community partner organizations and County departments were invited to participate in review of the applications. Invited reviewers were provided copies of each application and a scoring rubric to complete for each application. On May 22, 2025, the review panel was convened to discuss qualitative feedback on applications and scoring and a consensus decision was made to move forward with selected proposals.

Applicants were invited to submit proposals with a total value of \$50,000 to \$100,000. Applicant organizations were also allowed to submit multiple applications provided they were for separate activities. Nonprofit organizations located within Santa Barbara County were eligible to apply for projects that fit within at least one of the County's priorities for Opioid settlement activities. Projects also had to conform to allowable expenditures determined by California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for California Opioid Settlement funds.

The full list of proposals, grant funding requests, recommended grant awards, duration of grant disbursement, project descriptions, and proposed use of grant funds for each of the applicants are detailed in Attachment C. The review panel recommends the following proposals for funding:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Proposal Title</b>	<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley	Empowerment Through Knowledge	2 years	\$100,000	\$100,000
Allan Hancock College Police Department	Unified Opioid Response	2 years	\$100,000	\$100,000

Future Leaders of America	Empowering Youth for Opioid Prevention	1 year	\$100,000	\$100,000
Good Samaritan Shelter	Sobering Center	1 year	\$100,000	\$100,000
Good Samaritan Shelter	Substance Use Disorder Coordinator	2 years	\$100,000	\$100,000

### **Performance Measures:**

The following is a summary of the key performance measures from the proposed projects. A full summary of performance measures and project metrics can be found in Appendices D – H.

- 1. Organization:** Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley  
**Proposal Title:** Empowerment Through Knowledge  
**Overview:** Initiate a campaign to address youth opioid use in Santa Maria incorporating in-person training with youth, education to pediatricians on youth substance use screening and delivery of a trilingual youth-led media campaign about opioids.  
**Key Performance Measures:** Deliver one healthcare provider training per year to at least 25 providers; deliver 7 youth-focused trainings reaching at least 2500 youth in total; and develop one media campaign in English, Spanish, and Mixteco.
- 2. Organization:** Allan Hancock College Police Department  
**Proposal Title:** Unified Opioid Response  
**Overview:** Develop a campus-wide initiative to address the impacts of opioids including increasing access to narcotics anonymous, training the community on mental health first aid and overdose prevention, and reducing stigma for students with a history of substance use challenges.  
**Key Performance Measures:** Implement Narcotics Anonymous meetings that serve at least 100 formerly incarcerated students; train at least 300 students, faculty, and staff in Mental Health First Aid over two years; train at least 300 students, faculty, and first responders in Basic Life Support and Naloxone (Narcan) use.
- 3. Organization:** Future Leaders of America  
**Proposal Title:** Empowering Youth for Opioid Prevention  
**Overview:** Train youth leaders on harms of opioids and prevention strategies so that they can deliver peer-focused trainings in Lompoc and provide education to the broader community through outreach efforts such as tabling events, digital marketing, and interactive forums.  
**Key Performance Measures:** Train at least 30 youth in Opioid Prevention and Harm Reduction; youth leaders to deliver at least 12 peer-led workshops in schools, community centers and youth-serving organizations; host at least 5 trainings on Naloxone use for at least 100 community members.
- 4. Organization:** Good Samaritan Shelter  
**Proposal Title:** Sobering Center

**Overview:** Continue operations of the Santa Maria Sobering Center and establish hospital partnerships and law enforcement partnerships to allow for the diversion of individuals experiencing homelessness with Substance Use Disorder from local emergency rooms and the justice system, and provide those same individuals with warm handoffs to substance use treatment.

**Key Performance Measures:** Develop partnership with one local hospital and three local law enforcement agencies; receive at least 80 individual intakes from hospital diversion; receive at least 50 individual intakes from law enforcement diversion; develop warm handoff guide and deliver training to all shelter staff.

**5. Organization:** Good Samaritan Shelter

**Proposal Title:** Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Coordinator

**Overview:** Employ a SUD Shelter Coordinator within North County shelters to expand access to evidence-based assessments, treatment referrals, and culturally responsive care, reducing barriers for individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders.

**Key Performance Measures:** Employ a SUD Shelter Coordinator within North County shelters; complete screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment with at least 300 shelter residents; refer at least 70 clients identified via screening to treatment; at least 30 clients to engage in substance abuse treatment.

**Background:**

On June 18, 2024, the Board approved recommendations regarding the OUR SBC and the use of Opioid Settlement Funds received from County-initiated litigation against distributors and manufacturers of prescription opioids. As part of the approved recommendations, the Board adopted three priorities for opioid remediation: a) expanding prevention, b) strengthening treatment and harm reduction programs, and c) supporting data collection. These recommendations were based on high impact abatement activities identified within DHCS’s allowable expenditures for Opioid Settlement Funds. Among the approved activities, the Board delegated County Health to implement a one-time Community Partner Grant program with a total award of \$500,000.

Grant proposals were accepted from nonprofit organizations based in Santa Barbara County and providing services within the County that addressed at least one of the approved recommendations from the Board for opioid remediation. Projects were further required to fall within DHCS’s allowable expenditures for Opioid Settlement Funds including high impact abatement activities, core strategies, and approved uses (Attachment A). Applicants were scored based on the proposal narrative (including description of community need, priority populations served, impact of activities, organization capacity and capability and overall program objectives) and the clarity and consistency of the included budget, work plan and evaluation plan (Attachment B). Applicants also received additional points for submitting up to three letters of support or Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) from up to three organizations indicating agreement with the activities and partnership.

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Total
Opioid Settlement Funds	400,000	100,000	500,000
Total	400,000	100,000	500,000

The Community Partner Grant Awards are part of the OUR SBC and funded through the County of Santa Barbara's Opioid Settlement Funds. Appropriations of \$400,000 for Services and Supplies have been included in FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget in the County Health Department Health Care Fund with the additional funds of \$100,000 to be included in the FY 2026-27 recommended budget. All proposed budgets included a 10% overhead cost for County Health to administer the program.

**Staffing Impacts:**

There will be no increase or decrease in ordinance staff as a result of this action. Grant management of the opioid fund distributions to community partners will be performed by existing staff within the department.

**Special Instructions:**

Request the Clerk of the Board to email one copy of the Minute Order to the County Health Department, Attention: [PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – CA-OSF-Allowable-Expenses

**Attachment B** – OUR SBC RFP Instructions Final 2025

**Attachment C** – OUR SBC Grant Project Descriptions and Award Recommendations

**Attachment D** – Opioid Grantee Award Agreement - Allan Hancock College

**Attachment E** – Opioid Grantee Award Agreement - Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley

**Attachment F** – Opioid Grantee Award Agreement – Future Leaders of America

**Attachment G** – Opioid Grantee Award Agreement – Good Samaritan Shelter Sobering Center

**Attachment H** – Opioid Grantee Award Agreement - Good Samaritan Shelter SUD Coordinator

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