



Governor Dan McKee's Overdose Task Force

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Welcome and Announcements

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CFRP

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM



Goals of the Community First Responder Program (CRFP)

- Educate communities about substance use and opioid use disorder.
- Provide resources to communities to help address opioid misuse and overdose.
- Train individuals on how to effectively recognize and respond to an opioid-involved breathing emergency.



Current CFRP Activities in Rhode Island

- Collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) to provide naloxone distribution to non-profit community partners.
 - Teva kits to harm reduction and other organizations
 - Delivery or pick-up at URI, usually within 24-48 hours
- Educational seminars on demand at “Request a Seminar” on uri.edu/CFRP.
 - General public, police/fire/rescue, medical staff
- Naloxone distribution at CVS locations
- Naloxone distribution by US mail
 - Online interactive training module “Become a Community First Responder” at uri.edu/CFRP
 - Prevent Overdose RI - Get Naloxone
- Continuing Education (CE) programs for healthcare providers (live in-person & online)

Becoming a Community Partner

- Enter a request in the Naloxone Request Form for Community Partners
 - <https://surveys.health.ri.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=READAWTCRT>
- Requesting organization must be a Rhode Island-based non-profit and have experience with overdose prevention and response training.
- Priority will be given to organizations that plan to distribute naloxone kits to individuals at high risk of overdose and families and friends of individuals who are at risk, with particular focus on communities of color and groups highlighted in the Evidence Updates of the Harm Reduction Work Group.

CFRP Website

uri.edu/CFRP

Learn how to reverse an overdose

Become a Community First Responder with our ten minute certification module and receive free Narcan.

[TAKE THE COURSE](#)

Request a free live seminar for community groups

CE programs for healthcare professionals

Online modules to learn basic naloxone administration and request by US mail

GENERAL PUBLIC

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

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ABOUT THE CFRP

General Public

We offer two ways to become certified as a Community First Responder and receive free naloxone (Narcan) by mail. You can complete either a live webinar/in-person seminar or the interactive learning modules – all from the comfort of your own home.

Live Webinars or In-person Seminars

Group Seminars

Help members of your group or organization become a certified Community First Responder and receive free naloxone kits to support individuals in you community.

[REQUEST A SEMINAR](#)

PORI Website

PreventOverdoseRI.org/get-naloxone



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Get Naloxone

Request Free Naloxone Delivered to Your Home

Click the link below to start a short interactive training in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). The training will take about 10 minutes. You will learn how to recognize an overdose, respond to an overdose using naloxone, and ways you can stay safer if you are using drugs. At the end of this short training, you can request free naloxone shipped to your house. You can also request to have a peer recovery specialist to contact you.

We are currently shipping naloxone to Rhode Island residents only.

Get Started

Empieza aquí

Current Staffing and Distribution Model: CFRP and PORI

- Program Director
- Program Manager
 - Massiel Almond Frias, LMHC
 - Fluent in Spanish
 - Operational aspects, program development and translation, purchasing, student scheduling
- Pharmacy Technician II
 - Tammy Whan, CPhT
 - Labeling, mailing, delivery, data entry
- Supplies Mailed and/or Distributed
 - Fentanyl test strips
 - Intranasal naloxone 4 mg
 - CFRP certificates of completion for online educational modules

Distribution Data

March 2020 to March 2023



Distribution efforts at community events and via US mail:

- Over 10,000 naloxone kits
- Over 22,000 fentanyl test strips

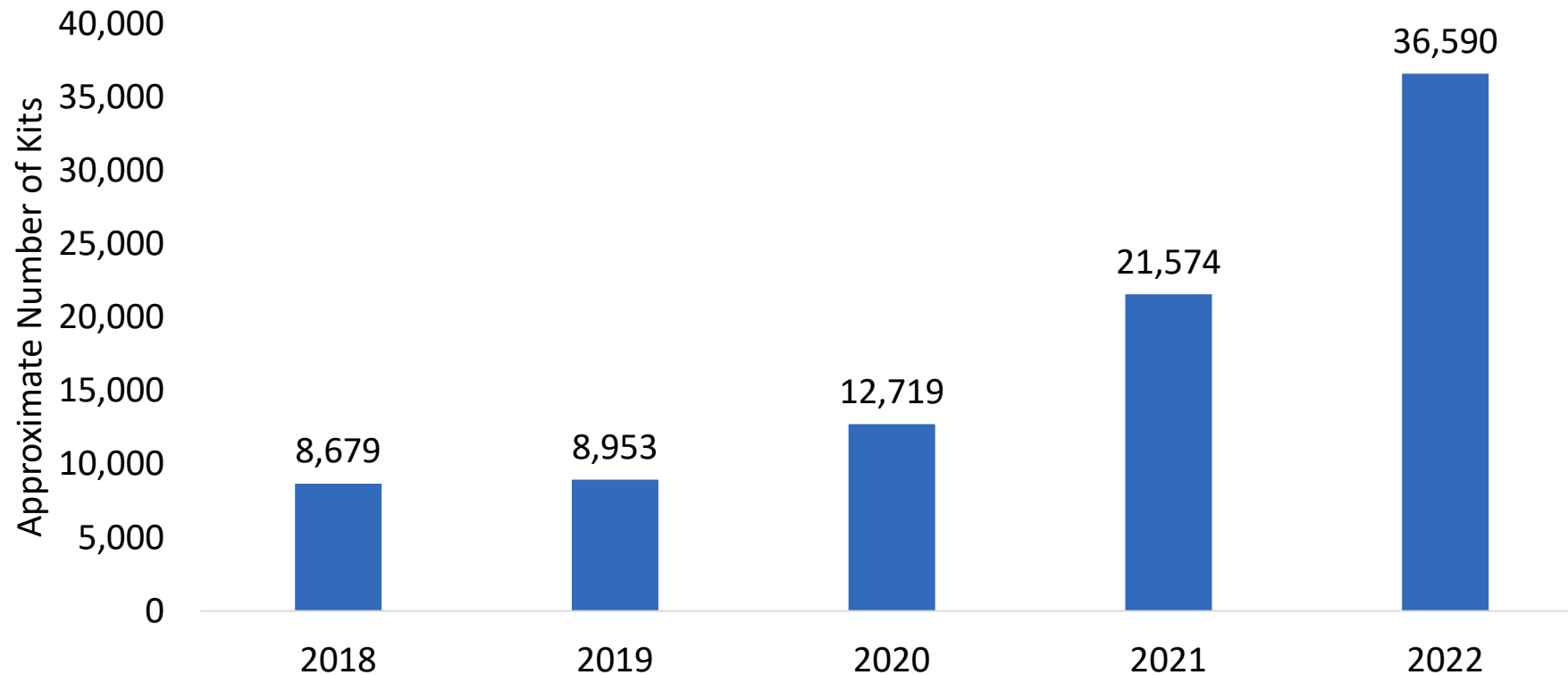
Distribution to community non-profit partners:

- 2023: 16,755 naloxone kits
- 2022: 34,872 naloxone kits

Number of Naloxone Kits Distributed January 2018-December 2022



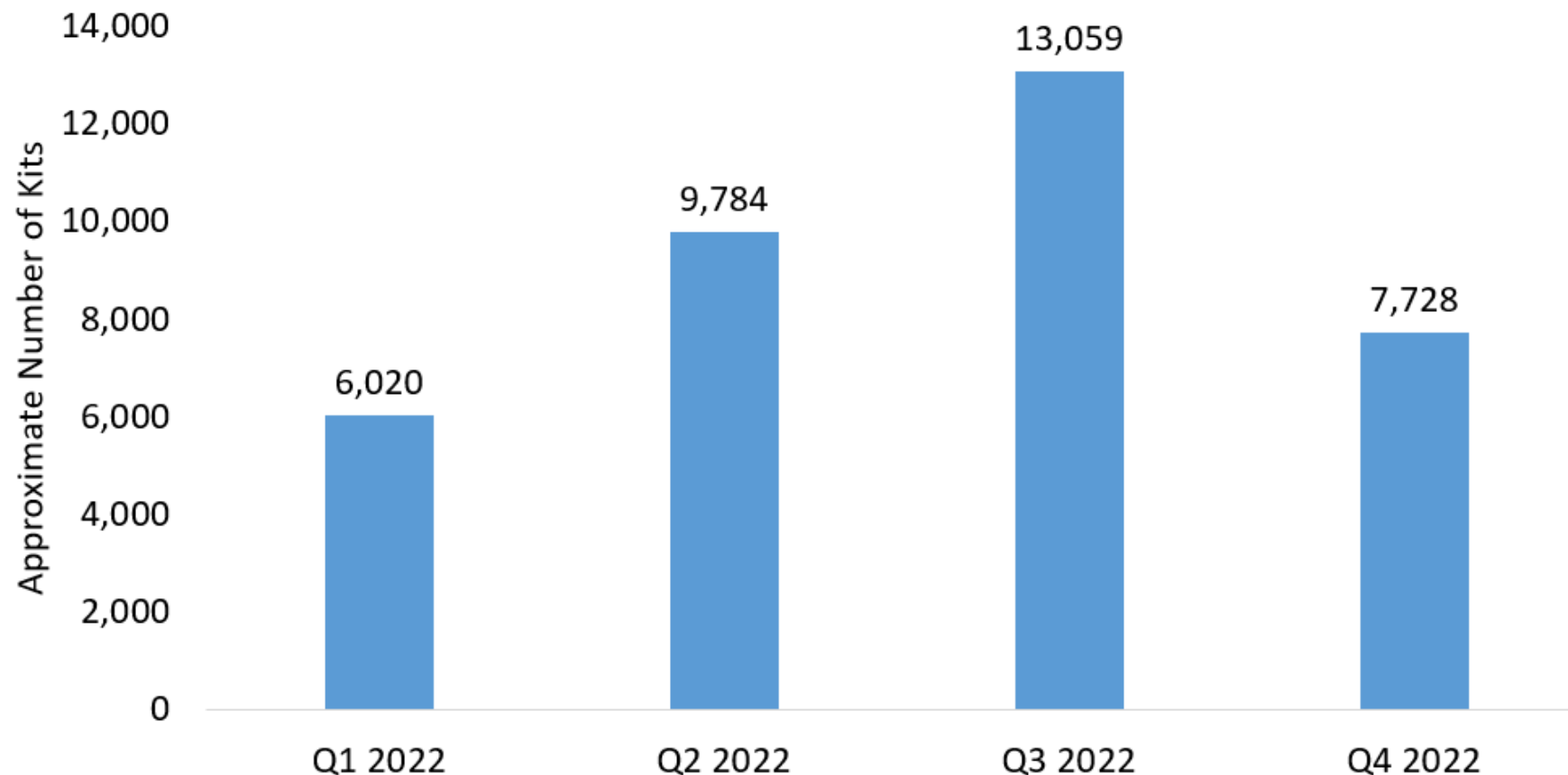
In the last five years, the greatest number of **naloxone kits (36,590)** were distributed in 2022.



Number of Kits Distributed by Quarter, 2022



Last year, the greatest number of **kits (13,059)** were distributed in **Quarter 3 2022**.

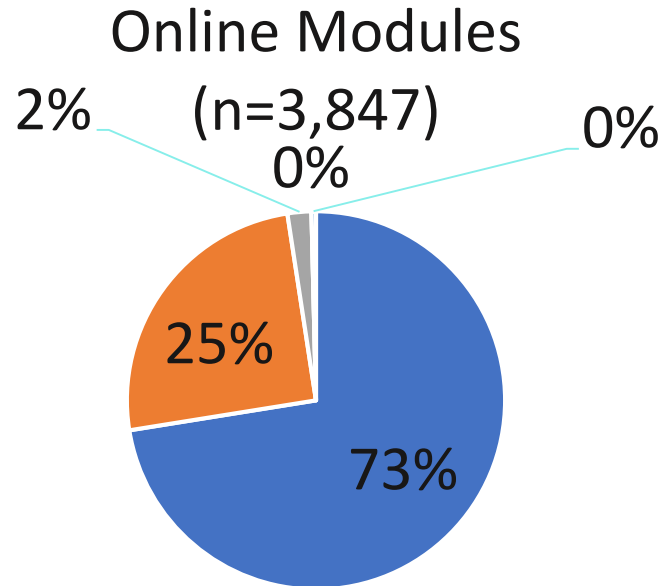


Trainings and Continuing Education March 2020 to March 2023

- 2,925 people attended live, one-hour seminars
 - Includes public trainings and local healthcare provider CE programs on overdose response.
 - Post-seminar overdose response confidence and satisfaction surveys collected from 993 individuals (33.9% response rate).
- 3,847 people completed post-seminar confidence and satisfaction surveys for online asynchronous naloxone training module.

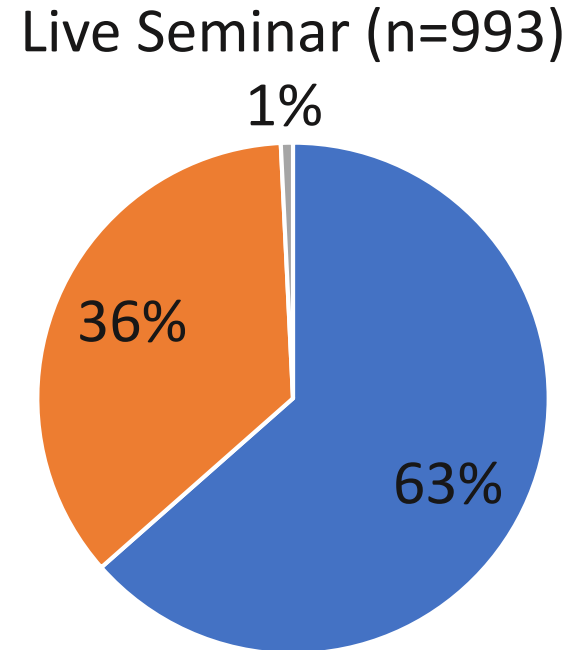
Post-Seminar and Online Module Responses March 2020 to March 2023

How satisfied were you with the overall quality of this event?



■ Very Sat ■ Sat
■ Neutral ■ Dissat
■ Very Dissat

How confident are you that you would know when naloxone should be initiated?



■ Completely ■ Somewhat
■ Not at all

Summary of Trainings in 2023 (n=788)

Achievement First School	Fellowship Health Resources Pawtucket	Fellowship Health Resources Cranston	MET School Providence	Coastal Medical
Bradley Hospital	US Marshalls Providence Office	Health Services URI	Rhode Island Service Coordinator Collaborative	Providence Community Health Centers
Brown Medical School	URI Young Democrats Society	MET School Newport	Rhode Island Nursing Education Center	US District Court
Providence Public School District nurses	URI Libraries webinar series	Pawtucket Public School District Nurses	Point Judith Captain's Training	North Scituate Public Library
PACE-RI	URI PahHellenic Organizaitons	Central Falls Public Schools	West Bay School	Salve University



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Questions?

Community Conversation

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Update on State Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 Recommendations and Procurement Process

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) Funding Procured and Begun as of 04.25.23

- Basic Needs Provision for High-Risk Clients and Community Members at Harm Reduction Agencies, Recovery Centers, organizations serving families with Substance-Exposed Newborns, and other community organizations
- Increased Harm Reduction Outreach Investments at Harm Reduction Agencies
- Substance Exposed Newborn Staffing and Data Enhancements at RI Department of Health
- Youth Behavioral Health Prevention in Schools
- Staff selected for the Automated Rapid Detection Surveillance System

OSAC Funding Procured and Begun as of 04.25.23

- Data Heat Map Dashboard
- Contract for behavioral health services at three warming stations in addition to the Cranston Street Warming Station
- BIPOC Industry Workers & Chronic Pain Treatment and Prevention: Building Futures
- Harm Reduction Technology Implementation: Brave Technology Co-Op
- Contingency Management Services for People w/ Stimulant Use Disorder: DynamiCare Health
- Overdose Prevention Centers: Project Weber Renew

OSAC Funding Procured and Begun as of 4.25.23

- *Rhode Island Foundation Procurement Partnership: Community Youth Prevention Programs – 8 Grants*
- Coastline EAP
- Parent Support Network
- Providence Children and Youth Cabinet
- Rhode Island Sports Union
- Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI
- The Providence Center
- The Rhode Island Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- Woonsocket Prevention Coalition

OSAC Funding Procured and Begun as of 4.25.23

- *Rhode Island Foundation Procurement Partnership: Nonprofit Capacity Building Programs – 8 Grants*
- Access To Recovery
- Bridgemark
- Justice Assistance
- MAP Behavioral Health Services
- Project Weber/RENEW
- Strategic Prevention Partnerships
- VICTA Life
- 2nd Act Org

OSAC Procurements in Process as of 4.25.23

- Recovery Housing Expansion (Level 2 and Level 3) – RFP review Complete, Working with Purchasing
- Expanded SUD Residential Capacity RFP – PO Pending on One Contract; Contract Negotiations on Other Contract
- Alternative Overdose Prevention Programming – Contract Negotiations
- Expanding Street Outreach, with a focus on service BIPOC/Undocumented Residents – RFP Review Complete, Working w Purchasing
- Support for Opioid Treatment Providers – Working with Medicaid to Start Procurement
- Addressing Xylazine through CPR Training with Opioid Settlement Emergency Funds – Contract Pending
- Recovery Supports – Contracts being developed
- Opioid Settlement Evaluator – Hiring process is underway
- Biosurveillance Lab Supplies at RIDOH – Order is in and RIDOH has requested payment

OSAC Projects Under Development as of 4.25.23

- Multi-Lingual Media – Communications team will use these dollars for translations as needed
- Housing Capital, Operating, and Supportive Services – Investment strategy drafted per OSAC feedback and is in development for procurement
- Non-profit capacity technical assistance development – Planning underway

Projects Still to be Planned/Procured as of 4.25.23

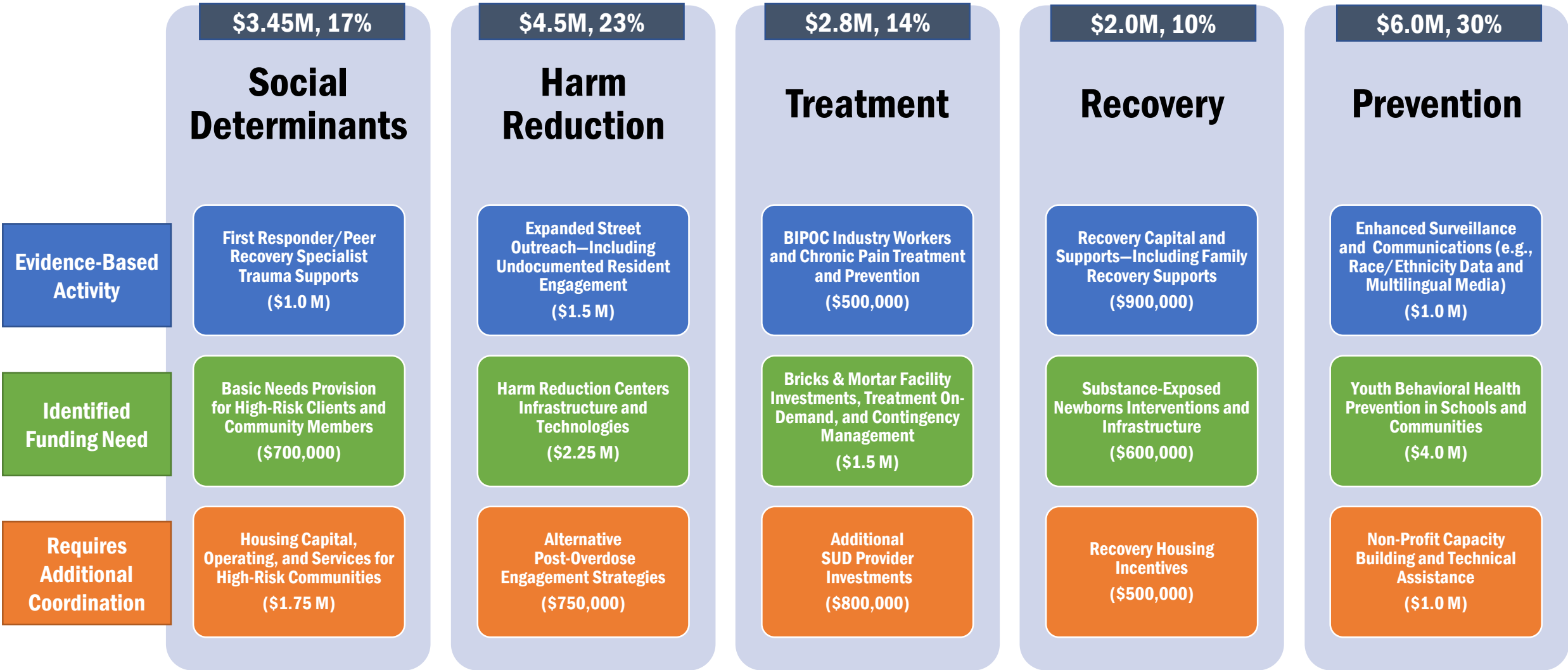
- Family Recovery Supports – Strategic development under way at BHDDH.
- Trauma Supports for First Responders and Peers – Strategic development conversations slated for May

Emergency Fund – Funded or In Process as of 4/25/23

- Warming Station Behavioral Health Services - \$200,000
- CPR Trainings for Providers and Community Members – Estimated to be \$80,000
- Additional dollars needed for Harm Reduction Technology Project & BIPOC Industry Workers Project - \$65,000
- Approximate dollars left to spend for FY23: \$155,000

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee: State Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Recommendations

\$18.75M Allocated below + \$1.25M for Governance = \$20M Total



SFY 2024 Funding Recommendations: Accepted by Secretary Novais

Gold = Treatment

Red = Program Administration

Light Grey = Prevention

Dark Grey = Recovery

Light Blue = Harm Reduction

Dark Blue = Social Determinants of Health

FY 24 NEW PROJECTS		FY 23/24 SUSTAINABILITY		FY 24 RESPONSE/ADMIN	
\$2,600,000 (25%)		\$6,070,000 (59%)		\$1,600,000 (16%)	
SUD Residential and Workforce Support*	\$600,000	Housing and Recovery Housing/Supports	\$2,620,000	Emergency Response	\$500,000
BIPOC Youth Development	\$800,000	Youth Prevention Programming	\$1,150,000	Program Administration	\$600,000
Drop-In Center for Drug User Health*	\$150,000	Harm Reduction Center and Treatment Capacity	\$1,250,000	Project Evaluation	\$500,000
Naloxone Distribution Infrastructure*	\$500,000	Expanded Street Outreach	\$1,050,000		
Undocumented and Uninsured MAT Coverage*	\$550,000				

Key Areas of Focus for Today's Conversation



Looking Forward: Proposed Areas of Focus

To align with best practices and our core values, we will deepen our work in the following areas:

- **Equity** – Prioritizing the elimination of disparities that result in fatal overdoses having a much larger impact on our communities of color
- **Engagement** – Ensuring that community members directly affected by overdose can share their experiences and participate in our OSAC processes and funding opportunities in an accessible way
- **Transparency** – Public reporting, with spending reports across procurements
- **Alignment** – Partnering with municipalities and national experts, the Governor’s Overdose Task Force and our state agency partners
- **Impact** – Beginning to track outcome data for evaluation and analysis

Housekeeping and Discussion Agreements

- There is no perfect; there is no end point. *Our work is a process.*
- We can't be articulate all the time, so give the benefit of the doubt
- Our *Intent* isn't the same as our *Impact*
- It's ok to be uncomfortable! *Growth is uncomfortable.*
- Make space, Take space
- Take breaks as you need
- We will boldly try - and every attempt will teach us more
- We all have something to learn and we all have something to offer
- Be curious and ask questions!


What else would help you engage?

Reframe
Health +
Justice
consulting

Breakout Rooms

- Emerging Response to Changing Epidemic
- Social Determinants of Health: Employment, Transportation, Basic Needs
- Social Determinants of Health: Housing
- Harm Reduction and Rescue
- Treatment and Recovery
- Racial Equity
- Prevention

How to Join a Breakout Room:

- Click  for Breakout Rooms in your meeting controls.
- Select a breakout room from the list.
- If you need assistance, please raise your hand.

Public Comment

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