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BACKGROUND

Opioid Epidemic Nationally and In Kansas
The opioid epidemic has taken an enormous toll on our country, including deaths of over a million United States citizens since 1999. It is estimated that in 2021, over 107,000 people died of a drug overdose in the US, and 75 percent of those deaths involved opioids. The picture is equally stark in Kansas. In 2019, the State of Kansas experienced the highest number of drug overdose deaths ever recorded, with 393; in 2020 the number of deaths increased by 21.4 percent to 477; and in 2021, 678 Kansans died from drug overdose, increasing the record set in 2020 by 42. Sadly, the state set another record in 2022, when 738 people died from drug overdose. The sobering statistics make it easy to get lost in the numbers, yet it is important to remember each of these numbers represents a person - an individual with family and friends, a parent, a neighbor, a colleague, who was lost because of drug overdose.

Nationwide Opioid Settlements
Kansas, along with many other states, reached settlements with several entities, resolving thousands of lawsuits across the country associated with the companies’ roles in fueling the opioid epidemic. The nationwide settlements required participating states, cities, and counties to surrender any individual suits they were pursuing in order to join. To date, several major opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers have offered to settle nationwide, including McKinsey and Associates, Mallinckrodt PLC, Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Amerisource-Bergen, Cardinal Health, Purdue Pharma, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

These settlement agreements require at least 85 percent of the funds these companies paid be used for opioid abatement, and at least 70 percent of the funds be used to fund future opioid-remediation efforts. The agreements include a broad and non-exhaustive list of qualifying opioid remediation expenditures. Additionally, the settlements require each state utilize an advisory committee to oversee the distribution of the settlement funds.

Kansas Opioid Settlements
In 2021, the State of Kansas and 205 units of Kansas’ local governments signed on and agreed to the nationwide settlements. To date, Kansas has reached multiple settlements with major pharmaceutical companies, distributors, and related firms as part of the state’s ongoing efforts to bring accountability to those that fueled the opioid-addiction crisis. In 2021, Kansas legislators approved a plan the Kansas Office of the Attorney General (AGO) proposed to ensure money recovered through opioid litigation is used to address addiction and to provide services to affected individuals throughout the state.

Kansas Fights Addiction Act
The Kansas Fights Addiction Act, codified as KSA 75-775 to -781, was enacted by the state legislature in 2021. The Act directs the Kansas opioid settlement dollars be deposited into two funds - 75 percent of dollars are deposited to the Kansas Fights Addiction Fund (KFAF) and 25 percent of funds are deposited to the Municipalities Fight Addiction Fund (MFAF). The Kansas
prescription drug monitoring program, K-TRACS, receives $200,000 annually. All recovery dollars must be allocated to opioid and substance use disorder (SUD) abatement.

**KFAF**

Per the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, the 75 percent of settlement dollars allocated to the KFAF is administered through the Kansas Fights Addiction (KFA) Grant Review Board. This board, hereafter referred to as the KFA board, fulfills the national settlement requirement of a statewide advisory committee to oversee the funds. State agencies, local governments and not-for-profit entities may seek funding for addiction treatment and abatement through this board.

In 2023, Kansas legislators created a budget proviso to allow the KFA board to consider for-profit entities as well as non-profit organizations as eligible to receive funds granted to during Kansas Fiscal Year 2024 (SFY24). The proviso expires at the end of SFY24. Sunflower Foundation is the grant administrator for the KFAF.

Following are the KFA board members and their respective appointing authority:

- Pat George, Chair, Appointed by the Kansas Attorney General
- Sandra Dixon, Appointed by the Governor
- Robyn Chadwick, Appointed by the Senate President
- Gary Henson, Appointed by the Speaker of the House
- Laurie Krom, Appointed by the Senate Minority Leader
- Monica Murnan, Appointed by the House Minority Leader
- Sara Caylor, Appointed by the League of Kansas Municipalities
- Mike Brouwer, Appointed by the Kansas Association of Counties
- Mike Kagay, Appointed by the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association
- Keith Rickard, Appointed by the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas
- Jason Hess, Appointed by the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

**MFAF**

The settlement dollars (25 percent) allocated to MFAF are to be paid to the participating subdivisions upon state receipt of funds. The calculated amount each subdivision receives is based on payment shares outlined in the distribution tool, pursuant to the Kansas Fights Addiction Act Memorandum of Understanding between the Kansas Attorney General's Office, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and the Kansas Association of Counties.

**Review of Kansas Opioid Settlement Funds**

As of December 2023, the Kansas Office of the Attorney General has recovered or anticipates recovery of more than $340 million from settlements of litigation related to unlawful opioid manufacturing, marketing and distribution. Settlement payments, many of which will be frontloaded, will be made to the state for as many as 18 years. In 2023, Kansas received payments from the following settlements:

- McKinsey and Associates
- Mallinckrodt PLC
- Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
- Distributors (McKesson, Amerisource-Bergen, and Cardinal Health)
While additional settlements have been announced, initial payments have not yet been initiated. These additional settlements include Allergan, Teva, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. A full listing of settlements in which Kansas has received payment is included below:

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*Mallinckrodt PLC was originally estimated to bring in at least $5.8 million, however, a second bankruptcy significantly reduced the national settlement to the amounts already paid to states. Therefore, $2,610,984.20 Kansas has already received is the final total.

KFAF received $10,019,128.46 in Calendar Year (CY) 2023, with $7,514,346.35 allocated to KFAF and $2,504,782.11 allocated to MFAF.

The KFAF had a starting balance of $34,482,951.60 and a final unallocated balance of $30,708,596.51 as of December 31, 2023. $6,476,889.44 was distributed from the KFAF in CY 23. The three categories of expenditures within KFAF were: Administration, K-TRACS, and Grants. KFA allocated grant payments in the amount of $5,759,871.00 remaining at the end of CY 23.

The MFAF had a starting balance of $10,613,745.51 and a final unallocated balance of $352,835.70 as of December 31, 2023. $12,765,691.86 was distributed from the MFAF in CY 23 to the participating subdivisions. A breakdown of distributions to participating subdivisions can be found in Appendix I.
## Financial Tables

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Unencumbered Cash Balance

**MFAF Summary**
- Cash Balance: 352,835.70
- Undistributed Allocations: (352,835.70)
- Unencumbered Balance: -

**KFAF Summary**
- Cash Balance: 36,468,467.51
- Undistributed Allocations: (5,759,871.00)
- Unencumbered Balance: 30,708,596.51

**KANSAS FIGHTS ADDICTION GRANT REVIEW BOARD**

**KFA Grants Awarded and Moneys Expended in 2023**

In 2023 the KFA board awarded the following grants:

- **$10,123,071.00** awarded for 59 grant projects from the first two funding opportunities. Grant projects were awarded from two Request for Proposals (RFP), titled Treatment and Prevention. The KFA board made the treatment awards at the August 11, 2023, KFA board meeting and made the Prevention awards at the September 15, 2023, KFA board meeting. The priority areas under the Treatment RFP included the areas of Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Linkages to Care. The priority areas under the Prevention RFP included Prevention, Providers and Health Systems, and Public Safety and First Responders. The first funding opportunity, Treatment, included 35 awards and a total of $6,043,795.00 and the second funding opportunity, Prevention, included 24 awards for a total of $4,079,276.00. **More details regarding all 59 awarded grants included in Appendix II.**

- **$1,500,000.00** was allocated in 2022 and distributed in 2023 for a comprehensive statewide SUD system needs assessment which will be utilized to guide KFA’s future long-term, strategic, and innovative grant making. The Sunflower Foundation will manage the awarded grant, which will support a variety of contractors/vendors needed to complete a statewide comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) needs assessment. While Sunflower will oversee completion of the statewide needs assessment, none of the approved grant funds will be used to support the work or time of Sunflower Foundation.

- **$313,689.44** in grants to Sunflower Foundation to support all KFA program administration, grant administration and oversight, and other support provided to the KFA board and AGO.

- **$100,000.00** grant to the AGO for staffing to support the AGO’s work of general staffing and logistics support to the KFA board during the 2024 calendar year.
The total amount the KFA board awarded in 2023, after the K-TRACS annual distribution, was $10,536,760.44. The total moneys the KFA board expended from the KFAF in 2023 was $6,276,899.44. These expenditures included grants to Sunflower Foundation, including the needs assessment allocated in CY22 and distributed in CY23, a grant to the AGO for staffing, and initial payments to awarded grantees through December 31, 2023. Awarded grantees are paid on a schedule through the life of their grant; thus, only a portion of each award was paid out within the 2023 calendar year.

KFA non-administrative awarded grants are paid out according to a payment schedule described in each grant agreement. Scheduled payments that occur after six months are contingent upon progress and financial reporting, including financial reporting of appropriate spend down. In the event that a grantee has not reached appropriate spend down of initial grant payments, distributions are delayed until appropriate spend down has occurred. In the event a recipient does not use grant funds within the time specified in the grant agreement, and does not receive an extension from the board, unspent grant funds are returned to the KFAF, and any funds not yet distributed to that grantee will remain undistributed.

Overview of 2023 KFA Board Activity
The KFA board held its first meeting of 2023 on January 20, 2023, and the second meeting on February 24, 2023. The KFA board then adopted a regular monthly meeting schedule, with subsequent meetings generally held on the second Friday of each month. Detailed information regarding each KFA board meeting in 2023 is included below.

In 2023, the KFA board began planning for initial expenditures from the KFAF. The board adopted a three-pronged approach to initiate funding. This three-pronged approach included (1) the release of two Request for Proposals (RFP); (2) planning and initiation of a comprehensive statewide needs assessment of substance use disorder (SUD) systems and related work in Kansas that will be used to guide the future, long-term investment strategies of the KFA board; and (3) responsive grant making to provide additional flexibility for funding immediate needs or innovative solutions that arise. The first two RFP funding opportunities were released in the spring. The first RFP focused on approved abatement strategies related to treatment, recovery, harm reduction and linkages to care priority areas. The second RFP included funding for approved abatement strategies related to the priority areas of prevention, providers and health systems, and public safety. When awarding grants, the KFA board ensured that at least 1/8 of the total funding awarded in Kansas this year was distributed in each of the state’s congressional districts.

Below is a summary of 2023’s KFA board meetings. At each meeting, the board approved the minutes from the previous meeting and received updates from the AGO regarding opioid litigation settlements.

2023 KFA Meetings
- January 20, 2023
  - The January 2023 meeting was focused on reviewing the draft inaugural annual report for 2022 and establishing a funding approach for 2023. The initial three-pronged approach included the following:
1. Establish a comprehensive statewide SUD needs assessment plan and process.
2. Create an interim funding strategy based upon the KPDOAC state plan to get funding to communities while the needs assessment takes place. This resulted in the initial two RFPs, discussed above.
3. Provide responsive grant making to provide additional flexibility for funding immediate needs or innovative solutions that arise within the year.

   o Action items
   1. Approve the instruction for Sunflower Foundation staff to develop and release two RFPs as presented.
   2. Approve a tentative annual budget of $7,686,782.26, which is based on currently confirmed settlement amounts over an 18-year period. Allocated $3 million to the Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Linkages to Care RFP and $2 million to the Prevention, Providers and Health Systems, and Public Safety and First Responders RFP.
   3. Approve the grant award ceiling of $200,000 per grant proposal under each RFP with a cap of 10% on F&A costs.

   • February 24, 2023
     o Action Items
     1. Approve grant to Sunflower Foundation to reimburse expenses from start of July 2022 through December 2022 in the amount of $83,311.36.
     2. Approve the inaugural annual report with minor corrections as discussed.
     3. Approve the Treatment RFP and associated scoring rubric for the grant review process.
     4. Approve 2023 KFA board meeting dates.
     o The board also heard educational presentations from the Substance Abuse Services and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) and Shatterproof on national opioid and SUD related initiatives.

   • March 10, 2023
     o Action Items
     1. Approve a directive that all calls, inquiries, and questions regarding RFPs be directed to Sunflower Foundation.
     o The board heard updates regarding the Treatment RFP released on March 6 and registration numbers for the associated informational webinars.
     o The board heard testimony from those with lived experience with SUD.

   • April 14, 2023
     o Action Items
     1. Approve the Prevention RFP and allowable strategies included.
     o The board also discussed updates regarding needs assessment planning and updates regarding the RFP release and number of organizations that filled out the intent to apply for the Treatment RFP.

   • May 12, 2023
     o The board drafted the conflict-of-interest board policy for grant review meetings. For any organization with which they have a conflict, board members will excuse themselves during any grant application discussion, and will not have access to view any submitted application and/or budget for that organization.
The board heard updates regarding the closed Treatment RFP and applications received, as well as updates regarding the open Prevention RFP.

The board received training on how to access the grants management system, Fluxx, in which the board members are able to view all KFA submitted applications and budgets except those for which board members disclosed a conflict of interest.

June 9, 2023

- Action Items
  1. Approve of the conflict-of-interest board policy.
  2. Approve Sunflower Foundation’s reimbursement grant for expenses from January 2023 through March 2023, in the amount of $65,740.65.

The board heard updates regarding both RFPs and the needs assessment.

July 14, 2023

- The KFA board heard a financial update regarding the KFAF balance of $34,468,271.75 as of June 30, 2023.
- The board heard updates regarding needs assessment planning and both RFPs processes and applications received for the Prevention RFP. The board also heard the breakdown of number of applications received for RFPs by congressional district and by county proposed to be served by applicants.
- The board heard an educational presentation regarding innovation in the healthcare sector.

August 11, 2023

- The board established processes and procedures for reviewing applications.
- Review of Treatment applications and award selection occurred. Per KSA 75-778(e), KFA board members did not participate in the consideration of any grant application for which such member has a conflict of interest.
- Action Item:
  1. 35 of 71 applications were selected for funding for a total amount of $6,043,795.00 awarded, doubling the original amount allocated.

September 15, 2023

- Review Prevention applications and selected awards. Per KSA 75-778(e), KFA board members did not participate in the consideration of any grant application for which such member has a conflict of interest.
- Action Item:
  1. 24 of 57 applications were selected for funding, for a total of $4,079,276.00 awarded, doubling the original amount allocated.

October 2023 – Meeting cancelled.

November 3, 2023

- The board heard updates regarding initiation of the Treatment and Prevention grant awards.
- The board heard a presentation on emerging data trends in substance use and presentations on the integration of behavioral health and primary care, along with initiatives occurring in Kansas on this topic. The board also heard a partner collaboration presentation from the Kansas Health Foundation.

December 8, 2023
The board heard updates on Treatment and Prevention grant awards. The board also heard updates regarding the needs assessment vendor selected by Sunflower Foundation to begin implementation of the needs assessment process.

The board heard a financial update regarding the KFAF balance of $38,990,234.62 as of November 30, 2023, with an amount of $9,389,074 on hold for previously approved needs assessment and RFP grants, for a total of $29,601,160.62 KFAF balance remaining minus prior approved grants.

The board heard a partner collaboration presentation from the Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund.

Action Items:
1. Approve a $100,000 administrative grant to the AGO for CY 2024.
2. Approve grant to Sunflower Foundation to reimburse expenses from start of July 2023 to September 2023 in the amount of $94,296.68.
3. Approve of a grant budget modification request from a Treatment grantee.

KFA 2023 RFP GRANTS

The KFA board developed the first two RFP documents, an associated grant review and grant proposal application scoring rubric, and established associated grant review procedures and processes in accordance with KSA 75-775 to -781.

To establish the first two RFPs, the KFA board gathered input from the Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Advisory Committee (KPDOAC), Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services, and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Strategies included within the RFPs were developed utilizing the KPDOAC needs assessment and state strategic plan, the Kansas Overdose Prevention Strategic Plan. The KPDOAC strategic plan included diverse input and data collection. State plan included input from:

- Over 55 different state and local organizations in Kansas who participated in state plan development;
- A public comment survey that received 825 responses from 85 Kansas counties;
- A partner survey with 265 responses from 77 Kansas counties;
- 20 key informant interviews;
- Over 27 hours of subject matter expert sub-committee meetings divided by area of expertise; and
- Kansas epidemiologists, data experts, and evaluators in SUD field.

The KPDOAC state plan included only six priority areas which were Treatment and Recovery, Harm Reduction, Linkages to Care, Prevention, Providers and Health Systems, and Public Safety and First Responders. The KFA board decided to split the areas of Treatment and Recovery within the RFP to ensure more of a focus on recovery initiatives, as recovery can often get left behind when grouped with treatment initiatives. Thus, the two KFA board RFPs encompassed seven different priority areas. Initially, the KFA board explored either having seven separate RFPs or lumping all seven areas into one large RFP, ultimately concluding this method could
overwhelm the process and communities looking to apply. The board decided instead to split the areas into two separate RFPs distributed on a staggered rollout plan. This staggered approach provided a smoother rollout of funds as processes and systems were tested for the first time.

The KFA board categorized seven priority areas into two buckets based on the scope of each priority area. The first bucket includes priority areas focused on direct services to clients (Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Linkages to Care) and the second bucket is more prevention-focused and less specific to direct client services (Prevention, Providers and Health Systems, and Public Safety and First Responders). While not all categories fit perfectly under the categories of treatment or prevention, these RFP titles were selected for simplicity. Applicants were able to apply for both RFPs, and for as many priority areas and strategies within each as they desired.

Per the KFA Act, eligibility for KFA funding under these RFPs was limited to state entities, municipalities, units of local government, and not-for-profit entities that (1) provide services in Kansas for the purpose of preventing, reducing, treating, or otherwise abating or remediating substance abuse or addiction; and (2) have released or will release its legal claims arising from covered conduct against each defendant as required by the opioid litigation settlements.

The KFA board considered the following priority elements within the grant review process, as described in the KFA Act and additional components the board established:

- Qualified applicants not otherwise seeking or receiving funds from opioid litigation.
- Applications to expand availability of certified drug abuse treatment programs authorized by K.S.A. 21-6824.
- Applications proposing science and data-driven approaches to the work.
- Applications proposing new and innovative approaches to the work.
- Applications providing services in one or more of the 21 counties identified within the 5th quintile of highest vulnerability risk in KDHE’s Opioid Vulnerability Assessment.
- Applications that also include strategies to address the following:
  - Sustainability of programming after grant funds are exhausted.
  - Decrease stigma.
  - Utilizes and/or enhances data and surveillance.
  - Addresses policy issues.
  - Enhances workforce development, recruitment, and retention within the behavioral health field.
- Distribution of awards to support services throughout the state to ensure not less than 1/8 of the total amount of moneys granted each calendar year shall be for services in each of the state’s congressional districts.

As part of the initial steps of the grant review process, Sunflower Foundation established an external review committee. This type of committee is a best practice in grant making, as it helps control for potential biases when reviewing the applications. The external reviewers the committee engaged brought specific expertise in a variety of areas. Sunflower Foundation provided each of the external reviewers with the board-approved scoring matrix, the associated RFP criteria, and the statutory requirements, all of which were to be considered when scoring grant applications. Prior to the assignments of application reviewers, committee members
disclosed any potential conflict of interest they had with applicant organizations; members were not assigned to review applications for which they had a conflict. Two external reviewers reviewed and scored each application. The external reviewers then met for two days to further assess and discuss each application, arriving at a consensus score for each application. To facilitate the second and final part of the review process, board members reviewed submitted applications and associated summary reports prior to the board meeting at which applications were reviewed and awards were made. The KFA board selected grant awardees at their August and September 2023 meetings.

The Sunflower Foundation grants management system, Fluxx, houses all aspects of the grant application process, including grantee application completion and submission, proposed budget template and submission, submission of all required documents, internal controls and checks, application reviews and scores, and board application access. Upon grant award, award notification (or declination), documentation, signed agreements, and electronic payments are all processed within Fluxx. In order to apply for RFPs, prospective grantees register within Fluxx. Sunflower Foundation completes an organization check assessment to ensure any registered organization is a qualified applicant organization. During this process, Sunflower Foundation confirms grantees are eligible nonprofit organizations. Prospective applicants cannot complete an application until this organization check assessment is completed. If the organization does not qualify, the registrant is notified and rejected from the system.

Prior to grant reviews, Sunflower Foundation checked that all applications were fully complete and all required documents were uploaded. Required documents include an application narrative; a proposed budget form and budget narrative for the project; IRS 990 or 990-N or a W-9 with EIN; current financial statements, including statement of activities YTD and statement of financial position; and a copy of the most recent audit, if available. Prior to presentation of applications to the KFA board, Sunflower Foundation performed a due diligence financial review and high-level organizational viability assessment of grantee application documents for the organization.

Upon award, grantees submitted a signed letter of agreement, ACH electronic payment processing form, and a signed litigation release of entities associated with opioid settlements. Grants are expected to be accomplished within one year from the date of the grant award and signed agreement.

The first two rounds of funding from the Kansas Fights Addiction Grant Review Board were awarded in fall 2023. The initial amount available was $5 million; however, the KFA board received so many quality applications that the board doubled the amount available for each RFP, and awarded $10 million in grants.

The Treatment RFP opened on March 6, 2023, and closed April 28, 2023. The KFA board received 71 grant proposal applications from 62 different qualified organizations, of which 49 were non-profits and 13 were governmental agencies. The total amount requested from all applications was $12,501,428.01.

The KFA board awarded 35 Treatment grants within the areas of treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and linkages to care, with a total of $6,043,795 awarded.
The Treatment RFP included the following allowable strategies for prospective grant applications:

**Treatment**
1. Expand access to treatment for those who are uninsured/underinsured.
2. Expand MAT/MOUD services.
3. Facilitate integration of mental health and SUD services.
5. Expand telehealth services for SUD treatment services, including MAT/MOUD.
6. Coordinate a continuity of care model for high-risk populations including individuals discharged from hospitals and justice-involved populations (jail-based SUD treatment and effective re-entry programs).
7. Target treatment resources to high impact, low-capacity geographical areas (rural/frontier).
8. Increase coordination across the continuum of care to mitigate gaps and barriers and ensure appropriate access, navigation, and intentional transition to the next level of care needed.
9. Expand access to adolescent treatment services.

**Recovery**
1. Peer recovery services.
2. Expand recovery housing.
3. Expand recovery ecosystem.
4. Adolescent recovery services.
5. Target recovery resources to high impact, low-capacity geographical areas (rural/frontier).

**Harm Reduction**
1. Targeted naloxone distribution.
2. Expand social detoxification services.
3. Expand access to HIV and HCV/HBV testing and treatment (e.g., PrEP).

**Linkages to Care**
1. Expand and coordinate overdose/behavioral health outreach teams.
2. Post-overdose linkage to care policies in hospitals/Emergency Departments.
3. Community health worker (CHW)/peer navigation for those with SUD.
4. Implement SUD screening and referral processes (e.g., SBIRT).
5. Implement/expand referral management systems (e.g., Integrated Referral and Intake System).

The Prevention RFP opened on May 8, 2023, and closed June 23, 2023. The board received 57 grant proposal applications from 53 different qualified organizations, of which 36 were non-
profits and 17 were governmental agencies. The total amount requested from all applications was $9,395,995.

The KFA board awarded 24 Prevention grant awards for the areas of prevention, providers and health systems, and public safety and first responders, awarding a total of $4,079,276.

The Prevention RFP included the following allowable strategies for prospective grant applications:

**Prevention**

1. Universal primary prevention strategies that increase protective factors and address overall health, resiliency, and wellness among all ages (children, youth, young adults, adults including parents, caregivers, etc.).
2. Expand public awareness of drug overdose epidemic and state/local resources.
3. Expand implementation of school-based programming and other prevention programming targeted to children, youth, and young adults.
4. Expand state and local polysubstance use prevention initiatives.
5. Expand medication disposal interventions.
6. Community-level strategic planning.
7. Youth-led prevention activities.
8. Enhance partnerships between SUD/behavioral health providers and prevention providers (coalitions, schools, etc.).

**Providers and Health Systems**

1. Facilitate patient’s continuity of care by increasing service integration between health care disciplines, effective care coordination, and referrals management.
2. Expand telehealth services for SUD treatment services, including MAT/MOUD.
3. Expand implementation of CDC opioid prescribing guidelines within Kansas health systems.
4. Expand provider and pre-professional education opportunities (e.g., trainings on SUD prevention/treatment, screening processes, controlled substances prescribing, medication disposal programs, wraparound services, clinical support tools).
5. Implement clinical quality improvement initiatives directed toward more effective pain management, standard of care for controlled substances prescribing and dispensing, and/or risk reduction.
6. Training and provision of trauma-informed care.
7. Screen for fentanyl in routine clinical toxicology testing.
8. Expand implementation of best practices for treating people who can become pregnant, including safe and effective pain management, pregnancy testing, preconception counseling, and contraception access (including long-acting reversible contraception).
9. Expand utilization of the prescription drug monitoring program, K-TRACS.
10. Increase the number of providers treating MAT/MOUD patients; increase access to MOUD treatment.
11. Identify and disseminate best practices for prescribing psychotropic medication (e.g., anxiolytics, psychostimulants).
12. Neonatal abstinence syndrome/neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome education and resources.

Public Safety and First Responders
1. Expand law enforcement and first responder access to naloxone and associated resources, including education and policy resources.
2. Enhance efforts to reduce the illicit drug supply/interdiction.
3. Enhance public safety collaboration with community-based organizations.
4. Expand mental/behavioral health and drug courts.
5. Expand diversion programs as an alternative to incarceration for nonviolent drug offenders.
6. Expand implementation of Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT).
7. Increase capacity of law enforcement and first responders to effectively respond to individuals with SUD.
8. Implement standardized SUD screening, treatment, and care coordination and continuity services into the criminal justice system.

October 2023 to September 2024 is the standard funding period for treatment grantees, and November 2023 to October 2024 for prevention grantees, unless otherwise specified. All grantees submit a six-month or midway report, and a final progress report and financial report. For KFA grants awarded in 2023, grant project summaries are included in Appendix II. The full estimated impact report of all funded projects is included in charts below and the full KFA Estimated Impact Reports.

As required by statute, the KFA board ensured that at least 1/8, or 12.5%, of the total funding awarded in Kansas this year are in each of the state’s four congressional districts. The chart below shows the dollar amount and percentage of funding awarded to each congressional district proposed to be served by the grantee. All congressional districts received more than the required 1/8 of funding in CY23.
A guarantee proposing to serve more than one congressional district had total budget split evenly across proposed districts to be served, including statewide proposals split evenly across all four districts.

The map below shows the number of KFA awards proposing to serve each congressional district, as indicated in the awardees’ submitted application.

**Kansas Congressional Districts the 59 KFA Awards Proposed to Serve**

(# of awards proposing to serve each district)

11 Statewide Awards (11.58%)
The map below shows the number of KFA awards proposing to serve each county, not including statewide awards, as indicated in the awardees submitted application. 105/105 (100%) counties are proposed to be served via non-statewide awards.

**Kansas Counties the 59 KFA Awards Proposed to Serve**

The chart below shows the estimated allocations by each priority area as indicated in the application budget form and budget category estimations, for all 59 KFA Treatment and Prevention awards. *Note - All applicants were asked within the application to estimate the amount they anticipate being spent for each priority area. Actual budget expenditures may vary.*
Disclaimer: all data compiled within the charts and maps above, and included within the full estimated impact report, were collected from the grant applications and budgets submitted by the awarded organization and are simply estimations based on the information provided at the time of application submission. Actual grant results may vary.

To access the full estimated impact report of all 2023 projects funded, see the KFA Estimated Impact Reports.

**KFA NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The KFA needs assessment was designed with input from various stakeholders and state agencies across the state. This input and additional research by Sunflower Foundation, established the Request for Applications to seek a qualified vendor to conduct the innovative Comprehensive Needs Assessment of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Systems and Related Work in Kansas.

The KFA board is fortunate to have access to a solid foundation of quality data and information that sheds light on many of the basic needs across the Kansas SUD system. This information was the basis for the KFA board’s first two requests for proposals (RFPs) released earlier this year. While this current data is extremely helpful to jump-start the work of the KFA board, the more comprehensive cross-systems needs assessment will move beyond existing data and information (reports, recommendations, state plans, etc.) to focus on new data collection and information gathering to augment what is already known and to shed light on what is not. The KFA board sees the opportunity for this larger cross-systems assessment to reciprocally inform upcoming state SUD initiatives and investments. In addition to the assessment conducted by the KPDOAC,
Sunflower Foundation has developed a comprehensive landscape analysis on relevant state efforts related to the SUD system in Kansas, and these findings shall be leveraged for this needs assessment. The needs assessment process will integrate and synthesize all data and information (current and new) into a final assessment with associated recommendations.

The overarching goals of the needs assessment are:

1. Identify key gaps within the Kansas substance use disorder (SUD) system(s) with a focus across the continuum of care, lifespan, and disciplines.
2. Assess the impact of the state’s current SUD-related investments.
3. Outline transformative, innovative approaches to SUD systems-related work available through the literature and those strategies being implemented in other states and countries.

A multifaceted approach is necessary to address the SUD and opioid crisis in Kansas. An effective approach requires engaging all disciplines and sectors in implementing a coordinated and strategic approach to tackle the crisis in all areas.

This needs assessment shall represent a comprehensive view of the state’s SUD system across the lifespan, including all sectors from early childhood and prevention through treatment and long-term recovery. In addition, the assessment should include relevant research into the more innovative, cutting-edge practices and approaches being implemented in other states and countries to address the breadth of SUD-related needs. Ultimately, the results of the needs assessment will guide the long-term investments of the KFA board and potentially be used by all SUD funders in Kansas to fuel implementation of strategies for real systems change to reduce substance use initiation and SUDs, save lives, and improve the SUD systems of care.

This comprehensive assessment should cover all population groups and disciplines, as well as focus across the full continuum of SUD-related care, including, but not limited to, the following areas/sectors:
In 2023, Sunflower Foundation worked with stakeholders and subject matter experts to create and finalize a framework for a needs assessment to guide what the needs assessment shall address. This work established the Request for Applications for vendor(s) or contractor(s) to execute the needs assessment.

In November 2023, Sunflower Foundation selected the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research (CPPR) to conduct the year-long, comprehensive statewide needs assessment of SUD systems and related work in Kansas. The KFA board will use the results of that assessment to guide its future long-term investment strategies.

Sunflower Foundation and CPPR would like to engage as many Kansans as possible throughout the needs assessment process. To maximize its effectiveness, the needs assessment will require intensive, broad engagement and input from Kansans and subject matter experts across the state and all disciplines. Anyone interested in providing input into the assessment process or would like to receive updates regarding the assessment and its results can share their name, contact information and suggestions by going to https://sunflowerfoundation.org/kansas-fights-addiction/ and clicking on KFA Needs Assessment.
KFA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR, PAT GEORGE

The Kansas Fights Addiction (KFA) grant review board acts in accordance with the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, codified as KSA 75-775 to -781. The KFA board has the responsibility to grant funds within the Kansas Fights Addiction Fund to qualified applicants for projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction. Any such expenditure for a grant shall not be used to supplant any other source of funding. No moneys shall be expended from the Kansas Fights Addiction Fund for the payment of litigation costs, expenses or attorney fees related to opioid litigation.

The 11-member KFA board is comprised of individuals who have expertise in the prevention, reduction, treatment or mitigation of the effects of substance abuse and addiction, with at least one member who resides in each of the state's congressional districts. All board members have filed a statement of substantial interest as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto and no member shall participate in the consideration of any grant application for which such member has a conflict of interest. Members of the board shall not receive compensation or expenses for serving on the board.

In compliance with the requirements of the Kansas Fights Addiction Act, and amendments thereto, when awarding grants, the board:

- Ensures distribution across the state including at least 1/8 of the total amount granted in each year will be provided to each of the state’s congressional districts. This consideration is built into the KFA grant application and review process;
- Considers science and data-driven strategies as part of the grant application and review process; and
- Consults with the Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Advisory Committee, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Insurance Department, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Service and other appropriate entities to ensure coordination of related efforts.

Pat George, Board Chair
## APPENDIX I - 2023 Distributions to MFAF Participating Subdivisions

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APPENDIX II - 2023 KFA Awarded Grants

As required by statute, below follows a summary of each approved grant under the 2023 Treatment and Prevention grant initiatives, including but not limited to:

1. Name and detailed description of the qualified applicant.
2. Amount granted.
3. Justification for the grant with detailed description of the grant’s intended use.

Summaries below also include the following information for each of the awarded grants:

- Congressional districts proposed to be served.
- Priority areas proposed to be addressed.
  - Treatment grants include the areas of Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Linkages to Care.
  - Prevention grants include the areas of Prevention, Providers and Health Systems, and Public Safety and First Responders.
- Title of the Project.
- Counties proposed to be served.

2023 KFA AWARDED GRANTS – SUMMARIES

Treatment RFP Awardees

31st Judicial District Drug Court
Organization Type: Governmental Agency
Congressional District(s) Served: 2
Award Amount: $200,000

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Organization Description

The 31st Judicial District Drug Court Program serves high risk/high need adult male and female felony offenders diagnosed with substance dependence and/or addiction to alcohol/other drugs and identified as needing immediate treatment. The 31st Judicial District covers a four-county area in rural southeast Kansas. It consists of four (4) counties: Allen, Woodson, Wilson, and Neosho counties. The 31st Judicial District Drug Court Program has been in operation for ten (10) years. It was started as a group effort of court and law enforcement personnel in conjunction with community stakeholders to combat the epidemic of addiction and the problems associated with that addiction in our rural southeast Kansas communities. The program offers participants all levels of substance abuse and co-occurring disorder treatment. It includes all modalities from intermediate residential treatment to aftercare with clients stepping up or down the continuum of care based on their progress in the program.

Project Title

31st Judicial District Drug Court Expansion Project

Project Summary
The 31st Judicial District will expand the access of their Drug Court Program to populations in communities that are currently underserved. The Adult Drug Court Program covers four counties in rural southeast Kansas, Allen, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson. This project allows the program to serve more participants that would otherwise not be served and provide them with all the treatment, MAT, cognitive programming, and ancillary services that are required.

**Counties to be served:**

Allen || Neosho || Wilson || Woodson

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**Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center**  
**Organization Type:** 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 1 & 2  
**Award Amount:** $200,000

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**Organization Description**

Founded in 1950 in honor of educational psychologist Dr. Bert Nash, the Bert Nash Center (BNC) is a licensed, comprehensive mental health facility and the designated CMHC of Douglas County, Kansas. Bert Nash Center has served individuals with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) and Co-occurring Disorders (COD) in the Douglas County community for over 70 years. BNC is committed to providing research-based services to improve the lives of Douglas County residents while serving as a safety-net provider and essential health care service for all community members, regardless of ability to pay. BNC is committed to continuous quality improvement in its efforts to eliminate health disparities amongst subpopulations of the Douglas County Community. BNC achieved accreditation through Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) in August 2022. BNC was also granted a provisional Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) certification in July 2022. BNC's core programs are Child and Family Services, Adult Outpatient Services, Community-Based Services, Housing Services, and Medication Services (offering both MOUD/MAUD) and Crisis Services. Within these programs, BNC employs a wide array of staff. BNC offers individual and group therapy throughout the lifespan. Additionally, BNC offers case management, parent support, peer support and respite care for families.

**Project Title**

Adolescents/ Transitional Age Youth Dual Diagnosis Treatment

**Project Summary**

The purpose of this project is to provide evidence-based substance use treatment for adolescents/transitional age youth in Douglas County, Kansas, who have been identified as having mental health and substance use issues or substance use issues. The program includes their family in treatment in various ways. The target population will be adolescents/transitional age youth and their families.

**County to be served:**

Douglas

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**Church of the Resurrection**  
**Congressional District(s) Served:** 1, 2, & 3
Organization Description

The Recovery Program at Resurrection, a United Methodist Church, is one of a kind in the United States. Using Resurrection’s reach (24,000 members), the Recovery Program attempts to fill gaps between government safety nets, private pay insurance, and philanthropically supported programs throughout the community. Specifically, Resurrection’s Recovery Program focuses on Continuum of Care, Housing, Prevention, Harm Reduction, and Education. Since its founding in 2018, the program has grown substantially with more than 15,000 interactions in 2022 as measured by attendance at Substance Abuse Disorder (SUD) groups, programs, community education events, and individual counseling, over 1,200 of whom are recovering individuals and their families attending weekly recovery meetings. Only about 30% of these are members or attend Resurrection Church. The program’s effectiveness is evident in a participant growth rate of 46% in 2021 over 2020 and 22% in 2022 over 2021.

Project Title

Addressing Gaps in Substance Use Abatement in the Greater Kansas City, KS Metro Area

Project Summary

Church of the Resurrection will address and fill gaps in the Continuum of Care, Harm Reduction, Housing, and Prevention services available for people with SUD, their families and support networks in the greater Kansas City metro area. The project will increase capacity of the existing program to expand outreach and continuum of support to individuals with SUD and their families, increase the number of recovery meetings, conduct recruitment, training, evaluation, and coaching of volunteer leaders to deliver recovery support groups, and provide support for insurance, treatment, and sober living housing.

Counties to be served:

Douglas || Johnson || Leavenworth || Miami || Wyandotte

The Center for Counseling & Consultation

Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 4

Award Amount: $177,375

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Organization Description

The Center for Counseling and Consultation is a community mental health center (CMHC) licensed by the Kansas Department of Disability Services serving the residents of 4 counties in central Kansas. In 1967, the Board of County commissioners of Barton, Rice and Stafford counties jointly established Mid Kansas Mental Health Center. In 1975 the agency was reorganized under the current name The Center for Counseling and Consultation and Pawnee County joined the catchment area. The Center is a community supported facility that was organized under Kansas Law and is governed by a Board of Governors composed of members from each of the four participating counties. As a CMHC in Kansas we provide a wide range of psychiatric, substance use and
outpatient therapy services. In addition, we have the responsibility to provide 24/7/365 crisis coverage as the “safety net” for behavioral health services as designated by our participating counties. As a CMHC it is also our responsibility to provide community-based services to individuals diagnosed with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED). One of the core requirements for licensure as a CMHC is to serve all who are in need. With this requirement The Center has the responsibility to serve all individuals seeking care regardless of ability to pay. Geographically, The Center serves 4 counties in central Kansas including Barton, Pawnee, Rice and Stafford counties. Our service area covers 3,169 square miles with a population of 44,865. The Center became licensed to provide substance use services July 1, 2022 and began providing MAT services to individuals in Barton County. MAT is available for both Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD).

**Project Title**  
Stepping Up Expansion in Rice and Pawnee Counties

**Project Summary**  
The Center for Counseling and Consultation will expand their Stepping Up Initiative Jail Liaison program to Rice and Pawnee counties. They will maintain the existing program in Barton serving incarcerated and justice involved individuals.

**Counties to be served:**  
Barton || Pawnee || Rice

**CKF Addiction Treatment**  
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

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**Congressional District(s) Served:** 1 & 2  
Award Amount: $200,000

**Organization Description**  
CKF is a safety net organization that has been serving indigent and low-income individuals and their families for 55 years. CKF receives referrals from numerous sources, including law enforcement, schools, clergy, family members, hospitals/medical facilities, other social service agencies, and 12-Step and faith-based groups. Those with addiction often present for treatment with a very high severity of illness profile and require a wide array of services, including employment preparation, medical and dental care, housing and childcare. Over the years, CKF has been able to provide a very high quality of care by aggressively seeking additional funding sources. In 2022, CKF served 2,357 patients (unduplicated count) with such services as assessments/evaluations, social detoxification, Medication Assisted Treatment clinics, designated women's programs, inpatient, and outpatient treatment services. With facilities in Salina, Abilene, and McPherson, 12 primary care clinic partnerships across the state, and staff in 2 acute care settings 24/7, the agency provides a wide range of services while emphasizing each patient's unique needs. CKF is licensed by the state of Kansas and is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CKF's mission is to continuously challenge our systems of care, so that addiction is treated, in all its forms, as a chronic disease. CKF's vision is a world where every individual suffering from addiction gets better through better access, better treatment, and better support and understanding.
**Project Title**  
Co-Located Peer Mentors to Improve Care Access and Engagement

**Project Summary**  
CKF Addiction Treatment will embed peer mentors in external settings full-time to provide support to partner agency staff and also on-site addiction health care within primary care sites. The on-site staff can connect patients to other internal services, to include telehealth, as well as other agencies that can help the patient achieve positive health outcomes.

**Counties to be served:**  
Dickinson || Ellis || Geary || Riley

**Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas**  
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit  
Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 3  
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**Organization Description**  
The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, based in Pittsburg, KS, was established in 2003 in a double-wide trailer to provide quality, affordable and accessible medical, dental and behavioral health services to all regardless of ability to pay. Today, it is the largest federally qualified health center (FQHC) in Kansas and the 15th largest rural health center in the US serving more than 75,000 patients throughout the poorest and least healthy region of Kansas. With a service area covering 6,300 sq. miles in Kansas and Oklahoma, it has 14 full-service sites in ten Kansas counties along with multiple locations in schools, jails and, most recently, a faith-based homeless shelter and outreach mission in Pittsburg. It employs almost 900 staff members including 200 health care providers. It maintains six – soon to be seven in-clinic pharmacies – providing medications to its patients through the 340B federal discounted drug program. It has a fully integrated (medical, dental, behavioral health/SUD) electronic health record and an extremely robust quality improvement program with advanced data collection capabilities. In addition to direct provision of both inpatient and outpatient care, it provides comprehensive care coordination, case management and, most recently, has added more than 50 community health workers to assist its most needy patients with the social determinants of health including food instability, transportation and housing. Specific to behavioral health and substance use disorder, it has offered mental health services since inception as part of its holistic approach to health care and now has four of its sites certified by the state of Kansas as outpatient addiction treatment centers; it has one medical clinic embedded in a county mental health center. Related to SUD, CHC/SEK provides multi-disciplinary addiction services, peer mentorships and MAT. Altogether, CHC/SEK provided care in 2022 to 8,421 behavioral health/SUD patients for 40,571 patient visits.

**Project Title**  
Southeast Training for Overdose Prevention (STOP)

**Project Summary**  
The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will provide comprehensive training of prescribers,
pharmacists, first responders, school-based staff, local advocates, addiction treatment professionals, social service agency staff members and community members with personal or lived experiences with addiction. Along with the training will come naloxone kits at no cost to participants.

**Counties to be served:**
Allen || Anderson || Bourbon || Cherokee || Crawford || Labette || Linn || Montgomery || Neosho || Wilson || Woodson

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**Cornerstones of Care**  
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**Organization Description**
Cornerstones of Care is a behavioral health organization with a 153-year history of providing prevention, treatment and support services to children and their families. Today, the children that we serve have all experienced trauma resulting from events such as abuse or neglect, separation from or loss of a loved one, and witnessing or experiencing violence in their community, as well as trauma stemming from ongoing, cumulative experiences like poverty, addiction, and mental illness. Cornerstones of Care is a certified trauma-informed organization by The Sanctuary Institute.

At Cornerstones of Care, we partner in the community to pursue the strategic goals of reducing the frequency and impact of adverse childhood experiences and positively impacting the well-being of our communities through three key areas: youth & family support, foster care & adoption, and education & community-based training.

**Project Title**
SUD Treatment: Functional Family Therapy

**Project Summary**
Cornerstones of Care will expand Functional Family Therapy (FFT) services in four high needs counties (Brown, Linn, Franklin, and Miami) to serve youth, ages 11-17, and their families who are referred for substance abuse issues. This evidence-based intervention will improve the continuum of care for SUD Treatment in underserved areas by providing in-home and teletherapy services for adolescents as well as support for the family that increases the effectiveness of treatment.

**Counties to be served:**
Brown || Franklin || Linn || Miami

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**Crawford County Mental Health Center**  
Organization Type: Governmental Agency  
Congressional District(s) Served:  2  
Award Amount: $200,000

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Organization Description
Crawford County Mental Health Center (CCMHC) provides a wide range of mental health services that have a demonstrated need in the community, giving priority to those services, which are not or cannot be provided at an affordable rate by other sectors of the community. CCMHC has 105 full-time and 150 part-time staff to serve the Crawford County, Kansas population.

CCMHC’s key programs and services include Medication Management, Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, Women’s Reintegration and Intermediate Residential Substance Use Disorder Services, Children’s Community Services, Adult Community Based Services, Discovery Therapeutic Preschool, Crisis Services, and Same Day Access.

CCMHC’s services include Intake and Assessment, Psychological Evaluations, Outpatient Therapy, Psychiatric Medication Evaluations, and Medication Injections. Our current Substance Abuse Services for Adults include Outpatient Treatment to help individuals achieve changes in their substance abuse behaviors; Intermediate Treatment-ATC that provides a regiment of structured services in a 24-hour residential setting where they can reside safely; Women’s & children’s Reintegration that provides 24-hour residential living of a supporting nature for recovering alcoholics and/or drug dependent women and their children; Intensive Outpatient Treatment that is provided 5 days a week consisting of 3 hours of clinical care each day a person participates; and Social Detox that is typically short term (less than 7 days) and provides 24-hour supervision, observation and support for individuals who are intoxicated or experiencing withdrawal from other drugs. CCMHC provides telehealth services for SUD and MAT clients who are unable to get to our facilities for whatever reason.

Project Title
Development of OUD MAT program and remodeling client induction waiting room and office

Project Summary
Crawford County Mental Health Center will extend its MAT program to include opioid treatment. The project will develop and provide MAT services to those with opioid addiction within Crawford County. This project will establish a remodeled client induction waiting room and office that meets CFR 42 HIPAA standards and presents a safe and comfortable environment to lessen client feelings of alienation and stigma. The project will also fund labs, tests, and prescriptions for our clients that otherwise cannot afford treatment.

County to be served:
Crawford

DCCCA, Inc.
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 3
Award Amount: $200,000

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Organization Description
DCCCA has a long history of providing quality behavioral health services throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Missouri. We have been a provider of social and behavioral health services for nearly 50 years. We have
three primary service areas including Behavioral Health Service (residential and outpatient substance use and mental health treatment), Community-Based Services (behavioral health prevention and traffic safety), and Child Welfare Services (family preservation and child placing agency). During this time, we have built a strong expertise in training in the behavioral health field including substance abuse prevention, mental health promotion, suicide prevention, trauma informed care, and adverse childhood experiences.

DCCCA has extensive experience in opioid overdose prevention. Since 2016, our prevention services department has implemented prescription drug and opioid prevention efforts through several initiatives including the Partnerships for Success 2015 initiative, Strategic Prevention Framework Rx (SPF-Rx), State Opioid Response (SOR) I, II, and III, Overdose Data to Action (OD2A), and First Responder Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA). DCCCA facilitates the Kansas Prescription Drug and Opioid Advisory Committee and supported development of the state strategic plan for prescription drug and opioid overdose prevention. Additionally, we facilitate conference planning and implementation of the Kansas Opioid and Stimulant Conference, naloxone training, peer navigation, and peer to peer learning opportunities for national OD2A stakeholders. With funding from SOR and most recently FR-CARA, DCCCA established a statewide naloxone program that includes providing training and naloxone kits to individuals and agencies in Kansas.

**Project Title**
Targeted Naloxone Distribution in Johnson, Shawnee, and Wyandotte Counties

**Project Summary**
DCCCA will expand their naloxone program through targeted naloxone distribution efforts in Johnson, Shawnee, and Wyandotte counties, the counties that have a significant need and frequent naloxone requests. This project will include a collaboration with Oxford Houses in Kansas, equipping these homes with kits. Finally, the project will install a naloxone vending machine in Wyandotte County to pilot how a vending machine can increase accessibility to naloxone.

**Counties to be served:**
Johnson || Shawnee || Wyandotte

**DCCCA, Inc.**
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: All
Award Amount: $200,000

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**Project Title**

**Increasing Men’s Residential and Outpatient Services**

**Project Summary**

DCCCA will increase men’s treatment services in Kansas in both residential and outpatient settings. Residential services include individual and group therapy, provided in a trauma informed care environment. Additionally, life skills development, medical, health and wellness services, mental health services, family support and parent skills training are provided in the same trauma informed care environment. Clients receive assistance in finding employment, safe housing or continued education so they can continue towards self-sufficiency when they leave treatment.

**Counties to be served:**

Statewide

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**Empower House Ministries**

**Organization Type:** 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

**Congressional District(s) Served:** All

**Award Amount:** $200,000

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**Organization Description**

Empower House Ministries was founded in September 2020 by assembling an action-oriented board with diverse skill sets, unique perspectives of addiction, and a like-minded coalition to define and achieve our mission of providing a spiritual, life-changing, and empowering environment where recovering addicts can discover their God-given potential, establish a healthy intentional lifestyle, master life skills, and become self-sufficient.

We fight against addiction by providing the following programs:

- Safe, stable housing and empowering support services with a holistic approach.
- A home base for addicts to utilize existing community resources (addiction therapy, mental health, 12-step recovery).
- Life skill clinics to empower attendees to excel in life and recovery by mastering the core skills needed for lifelong recovery and self-sufficiency. Life Skill Clinics are open to any addict in recovery and to the public with themes related to housing, employment, relationships, self-care, etc.

**Project Title**
Recovery Residence Program with Life Skills Training

**Project Summary**
Empower House Ministries will provide a men's recovery residence/sober living program for up to 30
men/year. The project will also provide transportation assistance, a benevolence fund, rental subsidies, and
employment supports for their women's program. The project will also establish a relocation program to assist
those leaving the grantee and transitioning to the next step in their recovery journey.

**Counties to be served:**
Anderson  |  Butler  |  Chase  |  Coffey  |  Franklin  |  Greenwood  |  Jackson  |  Lyon  |  Marion  |  Morris  |  Osage  |  Reno  |  Sedgwick  |  Wabaunsee

**Friends of Recovery Association**
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served:  1, 2, & 4
Award Amount: $200,000

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**Organization Description**
Friends of Recovery Association (FORA), a nonprofit organization, has been advocating for Oxford Houses,
transitional housing for people in recovery from drugs and alcohol, in Kansas since 1991. FORA is the outreach
organization supporting the Oxford Houses in Kansas. FORA programs include opening new Oxford Houses with
federal block grant money, mediating in houses, case management and education. Friends of Recovery
Association's mission is to support and collaborate with Oxford Houses in Kansas, which are self-supporting,
democratically-operated homes for recovering individuals. Friends of Recovery and Oxford Houses assist service
participants to attain and sustain recovery from substance addiction. FORA provides the start-up loan for all
new houses in Kansas, mentoring, crisis intervention, conflict mediation, community liaison work and landlord
negotiations. FORA has helped thousands of individuals in recovery break away from the destructive pattern of
addiction and become productive members of their communities.

**Project Title**
Increasing Oxford Houses

**Project Summary**
Friends of Recovery Association will build recovery capital in Kansas by increasing the number of Oxford
Houses in rural areas of Kansas.

**Counties to be served:**

**Heartland Community Health Center**
Congressional District(s) Served:  1, 2, & 3
Organization Description
Heartland Medical Clinic, Inc. d/b/a Heartland Community Health Center serves as a welcoming health home for all who need care. Heartland is Douglas County’s only Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC) and serves patients spanning 20 rural and urban counties in Northeastern Kansas. In 2022, Heartland saw 20,394 unique patients, and provided $5,767,619 in sliding scale support to patients. Heartland’s integrated services include primary care, psychiatry and behavioral health, dental care, pediatric care, a 340b pharmacy, and wrap-around services that include an onsite food pantry and resource assistance.

Heartland’s integrated care model supports whole person care, including patients with a substance abuse disorder (SUD). Coordinated, comprehensive services allow providers to connect the dots from health care, mental health, pharmaceuticals, and dental. Heartland has the distinct ability to achieve this unique approach in integrated care.

Project Title
Connecting the Dots to Integrated SUD Care

Project Summary
Heartland Community Health Center will utilize their integrated care model to address access to SUD-related medication and bridge services to behavioral health support. This project will expand SUD support and linkage to care.

Counties to be served:
Douglas || Franklin || Jefferson || Leavenworth

Heartland RADAC
Organization Description
Heartland RADAC assists individuals and families navigate through substance use treatment and community services during their recovery journey. Services are provided in 76 counties throughout the State of Kansas through partnerships and collaborations developed to meet clients in convenient community locations, as well as partner service providers such as DCF offices, jails, State prisons, local hospitals, State hospitals and community crisis stabilization centers.

Heartland RADACs services include:

- Clinical Substance Use Assessments to determine if substance use treatment is needed, and when clinically indicated, assist clients in choosing the most appropriate treatment program or resource.
• Care Coordination Services (CC) are provided to individuals involved with multiple systems to coordinate case plans, link clients to recovery and other needed services, and ensure clear communication and accountability.

• Case Management (CM)/Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) Services are provided to individuals whose substance use has impacted multiple aspects of their lives and focuses on integrating services across multiple sectors (e.g., substance use and recovery, mental health, physical health, housing, employment, legal, etc.). An array of case management services are offered, from those aimed at preventing further progression of substance use, through those which focus on crisis stabilization and management.

• Recovery Coaching/Peer Mentoring (PM) is provided in conjunction to case management and care coordination services. It is a non-clinical service provided by individuals who have a personal understanding of addiction and the complicated path of recovery. Peer Mentors help clients become connected and engaged in the recovery community and activities.

• Substance Abuse Treatment and recovery services are provided to adults who are clinically indicated for substance abuse treatment. Outpatient services are offered combining both individual and group counseling in community settings and one State Prison in Kansas.

• RSI, Inc. Sobering Unit & Care Coordination is provided as part of the RSI Community Crisis Stabilization Center, which provides short-term crisis intervention to individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis that can result in admissions to local jails, hospital emergency rooms or state hospitals. Additionally, Heartland RADAC provides care coordination and discharge planning to individuals admitted for a mental health crisis who have co-occurring substance abuse issues.

Project Title
Telehealth Technology to Expand Access in Rural and Frontier Communities

Project Summary
Heartland RADAC will purchase telehealth equipment to provide substance use and recovery services to individuals in rural and frontier communities.

Counties to be served:

High Plains Mental Health Center
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1
Award Amount: $87,819
**Organization Description**

High Plains Mental Health Center is a licensed Community Mental Health Center, provisionally Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic and licensed Substance Use Disorder treatment program dedicated to the aggressive pursuit of providing a comprehensive mental health program to the residents of Northwest Kansas. Embodied in this pursuit are fundamental principles of establishing quality services as close to home as possible, at an affordable fee, and delivered in the least disruptive manner available. Founded in 1964, High Plains offers comprehensive behavioral health services including counseling, therapy, substance use disorder treatment, medication-assisted treatment, community-based support services and psychiatric services. We offer a 24/7 crisis hotline and provide crisis screening services at regional jails and hospitals. We serve the 20 counties of Northwest Kansas, spanning approximately 19,000 square miles – an area that is larger than 8 U.S. states. Of the 20 counties served, 16 are classified as frontier and three are classified as rural. Our region has a population of approximately 101,000. High Plains ensures fidelity to Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (National CLAS Standards) in Health and Health Care.

**Project Title**

Sustain and Expand MAT Services in Rural/Frontier Area

**Project Summary**

High Plains Mental Health Center will expand MAT services, telehealth MAT services, and facilitate integration of mental health and SUD services. The project will also expand and coordinate health outreach teams to conduct outreach to referral sources such as physicians and social service agencies. The project will target recovery resources to highly impacted, low-capacity geographical areas. The project goal is to increase the number of clients receiving MAT and also to establish referral pathways throughout the region so that clients can be identified and referred for treatment sooner.

**Counties to be served:**

Cheyenne || Decatur || Ellis || Gove || Graham || Logan || Ness || Norton || Osborne || Phillips || Rawlins || Rooks || Rush || Russell || Sheridan || Sherman || Smith || Thomas || Trego || Wallace

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**High Point Advocacy & Resource Center, Inc**

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 1

**Organization Type:** 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

**Award Amount:** $200,000

**Organization Description**

High Point Advocacy and Resource Center, Inc. (aka High Point) is a younger treatment and advocacy center, born out of the necessity for a licensed substance abuse disorder (SUD) treatment center in far northwest Kansas, where all our counties are considered rural and/or frontier counties. This area of the state had been without a licensed treatment center for more than five years. At that time, the closest licensed treatment center was in Hays, over 100 miles away from where our office is now, which was simply just too far. Prior to opening, our founder and Executive Director, Sherry White, mother of 3 sons who have all battled addiction,
spent 2 years developing the strongest treatment programs as possible, including much research of evidence-based treatment programs, as well as participating in strategic planning focus groups all over northwest Kansas, sponsored by Livewell Northwest Kansas and the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. We learned where the gaps in services are, what unique challenges are in this very rural area, concerns of the lack of SUD treatment options available, and what services the public would like to see offered. Using only evidence-based programs, we attack addiction with a 3-pronged approach: treatment, education and prevention, and advocacy. High Point obtained its tax identification number and became a registered non-profit agency through the State of Kansas in 2019. High Point is a licensed Level 1 Outpatient Treatment Center through KDADS (and Advocacy Center). Our mission statement is “We provide individuals and families who have been impacted by addiction access to essential recovery services, regardless of their ability to pay, so they can learn transformational life skills to not only get clean and sober, but to eventually thrive in long-term recovery”.

**Project Title**

Treatment to Uninsured, Jail Program, and Overdose Response Program

**Project Summary**

High Point Advocacy & Resource Center will not only continue providing access to essential treatment services to the uninsured that they are already are providing, but it will enable them to launch a few more life-saving initiatives. High Point Advocacy & Resource Center will launch additional programming such as curriculum with jail inmates, initiate adolescent screening, treatment, and recovery services, distribute naloxone, and work with partners to develop emergency response to overdose program.

**Counties to be served:**

Cheyenne || Decatur || Gove || Logan || Rawlins || Sheridan || Sherman || Thomas || Wallace

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**Hunter Health Clinic Inc.**

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 4

**Award Amount:** $199,171

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**Organization Description**

Hunter Health Clinic (Hunter Health) was founded in 1976 by Dr. Vernon Dyer, a Choctaw and Prairie Band Potawatomi OB/GYN physician. He recognized an overwhelming need for culturally appropriate healthcare services for Urban Indians and started a clinic in a back room at the Indian Center in Wichita. Demand for services grew so rapidly that the clinic moved to a larger building in downtown Wichita in 1978. In 1985, it was expanded to serve all people. Hunter Health is Wichita’s oldest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and the only Urban Indian Health Program in the state. What started as a small health clinic in a back room at the Mid America All Indian Center to serve American Indian patients with little or no access to healthcare has expanded into a comprehensive clinic with four locations. We provide comprehensive health care in some of the highest-need areas in Sedgwick County. We provide services to anyone, regardless of ability to pay, and reach many through community outreach, providing health services and health education in the community when and where the need is greatest. In 2022, Hunter Health provided health care services to 15,665 unduplicated patients through our four clinic locations strategically located in the poorest neighborhoods in Wichita. These services included preventive and primary medical care, medical laboratory, dental, pharmacy,
radiology (X-ray and ultrasound), optometry, OB/GYN including education on gestational diabetes, same-day services, behavioral health, psychiatry, substance use disorder screening and treatment, group counseling, free HIV testing, vaccines, diabetes screening, and chronic disease management. Additionally, Hunter Health provides enabling services, defined as non-clinical services that aim to increase access to healthcare and improve health outcomes. For example, we assist eligible patients in applying for public health insurance coverage such as Medicaid/CHIP. We have been granted authority by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to provide Presumptive Eligibility for pregnant women and families with children who qualify for Medicaid/CHIP programs. Presumptive Eligibility is a process that allows qualified entities to determine whether an individual can receive temporary Medicaid coverage while KanCare, the state’s Medicaid program, processes their application for Medicaid. Other enabling services we provide our patients include transportation, language interpretation, and a Traditional Health Coordinator to ensure our Native American patients receive culturally appropriate health services. We also offer extended clinic hours for medical and behavioral health care to provide access for those unable to seek services during regular working hours for various reasons, e.g., a lack of sick time. These patients can count on Hunter Health’s extended hours to access the health care they need without jeopardizing their income. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of everyone in our community.

**Project Title**

Expanding MAT Access for Underserved Populations in Sedgwick County

**Project Summary**

Hunter Health Clinic will re-launch the MAT Program to treat patients with opioid use disorders and expand access for MAT services for the underserved population in Sedgwick County. The project increases treatment, testing for SUD, HIV, Hep C, number of prescribers able to implement MAT, and increases Behavioral Health workforce and retention.

**County to be served:**

Sedgwick

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**Kansas Department of Corrections**

Organization Type: Governmental Agency

**Congressional District(s) Served:** All

Award Amount: $200,000

**Organization Description**

The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) operates 11 adult correctional facilities with an overall capacity of 10,674 people. On average, these facilities house a total daily population of 8354 men and 725 women (fiscal year to date). The population in each facility varies each day depending on numerous variables such as inter-facility movement, new admissions, and new releases. In addition to Medication Assisted Treatment, KDOC provides the following interventions related to substance use and recovery: the cognitive behavioral curriculum Substance Use - Adult developed by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute, individual case management, peer mentoring, drug/alcohol assessments, and referrals to community-based services upon release.
Project Title
Expanding Access to MAT for Justice Involved Individuals in KS

Project Summary
KDOC will expand access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for corrections residents and develop necessary infrastructure to support the program over time. The project will aid in funding MOUD (Medications for Opiate Use Disorders) for program participants within KDOC facilities, provide crucial coordination for continuity of care for program participants, prevent overdoses, and provide outcomes-based information to policy makers to increase support for persons on MAT in Kansas.

Counties to be served:
Statewide

Kanza Mental Health & Guidance Center
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 2
Award Amount: $200,000

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Organization Description
Kanza Mental Health & Guidance Center, Inc. (Kanza) is a non-profit 501(c)3 Community Mental Health Center licensed by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services (KDADS), established since 1963 in Hiawatha, Kansas and serving the rural northeast Kansas counties of Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, and Nemaha. Kanza’s service mission is “Offering Hope for a Healthier Tomorrow.” Kanza provides services to all individuals regardless of age, disability, residence status, or ability to pay. Kanza has office locations in Hiawatha, Holton, Troy, and Seneca and provides most of its services in homes, schools, and the community. Key programs and services include outpatient mental health and substance use counseling treatment provided by qualified mental health professionals, psychiatric medication services, community-based services including case management, attendant care, peer supports, supported housing, and supported employment, and 24/7 crisis assessment and stabilization services including Mobile Crisis Response. Additionally, Kanza provides behavioral health services in the local jails in the service region, to veterans, and Head Start/Early Head Start classrooms, and provides community education and training such as Mental Health First Aid. Kanza is working toward certification as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) with a provisional certification date set for July 1st, 2024, through KDADS. The CCBHC model of care is described by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as “CCBHC provides comprehensive, coordinated, trauma-informed, and recovery-oriented care for mental health and substance use conditions.”

Project Title
MAT, Peer Recovery Supports, and Care Coordination Expansion

Project Summary
Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center will expand access to vital treatment services through offering Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and behavioral therapy, peer recovery services, and care coordination to adults and adolescents, groups, and families. This project will help close gaps in care and provide comprehensive, life-saving treatment services to prevent and reduce opioid overdose and death in our
Lorraine’s House
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 3
Award Amount: $57,000

Organization Description
Lorraine’s House provides safe, supportive sober living homes for women recovering from addiction and trauma in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Founded in 2016 by women and serving women, we began with one housing site in Olathe, Kan., with eight beds. We added new locations in 2017, 2019, and 2021, and today, Lorraine’s “House” is actually a network of four sites encompassing 34 beds. Annually we serve approximately 100 women in recovery across Johnson County, Kan.

The holistic services we provide at Lorraine’s House include:

- Intake and resident-driven goal setting focused on readiness to achieve sustained recovery free from substance use;
- Stable, sober housing for an average of six months (monitored via random urinalysis);
- Limited case management, including employment goal progress monitoring;
- Medication management, as appropriate, for women accessing medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for substance use and/or taking psychoactive medications for a behavioral health diagnosis;
- Access to a trained, on-site peer specialist: a woman who is trained as a “peer” (eligible peers have lived experience and at least one year of sobriety), provides emotional support, referrals to community resources, and assistance with additional treatment navigation and referrals, as needed; and
- Linkage to and required attendance of at least three recovery community meetings per week.

Project Title
Women’s Holistic Recovery Housing and Services

Project Summary
Lorraine’s House will support recovery housing and holistic services for women experiencing substance use disorder (SUD), such as peer support, employment-seeking, medication management, and case management. Project will launch two new recovery houses and complements other financial resources from the agency, including donations and in-kind contributions. Lorraine’s House will add capacity to serve more unduplicated women annually in Douglas and Johnson counties in Kansas.

Counties to be served:
Douglas || Johnson
Organization Description

Founded in 1957, Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas’ (MHASCK) mission is to empower and assist youth, families, and adults in our community to achieve optimal mental health and wellness through education, advocacy, and service. MHASCK’s 180+ employees provide services to 9,000+ individuals across the lifespan through 35 programs utilizing whole health strategies to impact mental health and build resiliency for long-term recovery. Programming includes rehabilitative services for children and adults with a serious Mental Illness diagnosis; prevention and mentoring for at-risk youth focusing on increasing self-esteem, communication, and decision-making skills, while decreasing violence, bullying, and substance use; family stabilization programming focusing on communication and increasing resilience of the family unit; services to help isolated and/or homebound seniors maintain independence for as long as possible; homeless prevention and intervention services; housing for vulnerable populations to include those who have a mental health diagnosis, Veterans, and low income seniors; outpatient therapy, medication management, and substance use treatment; and advocacy and education regarding mental health and to further fight stigma.

Project Title
Coordinating Services, Navigation, and Financial Assistance for Co-occurring Disorders

Project Summary
Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas will dedicate staffing to coordinate care for these individuals with co-occurring disorders, assisting them in the Navigation of complex systems to meet their recovery goals; offer financial assistance for concurrent treatment for those with co-occurring diagnosis who are uninsured/underinsured; and increase access to services through the licensure of additional LMAC staff to reduce the wait for SUD intake.

County to be served:
Sedgwick
outpatient SUD treatment services in Anthony, Atchison, Hiawatha, Holton, Medicine Lodge, Newton, Shawnee, Topeka, and Wichita. We also provide assessment, referral, and outpatient treatment services statewide through our telehealth program. Organizationally, we offer a full continuum of SUD care including residential intermediate treatment, reintegration treatment, partial day hospitalization, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, after care, assessment, and referral. Within those modalities, we provide peer support and person-centered case management services.

**Project Title**

Expansion of MAT Services and Resources in Kansas

**Project Summary**

Mirror will expand medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services in Kansas with a focus on uninsured and underinsured individuals with opioid use disorders (OUD). Mirror will implement a robust MAT program to serve all eligible and clinically appropriate adult and adolescent Kansans across the continuum of care at their brick and mortar locations as well as Kansans statewide, including those in rural and frontier counties, through telehealth services.

**Counties to be served:**

Statewide

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**Mirror Inc.**

Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

Congressional District(s) Served: All

Award Amount: $48,785

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**Organization Description**

Mirror, Inc. was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) private, non-profit organization in 1972. Over the last 51 years, we have grown to become the largest stand-alone provider of SUD services in Kansas, serving over 4,000 unduplicated individuals each year. Our mission is to strengthen people and communities by helping individuals cultivate hope and redefine their lives. We currently provide 123 treatment beds at our four residential treatment centers in Shawnee, Topeka, Newton, and Wichita including 16 beds for adolescent males. We offer outpatient SUD treatment services in Anthony, Atchison, Hiawatha, Holton, Medicine Lodge, Newton, Shawnee, Topeka, and Wichita. We also provide assessment, referral, and outpatient treatment services statewide through our telehealth program. Organizationally, we offer a full continuum of SUD care including residential intermediate treatment, reintegration treatment, partial day hospitalization, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, after care, assessment, and referral. Within those modalities, we provide peer support and person-centered case management services.

**Project Title**

Residential Treatment Bed Expansion Project

**Project Summary**

Mirror will install a fire suppression system at their Residential Treatment Center to expand its residential treatment bed capacity. The purpose of the project is to expand access to residential SUD treatment services.
for uninsured and underinsured individuals in Kansas.

Counties to be served:
Statewide

New Beginnings Inc.
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1
Award Amount: $195,000

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Organization Description
The story of New Beginnings begins in 1989 with the opening of the original homeless shelter in an old boarding house located on Ave A in Hutchinson, KS. New Beginnings strives to help clients go from surviving to thriving. A place where each person is our brother and sister and through community outreach and universal caring operates as an agent of equitable change, compassion, and understanding.

New Beginnings has worked to lead the charge in the community. Four tax credit complexes were built to offer affordable housing to the community which include a transitional housing complex. Oxford House was supported by New Beginnings through the purchase of six homes that were then leased to Oxford, over half of which have been operational for over five years. Outpatient substance abuse services are offered through a partnership with Substance Abuse Centers of Kansas. This partnership also led to the renovation of a location that was then leased to SACK and is currently a detox and residential treatment facility for men. Recovery is supported by New Beginnings through our Transitional Jobs Program that formally launched in 2017. This program works with people who have barriers preventing them from achieving and maintaining permanent employment by paying them a wage to work while receiving job skills and education. New Beginnings also provides space for a medically assisted treatment mobile unit to provide MAT dosing under the supervision of Wichita Comprehensive Treatment Center.

Project Title
Hope & Healing: Peer Support, Health Navigation, Housing, and Transportation Supports

Project Summary
New Beginnings will implement a community health worker to assist in health navigation for high-risk individuals and individuals with SUD. The project also will create new services in the form of grief and trauma self-help groups with the assistance of subject matter experts and provide housing and transportation supports.

County to be served:
Reno

New Chance, Inc.
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 4
Award Amount: $195,000
Organization Description
New Chance, Inc. provides treatment to the most vulnerable individuals suffering from addiction: the uninsured and underserved in rural counties in Western Kansas. Our organization is a nonprofit that operates a treatment center in Dodge City, Kansas. Since forming on April 25, 1975, New Chance has provided SUD treatment services primarily to individuals in Western Kansas. In fact, New Chance is one of only two treatment facilities that provide residential treatment to uninsured males for the entire Western half of the state of Kansas, according to the SAMHSA treatment-provider locator. New Chance’s core programs and services focus on detoxification, intermediate (residential) treatment, extended care, outpatient treatment, and—above all—an evolving continuum of care for program participants that leverages coordinated services with local entities. Detoxification services offer 24-hour care and initiation of medically-assisted treatment (“MAT”) for opioid-related addiction. While New Chance has always faced a demand for treatment that exceeds available resources in rural Western Kansas, the need for detoxification services continues to grow at an alarming rate due to the ongoing Opioid epidemic. Key programs and services also include extended care and peer support. Extended care (reintegration) is a constant need for uninsured individuals following residential treatment, particularly in Ford County, Kansas, as local sober-living homes and Oxford (‘halfway’) houses are usually at full capacity and unable to provide a housing space. Peer support is multifaceted and connects individuals receiving SUD treatment with a peer individual in recovery and with the training and related State requirements to provide services. Peer support not only offers an essential face-to-face connection but also provides transportation to meetings and programs, helps to address transitional needs, and anchors successful long-term recovery.

Project Title
Expansion of MAT, Recovery Supports, Naloxone, and Transportation Assistance in Corrections

Project Summary
New Chance will provide treatment to uninsured and underinsured individuals requiring Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment in the Western half of the state of Kansas. This will be accomplished by bridging the resource gap to hire and retain qualified treatment staff in order to expand access to treatment for uninsured/underinsured Kansans in high-impact, low-capacity geographical areas (rural counties west of Saline County, Kansas).

Counties to be served:

Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 4
Award Amount: $199,293
Organization Description
Preferred Family Healthcare (Preferred) is a dynamic and caring organization committed to providing integrated care to assist individuals in achieving overall health and wellness. Beginning as a community-based mental health and substance use center founded in 1979 to provide integrated health services to both urban and rural low-income populations residing in Missouri, Preferred has since expanded to 77 locations throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Preferred has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities since 2008 and is a certified provider through the Missouri Department of Mental Health and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. Serving a total of 39,834 individuals in fiscal year 2022, Preferred serves as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Organization, operates three Federally Qualified Health Center clinics, and employs over 2,444 highly qualified staff who provide an array of behavioral health and overall wellness services, including 1) CCBHO Services; 2) SUD Services; 3) FQHC Services; 4) Outpatient Mental Health Services; 5) Child Welfare Services; 6) Employment Services; 7) Intellectual/Developmental Disabled Adult Services; and 8) Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services.

While our current physical locations are in Olathe and Winfield, Preferred has provided quality behavioral health services (including substance use disorder treatment and mental health counseling) to Kansas residents since 2009. In fiscal year 2022, we served a total of 891 Kansans from forty different counties. Our programming is designed to meet our client’s behavioral health needs, utilizing evidence-based practices (EBP), with an emphasis on the delivery of culturally competent services and treatment for individuals suffering from trauma and co-occurring disorders. Our treatment services include a full array of substance use disorder treatment ranging from assessment to outpatient care to residential services. Our Winfield location provides assessment, outpatient, social detox, reintegration, and intermediate treatment services in addition to mental health counseling. In Olathe, we provide assessment, outpatient, and mental health counseling.

Project Title
SUD and Mental Health Integration in Cowley County

Project Summary
Preferred Family Healthcare will provide integrated mental health services with existing substance use treatment services to residents in Cowley County and surrounding communities. Services include OUD, SUD, and co-occurring mental health disorder treatment services (i.e., MAT services, mental health therapy, telehealth services, peer support services, and case management services) to indigent, uninsured/underinsured, and lower-income clients struggling with, or at risk of developing, substance use disorders.

County to be served:
Cowley

Riley County Community Corrections
Organization Type: Governmental Agency

Congressional District(s) Served: 1
Award Amount: $200,000

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Organization Description
Riley County Community Corrections (RCCC) is a state and local partnership which promotes public safety by providing highly structured community supervision to moderate to very high-risk felony offenders. Community supervision is uniquely structured in Kansas wherein community corrections agencies are county-owned and operated agencies; however, they are 100% state funded. Riley County Community Corrections provides risk reduction services in Riley and Clay Counties. The administrative office is located in Manhattan, Kansas, with a satellite office in Clay Center. The average daily population is 100 adult felony offenders, 10 juvenile felony offenders, and approximately 35 under Youth Court Immediate Intervention Program supervision. Riley County Community Corrections administers several programs and services under the agency umbrella to include Juvenile Intake & Assessment Services, Youth Court Immediate Intervention Program, Juvenile Intensive Supervision, Adult Intensive Supervision and Adult Drug Court.

**Project Title**

*Riley County Expanded Access to Treatment for Justice-Involved Populations*

**Project Summary**

Riley County Community Corrections will expand access to treatment for drug-court and non-drug court participants who are uninsured/underinsured, and not otherwise funded. Project will expand MAT/MOUD services, transportation assistance, expand peer recovery services, recovery housing, expand social detoxification services, and facilitate both targeted and criminal justice setting distribution of naloxone.

**Counties to be served:**

Clay | | Riley

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**Saint Francis Community & Residential Services**

*Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit*  

*Congressional District(s) Served: All*  

*Award Amount: $200,000*

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**Organization Description**

Saint Francis Community and Residential Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Saint Francis Ministries, has the mission of providing healing and hope to children and families, and a vision of changing lives in ways that others believe impossible. Saint Francis Ministries has been foundational to providing support services in Kansas since 1945, fulfilling a distinctive purpose in the lives of individuals in the child welfare system.

Initially founded as The Saint Francis Boys’ Home in Ellsworth, KS in 1945, Saint Francis Ministries has evolved tremendously in the last 75 years. Our array of programs and services has transformed continuously to meet emerging needs in child welfare, with our core services ensuring safety and stability for children in need. In 2019, we adopted the name Saint Francis Ministries to describe the holistic approach we take to providing children and families with healing and hope. We serve children and families through our Reintegration Foster Care and Adoption (RFCA) and Foster Care Homes (FCH) programs; deliver psychiatric treatment and therapeutic interventions to children and adolescents at Salina West, our PRTF, and our QRTP cottages; serve young women struggling with emotional and behavioral concerns; deliver intensive in-home treatment and therapy to struggling families; and deliver outpatient behavioral health services, including substance use disorder treatment, across Kansas. Saint Francis has been recognized by state and local partners as an agent of
positive change in the lives of the 11,000 clients we serve each year.

**Project Title**  
MAT for OUD in Western, Southcentral, and Northcentral Kansas

**Project Summary**  
Saint Francis Community and Residential Services will provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in western, southcentral, and northcentral Kansas. The grantee will hire an Addiction Therapist, Peer Mentor, and utilize one APRN to provide MAT-OUD treatment in Kansas.

**Counties to be served:**  
Statewide

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**Substance Abuse Center of Kansas**  
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

**Congressional District(s) Served:**  
4

**Award Amount:**  
$200,000

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**Organization Description**  
The Substance Abuse Center of Kansas (SACK) has been in existence since 1995. It is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization specializing in the prevention, treatment and case management of individuals affected by substance abuse. SACK supports this mission by serving as a community resource center to improve and support recovery alternatives with an emphasis on consumer choice and professional assistance through a continuum of care. SACK specializes as a consumer advocate, supporting all methods of recovery and is committed to the development of quality partnerships for the benefit of consumers across the state of Kansas. The SACK locations in Hutchinson and Wichita provide outpatient treatment to consumers who are unable to access treatment services through any other agency due to long waiting periods. The two locations contain our Recovery Centers which provide Recovery Oriented Systems of Care and Peer Mentoring. SACK operates a residential facility in Hutchinson that is licensed to provide social detox services to men and women as well as intermediate residential services to men. SACK also operates a social detox unit for men and women in Wichita housed within COMCARE’s crisis center. Additionally, SACK provides care coordination/case management services to individuals that are involved with TANF, have histories of state hospitalizations, have been sentenced under SB6 and those that have discharged from a KDOC facility. SACK is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the exception being our residential facilities which are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Evening appointments are available upon request. On-call counselors are accessible when the office is closed.

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**Project Title**  
Recovery Center Expansion in Winfield and El Dorado, KS

**Project Summary**  
Substance Abuse Center of Kansas will use funds to pay for initial staffing costs of two new recovery centers in Winfield and El Dorado, Kansas.

**Counties to be served:**
The Cedar House Foundation
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1
Award Amount: $25,000

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Organization Description
The Cedar House Foundation started in Enterprise, Kansas in 2013 as a set of resources exclusively for women in recovery. Our initial outreach was a weekly twelve-step meeting for area women, open to both women seeking recovery and family members of addicts, in a safe space on our campus. Soon after, we launched our residential program: a dedicated one-year program offering supervised residency, job placement assistance, transportation, and peer support, relying on various forms of social enterprise both for capital backing and community relations. We also opened a community food bank during this period, where residents of the house would deliver commodities to households in need. Residents were referred to us by drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers in Kansas, including Valley Hope and City on a Hill. During our residential period, we served over 75 women. Horticultural therapy and “farm life” has always been a component of our program, just due to our location, but in 2018, a local realtor offered us the use of a formerly commercial greenhouse that was standing idle. It quickly became a vital component not only of our recovery curriculum, but also our social enterprise and community relations.

Following the COVID pandemic, the residential program was discontinued, and the Cedar House pivoted to pursue a partnership with Dickinson County’s newly launched drug court program. Our greenhouse space was already perfectly positioned to provide the necessary community engagement and support for women enrolled in the drug court program. Now, The Greenhouse is the primary hub of our mission. During the winter months, women in recovery engage in horticulture therapy, preparing and nurturing our plants for spring. They also create art to be either installed as pieces for display or sold during the spring/summer selling season.

Through the support of another local realtor, we were able to procure a storefront in Enterprise to serve as a Women’s Resource Center, where we now hold regular recovery meetings for women; cultivate a free lending library; and operate a central service office. Drug court participants are mandated to attend weekly meetings at this location, and we also welcome family, friends, and other local women seeking group support. We serve a free dinner once a week to enhance group fellowship, while also alerting us to situations of food insecurity – we can use these gathering opportunities to attend, discretely, to short-term needs and to connect families to long-term services and resources outside our purview.

Project Title
Drug Court Therapeutic Horticultural and Art Programs Expansion

Project Summary
The Cedar House Foundation will expand the capacity and outreach of grantee’s therapeutic horticultural and art programs to serve all qualifying female participants in Dickinson County’s drug court.

County to be served:
The University of Kansas Health System
Organization Type: Non-Profit Organization
Congressional District(s) Served: 1, 2 & 3
Award Amount: $200,000

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Organization Description
With a donation of land in 1905 and the establishment of a hospital on the grounds in 1906, the University of Kansas School of Medicine was founded. In 1998, the hospital marked an important milestone when it became an independent hospital authority, becoming The University of Kansas Hospital and separating from the School of Medicine. During the first two decades as a hospital authority, the organization transformed from a struggling hospital into one of the nation’s top academic medical centers. In 2017, the University of Kansas Hospital joined with the University of Kansas Physicians to form The University of Kansas Health System (TUHKS). The organization represents the only academic medical center in Kansas. Academic medical centers provide a higher level of care than other hospitals, because they are where breakthroughs are discovered through clinical trials, new technology, and more options for patients. Only 6% of U.S. hospitals identify as academic medical centers. Today, the health system includes more than 100 locations, 17,000 employees, and 1,000 employed physicians. In addition, the Care Collaborative extends the reach of academic medicine by sharing education and guidance with peers in rural communities throughout Kansas.

Project Title
The Road to Recovery: Providing Comprehensive Treatment to Uninsured and Underinsured Kansans

Project Summary
The University of Kansas Health System will support the Addictions Treatment Clinic in providing comprehensive, medication-assisted, and psychosocial treatment to uninsured and underinsured Kansans. Other services to be provided include case management, and counseling services for substance use disorder and mental health diagnosis.

Counties to be served:
Atchison || Douglas || Johnson || Leavenworth || Shawnee || Wyandotte

Third Judicial District of Kansas
Organization Type: Governmental Agency
Congressional District(s) Served: 2
Award Amount: $200,000

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Organization Description
The Third Judicial District of Kansas is located in Shawnee County and currently has two Specialty Court
The Drug Treatment Court program has been in existence since 2002, and the brand new Veteran's Treatment Court program. Our Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) program represents an innovative approach as our response to the issue of the intersection of United States Veterans with the criminal justice system. The VTC is designed to more effectively promote public safety and reduce recidivism by specifically targeting the unique challenges facing justice-involved Veterans. The VTC is evidence-based early intervention and intensive treatment to effectuate change for both the individual and the community. Instead of the “standard” sentences of incarceration and fines, or loosely supervised probation and diversion programs, Veterans may be sentenced to complete our specialized and intensive diversion program, presumptive prison/probation program, or probation violator program based on the Ten Key Components of Adult Drug Courts, as adapted for Veterans (Key Components) and the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Best Practice Standards (Standards). In our District, this means that the VTC offers Veterans closely supervised and evidence-based mental health and substance abuse treatment and services coordinated with and through the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

**Project Title**

Veterans Treatment Court

**Project Summary**

The Third Judicial District of Kansas will provide SUD treatment services for participants in the Veterans Treatment Court.

**County to be served:**

Shawnee

**Unified Government Public Health Department**

**Organization Type: Governmental Agency**

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 2 & 3

**Award Amount:** $200,000

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**Organization Description**

The Unified Government Public Health Department (UGPHD) is tasked with ensuring the health of residents of Wyandotte County, Kansas. Its mission is to prevent disease, promote wellness, and protect and improve the environment in Wyandotte County. The UGPHD's dedicated staff works to prevent epidemics and the spread of disease, protect against environmental hazards, prevent injuries, promote, and encourage healthy behaviors, respond to disasters, assist communities in recovery, and assure the quality and accessibility of health services. UGPHD clinical services include cancer screening, family planning, laboratory, maternal health services, and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) services. Other departments housed within the UGPHD include Community Health, Environmental Health, Childcare Licensing, AmeriCorps Vista program, and a Community Health Education Program (CHEP). UGPHD also supports the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), including project planning to the CHIP Action Teams and Subcommittees, raising resources, conducting evaluations, and ensuring the sustainability of the plan. In 2022 UGPHD hired a Substance Use Coordinator to directly address the needs around the increasing number of overdoses in Wyandotte County. Since the position has been filled, Wyandotte now has an ongoing Recovery Collective to address community impact around SUD needs, and a successful free Narcan
distribution program taking place at UGPHD, in various local organizations, and schools in USD 500. The program is currently expanding to hire peer support specialists, and expand treatment opportunities in local jails and specialty courts.

**Project Title**
Expanding MAT in Wyandotte County

**Project Summary**
Unified Government Public Health Department will purchase suboxone to be provided at a local free clinic in Wyandotte County to the uninsured/underinsured. It will also cover follow up visits to local providers at partner health provider for ensure continuation of care.

**County to be served:**
Wyandotte

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**Valeo Behavioral Health Care**

**Organization Type:** Non-Profit Organization

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 2

**Award Amount:** $200,000

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**Organization Description**
Founded in 1967, Valeo Behavioral Health Care provides comprehensive public safety-net mental health and addiction recovery services to approximately 6,000 individuals each year. Valeo is state licensed as a community mental health center and addictions treatment center and is nationally accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services (CARF). Valeo serves as the designated mental health authority for Shawnee County.

**Project Title**
Comprehensive Continuum of Care Across the Lifespan

**Project Summary**
Valeo Behavioral Health Care, Prevention and Resiliency Services, and Family Service and Guidance Center are collaborating to create a continuum of care for the lifespan of those experiencing substance and/or opioid use disorders. Valeo will expand the social detoxification program and assist individuals organize their transitional housing after they have finished their substance use treatment. Family Service and Guidance Center will hire a registered nurse who will work at their Youth Crisis and Recovery Center which is currently being built. Prevention and Resiliency Services will expand their Naloxone administration and safe home visits education in the community.

**County to be served:**
Shawnee
Valley Hope Association
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

Congressional District(s) Served: 1, 2, & 4
Award Amount: $182,577

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**Organization Description**

Valley Hope Association’s mission is to restore lives affected by addiction and support lifelong recovery. The non-profit organization was founded in 1967 in the small town of Norton, Kansas, when a doctor and a minister desired to help an alcoholic friend. Now 56 years later, Valley Hope has expanded by invitation from alumni and corporations to 7 states throughout the Mid-West. Valley Hope was founded in Kansas in 1967, and today there are five drug and alcohol rehab facilities across the state providing life-saving addiction treatment including Kansas City, Wichita, and northwest Kansas. These evidence-based Kansas addiction treatment services include residential, medical detox, MAT - medication-assisted therapy, and flexible outpatient programs that have helped restore lives for more than 55 years. Since 1972 addiction services have been available in Southcentral Kansas through Valley Hope. In 2010 a new residential center was built in Moundridge.

**Project Title**

Partial Hospitalization Program and Treatment Scholarships

**Project Summary**

Valley Hope Association will support patients in the Moundridge, Kansas and Wichita, Kansas continuum. The two-pronged project includes direct treatment assistance costs (Scholarships) to benefit those with opioid addiction and the launch of the partial hospitalization program (PHP), a new level of care. PHP will fill the gap between residential and intensive outpatient programming.

**Counties to be served:**

Ellsworth || Harvey || Marion || McPherson || Reno || Rice || Sedgwick

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Citizens Foundation
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

Congressional District(s) Served: 1
Award Amount: $129,997

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**Organization Description**

Citizens Medical Center, Inc. (CMCI) d/b/a Citizens Health (CH) is located in the heart of the rural United States servicing nine counties in northwest Kansas (Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace). The independent healthcare system is comprised of Citizens Medical Center, a 25-bed...
Critical Access Hospital (CAH) - one of the largest in Kansas; Family Center for Health Care (FCHC), a federally licensed Rural Health Clinic (RHC); Prairie Senior, a 60-bed long term skilled nursing facility; and Citizens Foundation, the fundraising arm of the organization.

**Project Title**
Comprehensive Referral Network Through Co-located Peers in Northwest Kansas

**Project Summary**
The purpose of this project is to develop a comprehensive referral network with a partnership between Citizens Health, CKF Addiction Treatment & LiveWell Northwest Kansas.

**Counties to be served:**
Cheyenne || Decatur || Gove || Logan || Rawlins || Sheridan || Sherman || Thomas || Wallace

**CKF Addiction Treatment**
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

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**Congressional District(s) Served:** All

**Award Amount:** $200,000

**Organization Description**
CKF is a safety net organization that has been serving indigent and low-income individuals and their families for 55 years. CKF receives referrals from numerous sources, including law enforcement, schools, clergy, family members, hospitals/medical facilities, other social service agencies, and 12-Step and faith-based groups. Those with addiction often present for treatment with a very high severity of illness profile and require a wide array of services, including employment preparation, medical and dental care, housing and childcare. Over the years, CKF has been able to provide a very high quality of care by aggressively seeking additional funding sources. In 2022, CKF served 2,357 patients (unduplicated count) with such services as assessments/evaluations, social detoxification, Medication Assisted Treatment clinics, designated women’s programs, inpatient, and outpatient treatment services. With facilities in Salina, Abilene, and McPherson, 12 primary care clinic partnerships across the state, and staff in 2 acute care settings 24/7, the agency provides a wide range of services while emphasizing each patient’s unique needs. CKF is licensed by the state of Kansas and is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CKF’s mission is to continuously challenge our systems of care, so that addiction is treated, in all its forms, as a chronic disease. CKF’s vision is a world where every individual suffering from addiction gets better through better access, better treatment, and better support and understanding.

**Project Title**
Adolescent Telehealth Addiction Treatment via Primary Care and Kansas Medicaid MCO Referrals

**Project Summary**
CKF Addiction Treatment has been providing telehealth services since 2017. CKF expanded the model through partnerships with primary care clinics and pilots with the Kansas Medicaid MCO’s leading up to the start of COVID in 2020. Through these partnerships, and through our day-to-day operations, we have seen the need
for more addiction care delivery to the adolescent population across the state. CKF is creating a model of care that will utilize an efficient and effective structure of peer mentors supervised by counseling staff engaging the adolescent population via telehealth.

**Counties to be served:**
Statewide

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**Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas**

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 2

**Organization Type:** 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

**Award Amount:** $150,050

**Priority Areas Addressed**

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**Organization Description**

The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, based in Pittsburg, KS, was established in 2003 in a double-wide trailer to provide quality, affordable and accessible medical, dental and behavioral health services to all regardless of ability to pay. Today, it is the largest federally qualified health center (FQHC) in Kansas and the 15th largest rural health center in the US serving more than 75,000 patients throughout the poorest and least healthy region of Kansas. With a service area covering 6,300 sq. miles in Kansas and Oklahoma, it has 14 full-service sites in ten Kansas counties along with multiple locations in schools, jails and, most recently, a faith-based homeless shelter and outreach mission in Pittsburg. It employs almost 900 staff members including 200 health care providers. It maintains six – soon to be seven in-clinic pharmacies – providing medications to its patients through the 340B federal discounted drug program. It has a fully integrated (medical, dental, behavioral health/SUD) electronic health record and an extremely robust quality improvement program with advanced data collection capabilities. In addition to direct provision of both inpatient and outpatient care, it provides comprehensive care coordination, case management and, most recently, has added more than 50 community health workers to assist its most needy patients with the social determinants of health including food instability, transportation and housing. Specific to behavioral health and substance use disorder, it has offered mental health services since inception as part of its holistic approach to health care and now has four of its sites certified by the state of Kansas as outpatient addiction treatment centers; it has one medical clinic embedded in a county mental health center. Related to SUD, CHC/SEK provides multi-disciplinary addiction services, peer mentorships and MAT. Altogether, CHC/SEK provided care in 2022 to 8,421 behavioral health/SUD patients for 40,571 patient visits.

**Project Title**

Laying the Foundation -- the 11th Judicial District Drug Court

**Project Summary**

The Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas will lay the foundation to establish Drug Treatment Court in Crawford County through a comprehensive planning process that would fund a full-time project manager to work with all the partners to design and, within a year, implement the program. To be the “catalyst” for this effort and attract the federal funding available through the Department of Justice (and other sources) to sustain the concept – it’s essential a full-time project manager (with criminal justice background) assemble a planning committee composed of all the relevant participants, coordinate data collection and dissemination,
facilitate federal and state grant applications (of which there are many) to support the program and, ultimately, assist in the launching of a local Drug Court under the jurisdiction of Crawford County District Court.

**Counties to be served:**
Cherokee || Crawford || Labette

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**Crawford County Sheriff’s Office**

**Organization Type:** Governmental Agency

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 2

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**Organization Description**

The Crawford County Sheriff’s Office is a law enforcement agency in southeast Kansas that serves a community population of approximately 40,000. The agency consists of seventy employees, thirty-five of which are sworn Deputies. The remainder are Correctional Officers, Communications Officers, and support Staff. Our jail capacity is 108 beds. In addition to our usual duties, the department has several programs related to safety that we offer to the community including ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Counter, Evacuate) training for our schools which is one of the key safety programs at our agency. The ALICE is free training for the public designed to teach citizens how to maximize their chances of survival from a violent event. ALICE instructors offer this training to every school in the county. It is taught to students of all ages and school staff. We also present to businesses, churches, and other government offices upon request. Stop-the-bleed training has been incorporated into the ALICE education. We also have partnered with Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas (CHC/SEK) to incorporate outreach programs in our jail for inmates suffering from Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD). Our Medicated Assisted Treatment (MAT) program treats inmates with SUDs while incarcerated as well as post-release from incarceration. We also have a Community Health Worker at the jail that helps facilitate inmates in finding housing, jobs, transportation, clothing, as well as a laundry list of other logistical items to help them transition back into society.

**Project Title**

**Naloxone Kits for Schools Across Crawford County**

**Project Summary**

The Crawford County Sheriff’s Department will distribute and install 100 Drug Overdose Kits, including naloxone, to key locations throughout Pittsburg State University (e.g. dormitories) and to all public and private elementary and secondary schools in Crawford County. Education and training on use of naloxone for faculty and students will accompany the distribution as part of existing preparedness training (e.g. ALICE) and would be offered annually.

**County to be served:**
DCCCA Inc.
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 2
Award Amount: $194,519

**Organization Description**

DCCCA has a long history of providing quality behavioral health services throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Missouri. We have been a provider of social and behavioral health services for nearly 50 years. We have three primary service areas including Behavioral Health Services (residential and outpatient substance use and mental health treatment), Community-Based Services (behavioral health prevention and traffic safety), and Child Welfare Services (family preservation and child placing agency). During this time, we have built a strong expertise in training in the behavioral health field including substance abuse prevention, mental health promotion, suicide prevention, trauma informed care, and adverse childhood experiences.

Behavioral Health Prevention organizes community resources to combat substance abuse and promote positive behaviors in youth and adults. We coordinate training and technical assistance to more than 80 community coalitions addressing behavioral health issues. We address the technical needs of collaborative community prevention efforts and empower coalitions to advance their substance abuse prevention and mental health preventative services by working with the Kansas Prevention Collaborative to design and develop learning modules and training resources.

DCCCA facilitates Engage Douglas County, a community coalition formed in January 2019 in response to the Douglas County Community Health Plan. The Community Health Plan placed an emphasis on behavioral health and focused on moving from crisis as a norm to prevention and recovery as a practice. Within the plan, prioritizing prevention emerged as a top issue. Community partners were convened to begin assessing prevention needs in the county and building capacity to address identified challenges related to substance misuse and mental health among youth. Utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework process, Engage Douglas County has developed a strong prevention plan with diverse community partners and continues to seek new partnerships within the community and grow youth prevention efforts.

**Project Title**

Douglas County School-Based Prevention Services Pilot

**Project Summary**

DCCCA will implement a school-based prevention pilot for two school districts in Douglas County to support and enhance more comprehensive substance misuse prevention efforts. School-based prevention programs can positively impact a variety of social, emotional, and behavioral health outcomes. Prevention Specialists embedded in the school system will engage students in universal, selective, and indicated strategies to support student well-being. Through these efforts, they will focus on building skills of young people to serve in a leadership capacity and develop other youth-led initiatives. Prevention Specialists also will engage parents and community partners in efforts to create healthy environments for young people.
County to be served:
Douglas

First Call Alcohol/ Drug Prevention & Recovery
Congressional District(s) Served: 1, 2 & 3
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Award Amount: $170,059

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Organization Description
First Call Alcohol/Drug Prevention & Recovery provides prevention, education, and recovery services to individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder (SUD) in Greater Kansas City. Our mission is to reduce the impact of alcohol, drugs, and addiction by providing quality resources to individuals, families, and the community. Founded in 1958, our agency was the first of its kind in Kansas City. Today, more than 65 years later, we provide prevention and recovery services to nearly 10,000 people annually, regardless of their ability to pay.

First Call serves people of all ages seeking recovery and/or treatment for SUD. In addition, we support children and/or family members who have been impacted by a loved one's substance use. Our programs reach clients across a five-county, bi-state area. In Kansas, we serve Johnson and Wyandotte Counties. First Call utilizes the Continuum of Care model, a comprehensive approach to behavioral health that includes interventions (prevention, treatment, and recovery) to address various behavioral health concerns for individuals, families, and communities.

Project Title
Safe and Healthy Schools Expansion

Project Summary
First Call will expand the Safe and Healthy Schools Initiative to deliver substance use prevention interventions to more Kansas’ Johnson and Wyandotte Counties schools. Our ultimate aim is to ensure prevention efforts reach more students, increasing their knowledge about the risks posed by substance use and fostering improved skills to manage stressors and pressures without using substances. The project will support two new Prevention Specialist positions, enabling us to increase the number of schools and students served in Johnson County. Importantly, the two new staff will also expand piloted prevention services in Wyandotte County, which began in early 2023 due to urgent needs reported by the county’s school districts.

Counties to be served:
Johnson || Wyandotte

Heartland Community Health Center
Congressional District(s) Served: 1, 2 & 3
Heartland Medical Clinic, Inc. d/b/a Heartland Community Health Center serves as a welcoming health home for all and offers an integrated care model that is focused on the needs of the whole person. Heartland Community Health Center is Douglas County’s only Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC). To qualify as an FQHC, organizations are required to meet rigorous requirements, including providing care on a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay and operating under a governing board that includes patients. Over the past 4 years, Heartland has provided $12,374,307 in discounted care and $1,195,904 in uncompensated care. Heartland has had a number of successful mergers in the last few years that have resulted in growth and increased integrated care for patients. Healthcare Access, Douglas County Dental Clinic and Panda Pediatrics are now all a part of Heartland’s integrated care model and community health center serving Douglas County and the surrounding counties. Heartland’s integrated care model supports whole person care, including patients with a substance abuse disorder (SUD). Coordinated, comprehensive services allow providers to connect the dots from health care, mental health, pharmaceuticals, and dental. Heartland has the distinct ability to achieve this unique approach in integrated care.

Project Title
Prevention through Integrated Care

Project Summary
Heartland Community Health Center will bolster integrated care support for individuals experiencing substance use disorder or at-risk. Wrap-around support of primary care, pharmacy, dental care, behavioral and psychiatric care will be provided to create whole person care.

Counties to be served:
Douglas || Franklin || Jefferson || Leavenworth

Johnson County Mental Health Center
Organization Type: Governmental Agency
Congressional District(s) Served: 3
Award Amount: $200,000

Johnson County is one of the 14 bi-state counties comprising the Kansas City metropolitan area and the most populous county in Kansas, with 615,223 (2022 est.) residents, including over 21% of the state’s population. Johnson County Mental Health Center (JCMHC) operates as a department of Johnson County Government, providing community mental health services as a licensed Community Mental Health Center by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS). As a Community Mental Health Center, JCMHC is
constantly and consistently working to meet the needs of Johnson County residents by providing access to quality, community-based mental health care and building strong community partnerships. JCMHC received its CCBHC provisional certification from KDADS effective July 2022 through January 2024. All of our work contributes to the healthcare safety net to ensure access to behavioral health services.

At the recommendation of the League of Women Voters, JCMHC was created by a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) of Johnson County, Kansas on January 18, 1962, and began providing outpatient services from one location under the provisions of the Community Mental Health Centers Act of 1961. Today, a full array of mental health services are provided at five facilities across the county in Mission, Shawnee, and Olathe, with over 250 clinical and direct care staff. Operations are overseen by the BOCC and an appointed Advisory Board. In addition, services have expanded to include specialized programs for adults with serious mental illness (SMI), children with serious emotional disturbance (SED), individuals with substance use disorder, the deaf and hard of hearing, the elderly, victims of abuse, and juvenile and adult offenders.

JCMHC’s mission is to improve the quality of life for Johnson County residents by providing comprehensive mental health services that are: of the highest possible quality; driven by the needs of the person served; provided in the least intrusive manner; easily accessible to all residents; provided in collaboration with community partners; and accountable to our community and the public trust through the efficient and effective use of resources.

**Project Title**

**Prevention Through Connection: Strengthening Families and Our Community**

**Project Summary**

Johnson County Mental Health Center will add two full-time positions to JCMHC’s Prevention and Community Relations team, a Family Education Coordinator and Communications Coordinator, to reach more individuals and families within the community. The Family Education Coordinator will focus their efforts on the Strengthening Families Program and two family education courses, Higher Ground and Parents Forever, to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors for at-risk families. The Communications Coordinator, a person with lived experience, will focus on building relationships with clients, connecting with community members, and creating materials to expand awareness and increase participation in client and community events.

**County to be served:**

Johnson

**Kansas Board of Pharmacy**

**Organization Type:** Governmental Agency

**Congressional District(s) Served:** All

**Award Amount:** $200,000

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**Organization Description**

The Kansas Board of Pharmacy oversees the state’s prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), also known as K-TRACS. The program was established in 2008 and is a valuable clinical decision-making tool for the state’s
The goal of K-TRACS is to help healthcare providers prioritize patient safety, promote community health, prevent prescription drug misuse, abuse and diversion, and preserve legitimate access to controlled substances for their patients. Each pharmacy is required to electronically submit information to K-TRACS for each controlled substance or drug of concern dispensed in an outpatient setting to a Kansas resident, regardless of whether the pharmacy is located in Kansas. All use of the database to search patient prescription history is voluntary; however, more than 14,000 Kansas healthcare providers are registered to use the program.

**Project Title**
K-TRACS Integration Expansion

**Project Summary**
The Kansas Board of Pharmacy will expand electronic health record (EHR) system integration of the state’s prescription drug monitoring program (K-TRACS) in target communities and across the state. EHR integration helps healthcare providers use K-TRACS more efficiently to evaluate patient history of controlled substance prescriptions. This project will expand EHR integration and K-TRACS utilization to dozens of pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, community hospitals, community mental health centers and independent provider offices in the 20 high-risk counties identified by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment opioid vulnerability study. A desired outcome is reducing the number of high-risk prescriptions dispensed to Kansas patients as a result of prescribers and pharmacists reviewing K-TRACS prior to prescribing and dispensing controlled substances.

**Counties to be served:**
Statewide

**Kansas Bureau of Investigation**
Organization Type: Governmental Agency

**Congressional District(s) Served:** All
**Award Amount:** $110,000

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**Organization Description**
The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is dedicated to providing professional investigative and laboratory services to criminal justice agencies, and the collection and dissemination of criminal justice information to public and private agencies, for the purpose of promoting public safety and the prevention of crime in Kansas.

The Special Operations Division is the KBI’s primary resource for conducting proactive criminal investigative and crime intelligence services in an ever-changing environment. With limited resources, the SOD has prioritized its efforts on identifying and targeting the most serious violent criminal offenders and organized criminal enterprises which pose the greatest threat to Kansas citizens. SOD seeks to create safer communities by working to lessen the occurrence of violent crimes committed by repeat offenders and organized criminal groups. To accomplish this, the SOD emphasizes a collaborative, multi-agency, multi-discipline approach to its investigations in order to positively impact multiple jurisdictions at a time.
Joint Fentanyl Impact Team (JFIT)

Project Summary
The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) will target the illicit distribution, possession, and importation of heroin, fentanyl and other opioids in Kansas. The award will assist the KBI by allowing its agents to more effectively conduct their investigations, criminal intelligence analyst to support case investigations, forensic scientist to meet the increased submissions for analysis with greater safety. Additionally, the award would provide additional equipment needed to support their investigations, forensic analysis and personal safety.

Counties to be served:
Statewide

Kansas Highway Patrol
Organization Type: Governmental Agency
Congressional District(s) Served: All
Award Amount: $186,293

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Organization Description
The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) is a statewide agency responsible for traffic enforcement, accident investigations, and criminal interdiction on the highways throughout Kansas. KHP was founded in 1937 to help apprehend bank robbers and bootleggers during the alcohol prohibition days, and currently serves as the state’s uniformed division of law enforcement. Criminal interdiction has been the agency’s focus since inception. KHP Troopers are assigned across the state’s 105 counties and benefit from an effective working relationship with many of the other state and local agencies. While the patrol’s primary focus is maintaining the safety of State, Federal and Interstate highways, it also is charged with providing support for county agencies when tactical, aerial or other specialized services are needed.

Project Title
KHP Special Operations

Project Summary
The Kansas Highway Patrol's (KHP) Domestic Highway Enforcement Team and Special Operation members aim to suppress the flow of dangerous opioids into Kansas Communities. The project will support the purchase of equipment to help the KHP identify substances immediately (negating the time needed for laboratory analysis in urgent situations such as an overdose investigation). Other equipment to be purchased will help with the identification of persons immediately through the use of fingerprints, whether they are uncooperative, highly impaired, or even deceased.

Counties to be served:
Statewide
Konza Prairie Community Health Center, Inc.  
Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 2  
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit  
Award Amount: $200,000

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**Organization Description**
Konza Prairie Community Health Center (Konza) is a not-for-profit, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) – one of nearly 1,400 health centers nationwide that are a part of the United States Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA) Health Center network. With three clinics located in the Flint Hills region, Konza’s mission is to provide comprehensive, quality, and affordable medical, dental and behavioral health care for all. Serving the community since 1995, originally located in the Geary County Health Department with 2 employees, Konza’s workforce has grown to more than 125 employees providing care to over 12,300 patients annually. The expansion of available services included the addition of an in-house pharmacy, moderately complex lab, nutrition services, behavioral health services, telehealth, dental outreach in more than 70 schools, Women Infant and Children (WIC) program services, Family Planning, substance use disorder treatment, and more. In 2020, at the height of the pandemic Konza provided medication assisted treatment for the first time for a patient facing opioid use disorder and in severe withdrawals. Konza now provides substance use disorder treatment for more than 300 patients throughout the region with more than 70 of those patients’ prescribed medication assisted treatment (MAT), annually in both Junction City and Manhattan clinics, and the community need is still not met.

**Project Title**
Knocking Out Barriers to Addiction Treatment through Integration

**Project Summary**
Konza Prairie Community Health Center (Konza) will prevent and treat the effects of substance abuse and addiction through integrative treatment and innovative community outreach. The project moves upstream, increasing outreach staff, patient coordination staff, and treatment specialists to assist patients in accessing treatment where the live, work, and play, and helping them overcome barriers to overall health. The approach, nested in a primary care setting, reduces silos, streamlining access where patients are already being seen by high-quality compassionate providers that treat addiction as a part of whole-person care. The project will leverage community champions to empower patients in both Junction City and Manhattan, and the surrounding region to create healthier communities that receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

Counties to be served:  
Geary || Riley

Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office  
Congressional District(s) Served: 2  
Organization Type: Governmental Agency  
Award Amount: $199,226
Organization Description
The Leavenworth County Sheriff’s Office, like all sheriff’s offices in Kansas, is a constitutional office created by an act of legislation. The Office of the Sheriff was established while Kansas was still a territory and upon achieving Statehood became permanent. The Sheriff is the leader of the organization and is elected to a four-year term being directly responsible to the electorate. As an elected official he is largely independent from the county government with the exception of funding an operational budget.

The Sheriff’s Office is embedded in tradition and history. Many offices today are responsible for the same service needs commonplace 1,000 years ago. The service of writs, warrants, keeping the peace and assisting the courts are still part of the normal day to day for a deputy sheriff. However, responsibilities have grown over the years to include maintaining a jail, offender registration, patrol, investigations, and provide 911 communications.

Throughout our history, Leavenworth Sheriffs have been innovative and have taken the lead to address problems they have identified which negatively affect the lives of those in their community and public safety. Because of the relationship our Sheriff enjoys with the electorate, initiatives to bring about positive change are supported. With more than 3,000 detention commitments annually in Leavenworth, the population of individuals struggling with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and Mental Health (MH) disorders has increased each year. Often, those identified as struggling with SUD and MH disorders need more assistance than incarceration alone can provide.

Project Title
Leavenworth SIM and Justice-Involved Behavioral Health Collaboration

Project Summary
Leavenworth County Sheriff’s Office (LVSO) will complete a Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) workshop in our community and establish an FTE position known as a “Justice-Involved Behavioral Health Liaison” to serve incarcerated individuals struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD), Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and co-occurring Mental Health (MH) disorders. This project will establish cross-system partnerships between the LVSO, The Guidance Center, Community Corrections, and will work in collaboration with the Leavenworth County Mental Health Advisory Council. The goal is to reduce recidivism related to OUD/SUD and co-occurring MH disorders to increase public safety.

County to be served:
Leavenworth

Mirror, Inc.
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 4
Award Amount: $132,814
Organization Description
Mirror, Inc. was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) private, non-profit organization in 1972. Over the last 51 years, we have grown to become the largest stand-alone provider of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services in Kansas, serving over 4,000 unduplicated individuals in treatment services each year. Organizationally, Mirror offers a full continuum of SUD care including prevention, intervention, assessment, referral, inpatient and outpatient treatment, partial day hospitalization, after care, residential reentry, and Work for Success. With the mission of strengthening people and communities by helping individuals cultivate hope and redefine their lives, Mirror is working to help people achieve their goals of living a substance free life.

Prevention has become a major focus of the non-profit over the last few decades. Mirror previously served as two of the six Regional Prevention Centers for the state, assisting with boots-on-the-ground prevention work and coalition building. Currently, Mirror supports the Harvey County Drug Free Youth coalition, serving as the fiscal agent and engaging federal funds to fund local coalition efforts. STAND is Mirror’s prevention and youth development program mobilizing youth to take on the work of changing youth substance use culture within their schools and communities. Mirror’s experienced prevention staff are trained in CADCA’s National Coalition Academy, are knowledgeable and up-to-date on youth substance use trends, create innovative and effective strategies within the field’s best practices, and have received state and national recognition for their effectiveness in reducing youth drug and alcohol use and mobilizing local youth.

Project Title
STAND Youth Prevention Program

Project Summary
Mirror, Inc. will enhance and grow the state and nationally-recognized STAND youth prevention program. STAND is a youth leadership and development program that builds in protection for youth as they work to impact their peers with prevention social norms education and mental health promotion. Students themselves do the work to make long-term impacts within youth drug and alcohol use as well as mental health. Within the six current STAND communities, Mirror staff will enhance outreach and programming among high school and middle school teens. There are also several new communities interested in starting the STAND program, so Mirror staff will work with those communities to build capacity to launch at least one new team in the 23-24 school year, with the goal to sustain that team and grow additional teams after the 12-month grant period.

Counties to be served:
Harvey || Butler || Marion

Overland Park Police Department
Organization Type: Governmental Agency

Congressional District(s) Served: 3
Award Amount: $195,000

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Organization Description
The Overland Park Police Department (OPPD) has an authorized strength of 280 commissioned and 330 full-
time employees. OPPD serves approximately 203,780 residents in the second largest city in Kansas and metropolitan Kansas City. The OPPD strives to provide the citizens of Overland Park with progressive community policing through collaboration and partnerships with all stakeholders. The OPPD has recently emphasized the need to enhance mental health services and proactively address the national opioid crisis.

In 2021, the Overland Park Police Department expanded the mental health unit and created the Overland Park Crisis Action Team (OPCAT). The OPCAT strives to support the community and police department by providing proactive support services to connect people in various crises with resources during these challenging times. Embedded inside of OPCAT are licensed Johnson County Mental Health Center clinicians, known as "Co-Responders," who partner with the police department members to provide support services to the community. The OPCAT operates in the Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS), within the OPPD Downtown Operations Division. The OPCAT will have 12 full-time Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers and six Johnson County Mental Health Center (JCMHC) Co-Responders when fully staffed. The Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving (COPPS) Unit is also in the COPS and routinely collaborates with the OPCAT to support community needs. The COPPS Unit has 11 officers and two sergeants. COPPS and OPCAT provide several vital programs, including Crime-Free Multi-Housing (CFMH), Steadfast OP, OP Resolute, Homeless Outreach, and overdose follow-up.

**Project Title**

OPPD Community Resource Van

**Project Summary**

Overland Park Crisis Action Team (OPCAT) and Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving (COPPS) provide several vital programs, including Crime-Free Multi-Housing, Steadfast OP, OP Resolute, Homeless Outreach, and overdose follow-up. OPCAT and COPPS receive support from businesses and community members eager to support police services for community members in crisis by donating various items. However, there are some logistical challenges regarding storage and space with such an influx of resources. For OPCAT to provide enhanced proactive services, the Overland Park Police Department will purchase an E-Transit van. Additionally, the OPCAT will acquire Narcan kits, fentanyl test strips, and Deterra to distribute to the community during the multiple events members attend throughout the year. Key programs and services utilized during the day-to-day function of OPCAT are mainly rooted in Johnson County Mental Health Center (JCMHC).

**County to be served:**

Johnson

**Pratt Health Foundation**

Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

Congressional District(s) Served: 4

Award Amount: $189,700

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**Organization Description**

The Pratt Health Foundation has a long history of supporting community health and wellness in the Pratt, KS community (pop. 6,573). Established in 1990, the Pratt Health Foundation has overseen fundraising
projects from large capital campaigns and city trail projects to the creation of new programs for the primary area hospital - Pratt Regional Medical Center (PRMC). The mission of the Foundation is “… to promote health and raise funds for Pratt Regional Medical Center.” While established as a not-for-profit organization supporting PRMC - it also sponsors and handles projects of its own which improve quality of life for those in Pratt, KS and the surrounding areas. This includes assisting PRMC and the Pratt Community in larger grant program development and grant management.

**Project Title**

**Pratt SUD Crisis Intervention Team**

**Project Summary**

This project will enhance Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and crisis care in Pratt County through a collaborative effort involving Pratt Health Foundation, Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt Police Department, Pratt County Sheriff's Office, and Horizon’s Mental Health Center. Currently, there is a lack of coordinated care for individuals experiencing SUD-related mental health crises and SUD care. The project intends to address this by establishing an SUD crisis intervention team consisting of mental health workers, law enforcement, and primary care providers which are available 24/7, 365. The team will respond to crisis calls, conduct medical and mental health evaluations, and provide necessary treatment and referrals. Additionally, the project includes initiatives such as creating a centralized safe room hub in the hospital’s emergency room (stigma reduction and streamlining of process), implementing in-house fentanyl screening, delivering trauma-informed care training, enhancing overdose tracking (ODMAP), improving secure transportation for patients, and expanding SUD outreach and behavioral health services to inmates. These efforts aim to improve integration between healthcare disciplines, enhance care coordination, and establish a comprehensive crisis response system for individuals with SUD in Pratt County.

**County to be served:**

Pratt

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**Prevention and Resiliency Services**

Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit

Congressional District(s) Served: 2

Award Amount: $200,000

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**Organization Description**

Prevention and Resiliency Services, Inc. (PARS) has been operating in Topeka, Kansas since 1965. It started as the National Council on Alcoholism’s Topeka Chapter and then transitioned into the Shawnee Regional Prevention and Recovery Services as the focus was regionally at one time. In 2020, the agency changed its name to Prevention and Resiliency Services to better reflect the services provided. PARS focuses on three critical areas: substance use prevention and education, substance use evaluations and referrals, and working with community groups to organize and reduce crime in neighborhoods.

**Project Title**

**A Collaborative Continuum of Prevention Across Shawnee County**
**Project Summary**
This project is a collaborative effort of two community mental health facilities and a local prevention education agency to address the prevention of opioid use in Shawnee County. The project includes educational opportunities, providing harm reduction strategies, to interventions such as MAT and surveillance.

**County to be served:**
Shawnee

**Prime Fit Youth Foundation**  
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit  
Congressional District(s) Served: 4  
Award Amount: $198,983

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**Organization Description**
Prime Fit Youth Foundation is a youth serving nonprofit that was founded in 2019. Our charitable mission is to provide support, resources, and mentoring to marginalized youth. The Founders, Dr. Kimberly Wilson and Mr. Teon Wilson have extensive professional and service experiences in working with youth and families. Since 2019, Prime Fit has served over 2,000 youth within Sedgwick County with a primary focus on providing mentoring, academic, and social-emotional-mental health support to youth to improve social-emotional, behavioral, and academic outcomes. Specifically, we focus on marginalized youth (children of color, children living in poverty, children with social-emotional difficulties, homeless youth, crossover youth, drug-affected children, youth with exceptionalities, and system-involved youth). Prime Fit Youth Foundation has tremendous experience providing services for youth focused on increasing their academic and social-emotional learning as well as prevention of involvement in the juvenile justice system (e.g., substance use, weapons, mental health crises). These services impact shared risk and protective factors that can lead to prevention of academic failure, substance abuse, involvement in the juvenile justice system, and promotion of improved behavioral health overall.

**Project Title**
Partnership Assuring Student Success (PASS)

**Project Summary**
Prime Fit Youth Foundation, in collaboration with USD 259, Wichita State University and others, will prevent substance use/abuse in marginalized youth. Partnership Assuring Student Success (PASS) is an evidence-based, innovative program aimed at preventing substance use/abuse and other risky behaviors. The overall goal of PASS is to prevent substance use/abuse (and risky behaviors) in marginalized youth in Sedgwick County, KS by providing a comprehensive, evidence-based prevention program of support that is designed to bolster protective factors and intentionally address emotional reactivity/regulation, trauma, ACEs, academics, and family functioning.

**County to be served:**
Republic County Hospital
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 1
Award Amount: $177,943

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**Organization Description**

Great Plains of Republic County, Inc. DBA Republic County Hospital (RCH), founded in 1960, is located in rural north central Kansas. RCH is a level 4 trauma certified critical access hospital and serves patients in the community and surrounding counties across the lifespan, including a large at-risk population with social determinants of health, including access to affordable and expansive healthcare.

RCH is continually expanding in response to the changing and evolving needs of our patients with the addition of multiple diagnostic tests and procedures, including in-house MRI and increasing our outpatient services to an 11-provider specialty clinic.

**Project Title**
Non-Opioid Pain Management Clinic

**Project Summary**

Republic County Hospital will open a non-opioid pain management clinic using multiple modalities to treat pain in patients that previously required opioids for relief. RCH will also add routine fentanyl testing at our facility to help guide the treatment of patients requiring medication for pain control and those patients who present with a suspected drug overdose.

**Counties to be served:**
Cloud || Jewell || Mitchell || Republic || Washington

Thrive Allen County
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit
Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 3
Award Amount: $197,093

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**Organization Description**

Thrive Allen County’s mission of becoming the healthiest rural county in Kansas is supported through its mission of encouraging programs, policies, and resources promoting access to healthcare, healthy lifestyles, sustainable economic development, and positive community conversations.

Thrive Allen County is the pre-eminent rural health organization in the state of Kansas. We are on the leading
edge of public health in the state, designing models of engagement with rural communities. Thrive has achieved policy and systems changes in public health work in the state by engaging with community leaders in long-term projects for health in a rural context. Recognition of this innovation has allowed us to travel to rural communities throughout Kansas and the United States to share these models and assist other leaders in replicating our programs and strategies.

**Project Title**
Southeast Kansas Prevention and Recovery Resources

**Project Summary**
Thrive Allen County will prevent opioid overdose, assist those in recovery, and educate those living in Southeast Kansas about the harmful effects of substance misuse. Thrive Allen County is the lead organization for the Southeast Kansas Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition and Southeast Kansas Recovery Resources. This project will enhance those efforts, which are already making an impact in our region, and allow our organization to implement new programs to better assist our community.

**Counties to be served:**
Allen || Bourbon || Coffey || Crawford || Franklin || Neosho || Wilson || Woodson

**University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc.**
Organization Type: Non-Profit Organization

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**Congressional District(s) Served:** 4

**Award Amount:** $199,929

**Organization Description**
University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc. operates as a non-profit corporation with the mission to accelerate scientific discovery by supporting, uniting, advancing and catalyzing research endeavors at the University of Kansas Medical Center. With Kansas in need of more physicians, the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita (KUSM-W) opened in 1971 to provide hands-on clinical training to medical students in their third and fourth years. In 2011, KUSM-W expanded to a full, four-year campus, welcoming its first class of first-year medical students. KUSM-W’s mission is to ‘educate tomorrow’s physicians and health care leaders through community partnerships to improve the health of Kansans.’ Through the application of the ACE (Active, Competency-based, and Excellence-driven) curriculum, KUSM-W is on the forefront of medical education, graduating physicians focused on improving the health and well-being of Kansas and the global community. As one component of its activities, KUSM-W houses the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME), a not-for-profit consortium of the medical school, community hospitals (Ascension Via Christi and HCA-Wesley Medical Center), charged with the organization and delivery of residency education for physicians. Residency provides progressive independence in supervised clinical practice, along with didactic education, in a particular specialty and lasts a minimum of three years for primary care (family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine), and as long as seven years for certain specialties. Optional fellowship training may follow residency. Fellowship provides additional clinical learning and acquisition of skills in specialty and subspecialty practice. The residency in General Psychiatry is housed in the KUSM-W Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. The
department’s mission is to ‘transform lives through exemplary and compassionate education, care, research and advocacy.’ In addition to the residency, we provide clinical training in psychiatry for every medical student on the Wichita campus. In 2023, after a five-year planning process that included partnership building, faculty recruitment and fundraising, the new Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was accredited, and three fellows will start in July. On the Wichita campus, we offer training in public health through the Master of Public Health degree and training in clinical and translational research through our Master of Science in Clinical Research degree. We also offer online public health certificates in the essentials of public health, epidemiology, and public health practice, and policy and management.

**Project Title**

**Preparing Physicians to Treat Addiction (PPTA) of Sedgwick County**

**Project Summary**

The Preparing Physicians to Treat Addiction (PPTA) project will increase access to preventive services, evaluation, and effective, evidence-based treatment for risky substance use, and addictions. The project addresses physician related barriers to intervention, using evidence-based campaigns to reduce stigma, increase awareness of resources and encourage physicians to utilize known interventions. In addition, the project will continue the planning process to establish an Addiction Medicine fellowship in Wichita, KS, that will provide full-time graduated, supervised clinical experience for licensed physicians who wish to develop their own expertise with this population, deliver care to their own patients, and act as educators and mentors for their peers and the healthcare workforce as whole.

**County to be served:**

Sedgwick

**University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc.**

**Organization Type:** Non-Profit Organization

**Congressional District(s) Served:** 1, 2, & 3

**Award Amount:** $199,458

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**Organization Description**

University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc. operates as a non-profit corporation with the mission to accelerate scientific discovery by supporting, uniting, advancing and catalyzing research endeavors at the University of Kansas Medical Center. The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) Program in Digital Mental Health was created in December of 2022 when a team of faculty members with national-level, clinical and digital mental health research expertise was recruited to KUMC-Wichita to lead the development, testing, and implementation evaluation of digital solutions to the mental health crisis, with leaders in digital mental health diagnosis, screening, and treatment, implementation science, and interventional psychiatry for children, adolescents, and adults. The team’s core members have been collaborating closely together over the past 7 years to provide some of the most important advances in the digital mental health field, including developing the leading digital depression treatment, Thrive, which is currently being pursued as the first FDA approved digital standalone depression treatment. The magnitude of Thrive’s clinical benefit was demonstrated in a large randomized controlled trial and found to be twice that typically seen in trials of antidepressant medications.
**Project Title**

**University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) Program in Digital Mental Health**

**Project Summary**

The University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute will expand access to effective SUD care in rural Kansas. The new KUMC Program in Digital Mental Health will collaborate with leaders of the KUMC Centers for Telemedicine & Telehealth and Rural Health, in partnership with 3 rural Kansas CMHCs to expand access to the leading digital SUD treatment and provide a rigorous implementation evaluation of the intervention in this setting.

**Counties to be served:**

Anderson || Grant || Gray || Hamilton || Kearny || Lane || Linn || Stanton || Allen || Bourbon || Finney || Ford || Greeley || Hodgeman || Morton || Scott || Wichita || Woodson

**Wichita State University**

**Congressional District(s) Served:** All

**Organization Type:** Governmental Agency

**Award Amount:** $119,038

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**Organization Description**

Wichita State University is a public research university in Wichita, Kansas, United States. It is governed by the Kansas Board of Regents. The Suspenders4Hope program, developed at Wichita State University (WSU), includes an awareness campaign that emphasizes protective factors and promotes a culture of wellness and caring for one another. Our mission at Suspenders4Hope is to decrease mental health stigma, increase access to resources, and create communities of support for holistic wellness. The program employs a comprehensive, strategic approach to promoting mental wellness and preventing substance abuse, suicide, and sexual violence. Although we create educational content for every community, we also work to specifically reach high-risk, underserved, and marginalized populations.

**Project Title**

**Suspenders4Hope Community Substance Use Prevention**

**Project Summary**

Suspenders4Hope and Wichita State University will implement prevention programming to help combat the substance use and overdose problem in Kansas. The project will provide destigmatization and prevention programming to communities in Kansas, with a specific focus on underserved and marginalized communities. In addition to our staff providing this community engagement, we will also launch a train-the-facilitator program in order to increase these resources that will last after the duration of this grant funding.

**Counties to be served:**
### Wilson County Health Department

**Organization Type:** Governmental Agency  
**Congressional District(s) Served:** 2  
**Award Amount:** $109,520

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#### Organization Description

The Wilson County Health Department is dedicated to the provision of the highest level of physical, mental, and social well-being and longevity that is consistent with evidence-based scientific and technical knowledge and available resources. Our programs are based on the 10 Essential Public Health Services. Specific activities change with technology and social values, but the goal remains to reduce the amount of disease, premature death, discomfort, and disability. It is our belief that all persons, regardless of race, national origin, creed, or ability to pay, have a right to preventive and restorative health care. It is this agency’s purpose to cooperate with other community agencies and institutions to develop and implement a comprehensive health system for our residents based on an assessment of community and individual needs.

The Wilson County Health Department strives to protect public health through a wide variety of services, including, Immunizations, WIC, Kan Be Healthy Screenings, Blood Pressure Clinics, School Nurse Services, Breastfeeding referrals, Disease Investigation, Safe Haven for Newborns, Septic Installation, Modification, and Hauler Permits. The health department is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The health department has five full-time employees and two part-time employees.

#### Project Title

**Expanding Medication Disposal Interventions in Wilson County**

#### Project Summary

Wilson County Health Department will expand medication disposal interventions. This will be achieved through a Medication Disposal Campaign identifying strategies to increase disposal opportunities, educate the general public on current opioid data, improve community awareness about disposal options, and promote prevention measures.

#### County to be served:

Wilson