Church of the Remnant

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 1

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
375

Organization Description

Church of the Remnant is a Kansas nonprofit organization based in Garden City that provides community-based recovery support, resource navigation, and outreach for individuals and families affected by substance use disorders. Working alongside local law enforcement, behavioral health providers, treatment centers, recovery housing, and community organizations, we help individuals overcome barriers to treatment, housing, employment, and long-term recovery. Through peer support, transportation, advocacy, and care coordination, we connect people with the services they need to build healthy, productive lives. Grant-funded services are available to all eligible individuals regardless of religious affiliation, and participation in faith-based activities is entirely voluntary and separate from grant-funded programming.

Project Title

Church of the Remnant Recovery Navigation & Peer Support Program

Project Summary

The Church of the Remnant Recovery Navigation & Peer Support Program will expand access to peer recovery support services for individuals with substance use disorders in Finney County and surrounding southwest Kansas communities. Working in collaboration with local law enforcement, behavioral health providers, treatment programs, recovery residences, healthcare organizations, and community partners, the program will bridge the gap between crisis and long-term recovery by helping participants access treatment, secure stable housing, connect with employment and healthcare resources, and remain engaged in recovery.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, Families, General Public , Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals with SUD, Veterans
Counties:	Finney, Ford, Seward

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2

Award Amount: $448,437.00

Estimated Number Served
80

Organization Description

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, Inc. (CHC/SEK) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Kansas Not-for-Profit Corporation, with more than twenty years of experience delivering integrated healthcare and supportive services in rural, medically underserved communities across eastern Kansas and northeast Oklahoma. CHC/SEK operates seventeen clinical sites, employs more than 900 staff, and provides services to more than 85,000 patients annually. In addition to core services that include primary care, behavioral health, substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, case management, pharmacy, and diagnostic imaging services, all of which are provided regardless of ability to pay, CHC/SEK is a consistent collaborator with community partners to provide care in settings and to those that need it the most. Collaborative efforts include clinical education programs (e.g., residencies), school health, workplace health, correctional health, and justice system programming (e.g., recovery court, victim services).

Project Title

Pathways to Recovery: Peer Support and CHW Integration into the 31st Judicial District Adult Recovery Court

Project Summary

CHC/SEK proposes to embed dedicated Peer Support Specialists and Community Health Workers (Peers/CHWs) directly within the 31st Judicial District Adult Recovery Court serving Allen, Neosho, Wilson, and Woodson Counties in southeast Kansas. The project will provide Recovery Court participants—justice-involved adults with substance use disorders facing significant barriers, including lack of transportation, housing instability, and limited access to behavioral health care—with individualized recovery support plans, care coordination, resource navigation, and barrier-reduction supports throughout their participation in the program. The project will leverage telehealth services to extend access across this geographically isolated region and develop replicable model tools and resources for potential expansion to other rural Kansas judicial districts.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Rural
Counties:	Allen, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson

Compass Behavioral Health

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 1

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
525

Organization Description

Compass Behavioral Health is a licensed Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) that has served southwest Kansas since 1961. The organization provides comprehensive behavioral health, substance use disorder (SUD), psychiatric, crisis, care coordination, peer support, and recovery services across a 13-county rural and frontier service area spanning nearly 11,000 square miles. Compass operates service locations in Garden City, Dodge City, Scott City, and Ulysses and serves individuals regardless of their ability to pay. The agency offers a full continuum of SUD services, including outpatient treatment, medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), crisis intervention, peer support, community health worker services, care coordination, and specialized Jail Peer Mentor services for justice-involved individuals transitioning from incarceration to the community. Through strong partnerships with healthcare providers, law enforcement agencies, correctional facilities, housing organizations, schools, and community partners, Compass works to reduce barriers to care, improve recovery outcomes, and strengthen community-based recovery supports throughout southwest Kansas.

Project Title

Southwest Kansas Recovery Access and Barrier Reduction Initiative

Project Summary

The proposed Southwest Kansas Recovery Access and Barrier Reduction Initiative aims to remove obstacles so individuals can successfully access, engage in, and sustain treatment and recovery services. Funding will provide direct barrier-reduction assistance to individuals with SUD seeking treatment and recovery services. Existing staff will work with participants to identify barriers that could delay, disengage, or lead to discontinuation of treatment and recovery services, and will connect them with appropriate resources and supports. Grant funding will provide flexible assistance to address urgent recovery-related needs not covered by traditional funding sources. By reducing these barriers, Compass will help individuals access treatment more quickly, remain engaged in services, strengthen recovery supports, and improve opportunities for long-term recovery, stability, and self-sufficiency.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Barrier reduction, Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.), Other: Medication assistance, community reentry supports, and recovery-supportive needs

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, General-Behavioral, Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Parents, Postpartum Women, Pregnant Women, Rural, Seniors, SPMI-Severe & Persistent Mentally Ill, Student (University), Uninsured/Underinsured, Veterans, Youth
Counties:	Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Hodgeman, Kearny, Lane, Morton, Scott, Stanton, Stevens, Wichita

DCCCA, Inc.

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: All

Award Amount: $435,490.00

Estimated Number Served
1,900

Organization Description

DCCCA, Inc. is a private nonprofit corporation, 501(c)3, which began operations in Douglas County, Kansas in 1974 with the mission of improving lives. DCCCA holds various social and community service grants and contracts designed to improve the safety, health, and well-being of adults, youth, and children throughout Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. We currently provide services and support in three distinctive program areas – Behavioral Health Services, Community-Based Services, and Child Welfare Services.

Project Title

Developing Recovery Ambassadors

Project Summary

DCCCA proposes the development of the Recovery Ambassadors model, certifying peer support workers as community health workers. This model will support the continuity of care for SUD clients by ensuring access to behavioral healthcare and physical healthcare to stabilize recovery.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Uninsured/Underinsured
Counties:	Crawford, Douglas, Pratt, Sedgwick, Johnson, Wyandotte

Elizabeth Layton Center

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 3

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
225

Organization Description

Elizabeth Layton Center (ELC) is a nonprofit, rurally-designated Community Mental Health Center that has served Franklin and Miami counties since 1958. ELC provides a wide range of behavioral health services, including mental health treatment, 24/7 mobile crisis services, psychiatric medication management, case management, peer support services, and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment. We serve individuals with both voluntary and court-ordered treatment needs and work closely with local courts, probation, Community Corrections, healthcare providers, and other community partners.

Project Title

Recovery Access and Barrier Reduction Program

Project Summary

The Recovery Access and Barrier Reduction Program aims to improve access to recovery support services for people with SUD and co-occurring mental health conditions in Franklin and Miami counties. The program will add a Peer Recovery Support Specialist to provide outreach, coaching, and navigation, focusing on individuals facing barriers such as criminal justice involvement, rural location, transportation issues, and financial or housing challenges. The program will offer transportation support, telehealth technology, and a barrier-reduction fund to assist with treatment costs and related needs. Peer Recovery Support Specialists will advocate for participants, help them access needed services, connect them with supportive recovery communities, and challenge misconceptions about substance use disorders and recovery. The project will promote recovery as an achievable outcome and encourage a more supportive response to individuals seeking help.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals with SUD
Counties:	Franklin, Miami

Heartland RADAC

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 3

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
325

Organization Description

Heartland RADAC has more than 30 years of experience providing substance use disorder (SUD) services throughout Kansas. The organization operates a comprehensive continuum of care designed to support individuals across all stages of recovery, including clinical SUD assessments, care coordination, peer support, recovery support, criminal justice, and treatment referral services.

Project Title

Kansas Congressional District Two: Peer Recovery Support for Justice-Involved Individuals

Project Summary

Heartland RADAC proposes the Peer Recovery Support for Justice-Involved Individuals project, a peer-led recovery support program designed to assist justice-involved individuals returning to Wyandotte County following incarceration in Kansas correctional facilities. The project addresses a critical gap that exists between release from incarceration and successful engagement in treatment, recovery supports, healthcare, housing, employment, and other community-based services.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals
Counties:	Wyandotte

Heartland RADAC

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 3

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
375

Organization Description

Heartland RADAC has more than 30 years of experience providing substance use disorder (SUD) services throughout Kansas. The organization operates a comprehensive continuum of care designed to support individuals across all stages of recovery, including clinical SUD assessments, care coordination, peer support, recovery support, criminal justice, and treatment referral services.

Project Title

Kansas Congressional District 3: PATH Crisis Response Expansion Initiative

Project Summary

The proposed project will expand the Crisis Response initiative beyond the Overland Park Police Department and establish a broader first responder recovery outreach network throughout Johnson County. Expansion efforts will focus on hospitals, EMS providers, law enforcement agencies, and other crisis system partners.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Consumers, Families, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Pregnant Women
Counties:	Johnson

High Point Advocacy and Resource Center, Inc.

Congressional District(s) Served: 1

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
8,490

Organization Description

High Point Advocacy and Resource Center, Inc. is a Licensed Level 1 outpatient substance use treatment center in Colby, Kansas, with a service delivery area that includes the nine far, northwest counties in Kansas. We provide not only substance use treatment, including certified peer mentoring, but being a resource center, we also provide educational presentations in schools and other prevention activities, like naloxone and fentanyl test strips distribution, as well as substance use awareness campaigns and celebratory recovery events. We also provide much-needed emotional support through our court advocacy program.

Project Title

Continued Peer Mentor Support and New Community Healthcare Worker Services

Project Summary

The proposed project will provide peer mentor services such as case management, advocacy services, and the SMART Recovery curriculum in Thomas County Jail and Sherman County Jail. It will also expand access to CHW services throughout the service region.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction, Expand community health worker supports
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Educators, Families, General Public, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Rural, Student (K-12), Student (University), Uninsured/Underinsured, Veterans, Youth
Counties:	Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Wallace

Labette Center for Mental Health Services, Inc.

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2

Award Amount: $397,856.00

Estimated Number Served
300

Organization Description

Labette Center for Mental Health Services (LCMHS) has been the primary behavioral health provider for rural Labette County, Kansas since 1979, growing from a three-person staff to nearly 100 employees today. As a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) — a federal model built around whole-person care delivered regardless of a patient's ability to pay — LCMHS serves roughly 2,000 patients a year with outpatient therapy, psychiatry, 24/7 crisis response, substance use treatment, and medication-assisted treatment (MAT/MOUD). The Center already works inside the community's key systems, providing crisis intervention, mental health assessments, and substance use treatment at the Labette County Jail. Its mission is "to create hope and opportunities for life change by providing education, support, consultation, and therapeutic behavioral health services to the people and communities of Labette County." Guided by that mission, LCMHS is well positioned to extend its reach to people leaving the jail and emergency room after a substance use crisis — the moment they are most at risk and most in need of a hand back into care.

Project Title

Bridging the Gap: Peer & CHW Support for SUD Recovery

Project Summary

Labette Center for Mental Health Services (LCMHS) proposes to reach people at the two moments they are most at risk of overdose and relapse: release from the Labette County Jail and discharge from the Labette Health emergency room after a substance-use event. Right now, these individuals typically leave with no plan and no connection to care. To close that gap, LCMHS will add two new, non-clinical positions — a Peer Mentor and a CHW. They meet people in person at release or discharge and walk them into care through a warm hand-off, rather than handing them a phone number and hoping they call. The Peer Mentor uses lived experience of recovery to build trust and keep participants engaged; the CHW navigates them into LCMHS's existing SUD treatment and medication-assisted treatment, behavioral and primary care, and community resources, and clears the obstacles in the way through barrier-reduction supports (transportation, basic needs, ID replacement, phone access, and recovery housing).

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.), Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, General - Behavioral, Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Rural, SPMI-Severe & Persistent Mentally Ill, Uninsured/Underinsured, Veterans
Counties:	Labette

Mirror, Inc.

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 4

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
375

Organization Description

Mirror, Inc. is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in Kansas in 1972. For more than 50 years, Mirror has provided substance use disorder treatment, recovery support, and behavioral health services to individuals and families across Kansas. Serving more than 4,000 unduplicated individuals annually, Mirror offers a comprehensive continuum of care that includes residential treatment, outpatient treatment, medication-assisted treatment (MAT/MOUD), peer support, reintegration services, case management, and recovery support services. Mirror has extensive experience serving justice-involved populations and implementing federal, state, and local initiatives focused on treatment access, recovery support, overdose prevention, and community reintegration.

Project Title

Highway to Hope Troop F Peer Expansion

Project Summary

Mirror, Inc., in partnership with the Kansas Highway Patrol, proposes to expand peer support and recovery navigation services throughout the Troop F region of Kansas, with Wichita serving as the project hub. The project will deploy a dedicated Peer/Care Navigator to provide diversion from arrest support, recovery coaching, resource navigation, substance use education, overdose prevention education, and connections to treatment and recovery services for individuals impacted by substance use disorders. The Peer/Care Navigator will work closely with Kansas Highway Patrol personnel, local law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, treatment organizations, recovery support services, and community partners to reduce barriers to care and improve access to services. The project aims to engage approximately 75 individuals in Year 1, 125 individuals in Year 2, and 175 individuals in Year 3 while strengthening regional collaboration, increasing recovery support engagement, and improving pathways to long-term recovery and wellness across the 13-county Troop F service area.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, General Public , Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Rural, Uninsured/Underinsured, Urban
Counties:	Barber, Barton, Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Stafford, Sumner

Mirror, Inc.

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
600

Organization Description

Mirror, Inc. is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in Kansas in 1972. For more than 50 years, Mirror has provided substance use disorder treatment, recovery support, and behavioral health services to individuals and families across Kansas. Serving more than 4,000 unduplicated individuals annually, Mirror offers a comprehensive continuum of care that includes residential treatment, outpatient treatment, medication-assisted treatment (MAT/MOUD), peer support, reintegration services, case management, and recovery support services. Mirror has extensive experience serving justice-involved populations and implementing federal, state, and local initiatives focused on treatment access, recovery support, overdose prevention, and community reintegration.

Project Title

Shawnee County Correctional and Reentry Peer Expansion

Project Summary

Mirror, Inc., in partnership with the Shawnee County Department of Corrections and Heartland RADAC, proposes to expand peer support and recovery navigation services for justice-involved individuals within the Shawnee County Jail. The project will provide a dedicated Peer Support Professional who will engage individuals with substance use disorders and behavioral health needs while incarcerated, with focus on individuals housed within the Behavioral Health Unit and those preparing for release. Services will include peer support, recovery coaching, substance use education, overdose prevention education, recovery and reentry planning, resource navigation, and connection to treatment and recovery services. A key component of the project is continuity of care, with peer support beginning during incarceration and continuing following release.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	ID/Document replacement, Transportation

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, General Public , Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Uninsured/Underinsured, Urban
Counties:	Shawnee

Rotary Against Human Trafficking Foundation

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2

Award Amount: $276,548.00

Estimated Number Served
150

Organization Description

Rotary Against Human Trafficking Foundation (RAHT) is a nonprofit formed by the Rotary Club of Community Action Against Human Trafficking (CAAHT), with the purpose of fighting human trafficking through prevention, victim services, and advocacy. CAAHT Rotary and our Satellite Club, End Forced Organ Harvesting, has 65 members who support multiple projects in Kansas and internationally. Our Intersection to Care initiative in the Shawnee County Adult Detention Center is our local project that helps incarcerated women prepare for reintegration. CAAHT Rotarians and our partners provide and coordinate a variety of resources and services in the jail and after release. Centered on housing, job training and placement, substance use services, mentoring and more, the program helps reduce recidivism and offers participants the tools for a stable reentry.

Project Title

Housing and Employment Peer support for Justice Involved Individuals

Project Summary

The Housing and Employment Peer Support for Justice-Involved Individuals project will provide individualized peer support to adults transitioning from incarceration back into the community. Drawing on their own lived experience in recovery and successful reentry, peer support specialists will help participants secure safe, stable housing, obtain employment, navigate community resources, and build the skills needed for long-term recovery and self-sufficiency. Housing peer support will assist participants with locating sober living housing, completing applications, communicating with landlords, accessing housing subsidies, and maintaining stable housing. The employment peer support specialist will help participants prepare for employment through application preparation, second chance employer contact, interview preparation, transportation planning, and ongoing workplace support. By addressing two of the greatest barriers to successful reintegration, housing and employment, the project aims to reduce relapse and recidivism while increasing sobriety, stability, and recovery. Services will be delivered in collaboration with community partners and will build on the evidence based success of the Intersection to Care (ITC) program, which has demonstrated strong outcomes in helping justice-involved individuals achieve long-term housing and sustained recovery.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.), Employment supports

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Families, Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Uninsured/Underinsured
Counties:	Shawnee

Substance Abuse Assessment Center of Kansas

Congressional District(s) Served: 4

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
750

Organization Description

The Substance Abuse Center of Kansas (SACK), in existence since 1995, is a nonprofit organization specializing in the prevention, treatment and case management of individuals affected by substance use. SACK supports this mission by serving as a community resource provider 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.

Project Title

Resolution Docket Pre-Treatment

Project Summary

This project is designed to promote recovery for individuals currently held in jail while awaiting trial. This program will utilize peer mentors leading a 6 week group to promote recovery and prepare clients for release from jail and for formal treatment processes.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Uninsured/Underinsured, Urban
Counties:	Sedgwick

SENT, Inc.

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
3,000

Organization Description

Strengthening & Equipping Neighborhoods Together (SENT) is dedicated to the holistic transformation of neighborhoods in Shawnee County. SENT's model is built on intentional, trust-based relationships with neighbors, walking alongside individuals and families to co-create sustainable, community-driven solutions to the structural barriers that prevent people from thriving. As a Family Resource Center, SENT's primary role is to connect neighbors to resources they have historically been excluded from accessing, including housing, nutritious food, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, health care, and education. Operating out of Topeka's Hi-Crest neighborhood, one of the most economically distressed communities in Kansas, SENT provides an integrated continuum of services through four interconnected program areas: community-led housing development and wraparound support, Southside Wellness Clinic, Southside Filling Station food pantry, and its neighbor advocacy programs, which deploy community health workers and case managers across the full range of SENT's service ecosystem. Over eight years, SENT has developed a proven model for reducing stigma related to mental health and substance use disorders within southeast Topeka and surrounding communities, integrating licensed providers into wraparound services and cultivating a culture of whole-person healing that meets people where they are, before they identify themselves as needing treatment, and walks with them through every step of their recovery. SENT has been recognized as Shawnee County's Health Organization of the Year for its ability to reach populations that conventional health and social service systems have consistently failed to serve.

Project Title

SENT: Recovery Pathways Community Health Worker Apprenticeship and Peer Navigation Initiative

Project Summary

SENT proposes scaling two programs: a certified CHW Registered Apprenticeship that creates a sustainable pipeline of recovery-informed community navigators and a new certified Peer Support Worker (PSW) pilot that embeds individuals with lived recovery experience directly into clients' daily lives. CHWs/PSWs will be deployed across SENT's service ecosystem, including its Southside Wellness Clinic, food pantry, neighbor advocacy programs, Shawnee County CINC court docket days, and the forthcoming Johnson-Betts Meadows affordable housing development, with CHW graduates placed at partner sites across Kansas upon completing their apprenticeship year. The project has three goals: 1) expanding the availability of certified CHWs and PSWs; 2) embedding those workers in the systems where individuals with SUD are already encountering crisis; and 3) building a self-sustaining workforce pipeline through a train-the-trainer model.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Other: Client recovery support fund to cover small incidental expenses that arise during community-based recovery activities for clients with SUD who need it.

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Families, Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Seniors, Uninsured/Underinsured, Youth
Counties:	Shawnee

The Village Initiative, Inc.

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 3

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
375

Organization Description

The Village Initiative (TVI) is a Kansas-based nonprofit organization providing trauma-informed recovery, behavioral health, housing, and reentry services to more than 560 individuals annually throughout Wyandotte County. The organization specializes in serving justice-involved individuals, people in recovery, and families impacted by substance use disorder through an integrated continuum of care that includes recovery housing, addiction counseling, mental health counseling, case management, employment services, youth prevention programming, and family stabilization services. Through strong partnerships with healthcare providers, courts, probation and parole, schools, and community organizations, TVI helps individuals achieve long-term recovery, reduce recidivism, and build healthy, self-sufficient lives.

Project Title

The Village Recovery Navigation & Family Stabilization Program

Project Summary

The Village Recovery Navigation & Family Stabilization Program will expand access to Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS), Community Health Worker (CHW) navigation, and barrier reduction supports for justice-involved individuals, returning citizens, and families impacted by substance use disorder. The program will provide recovery coaching, healthcare navigation, treatment linkage, family stabilization support, and practical assistance that reduces barriers to treatment engagement and long-term recovery. By combining peer support, care coordination, and recovery-focused navigation, the program will strengthen recovery outcomes, reduce overdose risk, improve family stability, and support sustained community reintegration.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Families, Homeless, Justice Involved Individuals, Youth
Counties:	Wyandotte, Johnson, Leavenworth

Unified Government Public Health Department

Organization Type: Govermental agency

Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 3

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
450

Organization Description

The Wyandotte County Public Health Department (WyCo PHD) works to promote good health for the vibrantly diverse community of nearly 170,000 Wyandotte County residents. We do this by providing an array of critical clinical, community, and environmental health services and programs. WYCO PHD monitors health data and conducts robust assessments to identify community health priorities. This includes collecting the perspectives of community partners and stakeholders related to health. The department also supports initiatives and partnerships to improve social determinants of health that deeply impact the health and well-being of many Wyandotte County residents. We are an accredited health department through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).

Project Title

Expansion of Peer Support to Wyandotte County Youth and Hispanic/Latino Community

Project Summary

The Wyandotte County Public Health Department is seeking to expand its current Peer Support Program by adding two additional Peer Support Specialists who focus on serving the youth population and the Hispanic/Latino community. The KFA grant will also support the purchase of bus passes, phones and phone cards and a vital documentation fund to further reduce barriers to care for Peer Support clients seeking recovery services.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, General Public , Homeless, Immigrants, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Student (K-12), Student (University), Uninsured/Underinsured, Urban, Veterans, Youth
Counties:	Wyandotte

University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute **Congressional District(s) Served:** **All**
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) **Award Amount:** $449,327.00

Estimated Number Served
10,165

Organization Description

The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita campus (KUSM-W) is strategically located in the heart of Wichita and features 27 departments with a reputation for excellence in teaching. To respond to the need for more physicians in Kansas, 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." KUSM-W is on the forefront of medical education, research, and service, focused on improving the health and well-being of Kansas and the global community.

Project Title

Building a Peer Workforce: Training Individuals with Lived Experience in Substance Use Recovery as CHWs Project

Summary

This project will equip individuals with lived experience in substance use recovery to serve as peer mentors, CHWs, and/or CHW supervisors. Training will equip participants with the relational strengths of peer support, the structured skills to navigate health and social systems, and/or the knowledge needed to build and sustain workforce infrastructure. Participants will develop expertise in SUD, mental illness, harm reduction, trauma-informed care, and care coordination. This dual-skilled workforce will be prepared to support individuals across the full continuum of care, addressing both clinical needs and the social determinants that influence recovery. The project will also strengthen the broader system in which this workforce operates through activities including conducting statewide peer/CHW needs assessments of employers and peers/CHWs, developing a Kansas CHW and peer workforce directory, and convening partners for strategic visioning to enhance coordination and support across agencies.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Expand community health worker supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, General - Behavioral, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Justice Involved Individuals, General Public , Homeless, Individuals with SUD, Uninsured/Underinsured
Counties:	Statewide

Welcome House, Inc.

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 2 & 3

Award Amount: $449,958.00

Estimated Number Served
750

Organization Description

Welcome House, Inc. has supported Kansas City's substance use recovery community for more than five decades. Welcome House opened a brand new 28,000-square-foot, zero-tolerance, recovery facility for men in 2023. This expanded the organization's capacity to serve approximately 650 men annually, all-male residential recovery environment. Our wrap-around programming consists of a structured, evidence-based model that emphasizes peer support, accountability, and long-term stability. In later 2027, they will be opening a new recovery center exclusively for women (age 21 and over) in a renovated building in Kansas City, Kansas.

Project Title

Welcome House Women Recovery Services and Barrier Reduction

Project Summary

Welcome House, Inc. is expanding its proven low-barrier recovery model to women through the development of Welcome House Women, a new 42-bed residential recovery center scheduled to open in Kansas City, Kansas, in late 2027. The program will provide long-term, structured recovery services that combine peer support, case management, 12-step recovery programming, recovery-focused education, employment expectations, individualized service planning, and wraparound support. Designed specifically for women, the program will offer a safe, trauma-informed environment where residents can stabilize, address barriers to recovery, and rebuild their lives with dignity, accountability, and community support. Funding will support the startup and implementation of recovery services by helping Welcome House Women hire recovery staff, purchase a passenger van, and provide critical barrier reduction services.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	At-Risk Individuals, Homeless, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Uninsured/Underinsured
Counties:	Atchison, Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte

Wichita Recovery Hub Society

Organization Type: 501(c)(3)

Congressional District(s) Served: 1 & 4

Award Amount: $450,000.00

Estimated Number Served
675

Organization Description

Wichita Recovery Hub is a peer-led recovery community based on the Recovery Café model. We primarily serve individuals impacted by substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder, while recognizing that recovery is often intertwined with co-occurring mental health challenges, trauma, justice-system involvement, housing instability, and other barriers to long-term wellness. We provide recovery circles, peer support, resource navigation, educational programming, and community connection in a welcoming environment. Wichita Recovery Hub supports multiple pathways of recovery and welcomes individuals of all backgrounds, beliefs, and recovery approaches.

Project Title

Empowerment Navigation and Peer Recovery Support Initiative

Project Summary

Wichita Recovery Hub's Empowerment Navigation and Peer Recovery Support Initiative will expand access to peer recovery support, recovery navigation, and barrier-reduction services for adults impacted by substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder, in Wichita and Sedgwick County. Through a full-time Recovery Support Program Manager, a part-time Peer Recovery Support Specialist, trained volunteer Empowerment Navigators, and a strong network of community partners, the project will help participants connect to treatment, healthcare, housing, employment, and other recovery-supportive resources while remaining engaged in long-term recovery. The initiative will provide structured recovery navigation, warm handoffs, follow-up support, and targeted barrier-reduction assistance to address common obstacles such as transportation, communication access, and identification documents.

Proposed Strategies

Selected Strategies	Expand peer supports, Barrier reduction
Selected Barrier Reduction Strategies (if applicable)	Transportation, Recovery housing assistance, ID/Document replacement, Technology access (i.e., phones, telehealth access, Wi-Fi, etc.), Employment supports, Basic need assistance (i.e., food, clothing, general and dental hygiene, etc.)

Populations Served

Populations:	Adults, At-Risk Individuals, Caregivers, Families, General-Behavioral, General Public , Homeless, Immigrants, Individuals in Recovery, Individuals on MAT, Individuals with SUD, Justice Involved Individuals, Parents, Postpartum Women, Pregnant Women, Seniors, Student (K-12), Student (University), Uninsured/Underinsured, Urban, Veterans, Youth
Counties:	Butler, Reno, Sedgwick, Harvey