



Opioid Settlement Funding

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Health & Human Services

Background

NDCC 50-36-03

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee composed of:

- One member of the North Dakota association of counties
- One member of the North Dakota league of cities
- One member of the North Dakota state association of city and county health officials
- One member who represents the highway patrol
- The executive director of the department's division of behavioral health
- One member in recovery
- One member appointed by the governor who shall serve as a nonvoting member and as the presiding officer

Role of Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

- The committee shall forward recommendations to the department on spending decisions of the legislatively appropriated funds for remediation or abatement of the opioid crisis in this state.

Background

50-36-04 through 05 Department of health and human services

- Receive spending recommendations of the committee
- Implement spending decisions
- Spending decisions must include at least twenty percent for opioid use prevention and overdose prevention, including best practices relating to fentanyl drug overdose, and approved use for workforce development

Use of funds - Exhibit E

Allowable opioid abatement and remediation strategies categorized by the following:

1. Core strategies

- Examples:
 - Purchase, training, and distribution of naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
 - Treatment for incarcerated populations with opioid use disorder

2. Treatment

- Examples:
 - Support treatment for opioid use disorder
 - Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with opioid use disorder
 - Support individuals in recovery from opioid use disorder

3. Prevention

- Examples:
 - Prevent overprescribing, misuse of opioids, and opioid overdose deaths

4. Other

- Examples:
 - Provide education and training to abate the opioid epidemic

Opioid Settlement Funding

2023-2025



Listening Sessions and Priorities

Fargo

June 29, 2023

- Themes of input included:
 - Prevention
 - Syringe Service Programs
 - Access to treatment

Bismarck

August 21, 2023

- Themes of input included:
 - Access to treatment and recovery services including for those in the criminal justice system
 - Enhance behavioral health workforce

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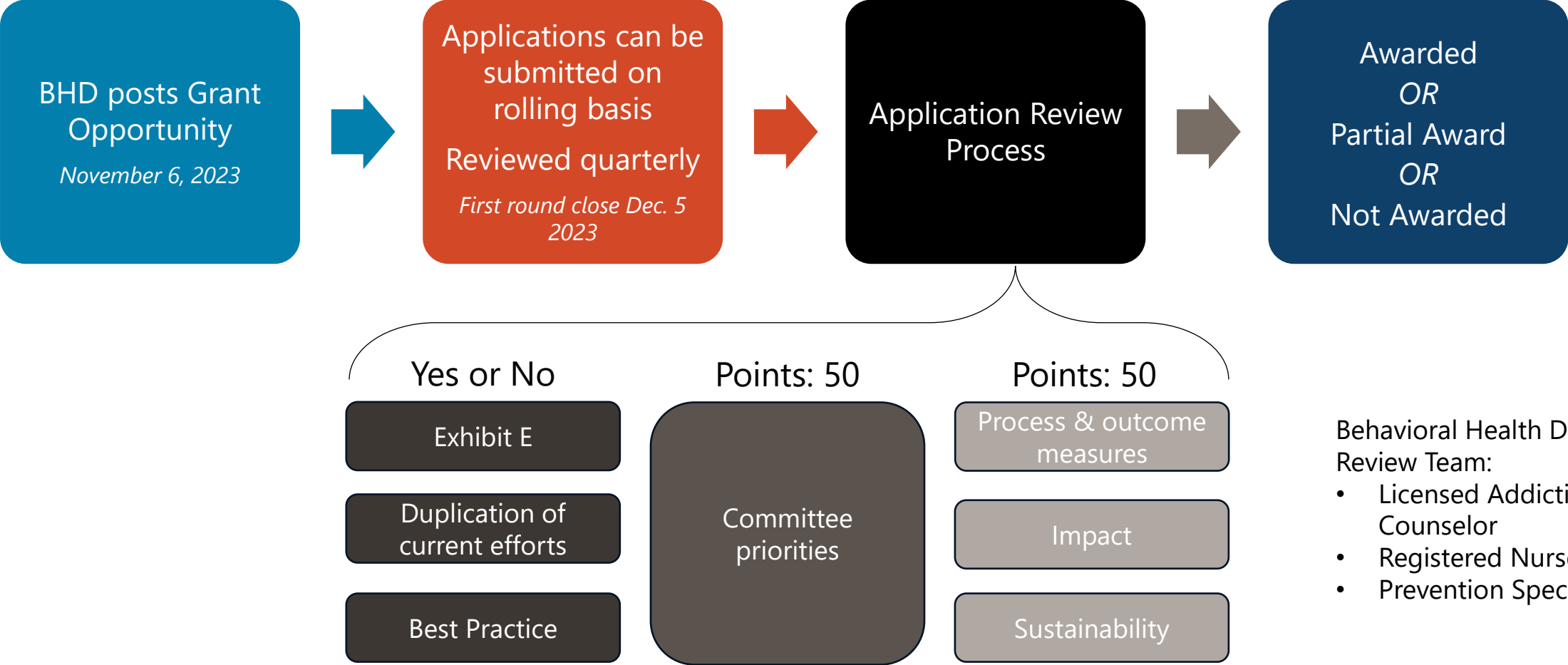
September 26, 2023

- Themes of input included:
 - Syringe Service Programs
 - Access to treatment
 - Set aside for tribes

Committee priorities:

1. Utilize opioid settlement funds to increase access to community-based treatment and recovery services in rural areas.
2. Utilize opioid settlement funds to increase access to treatment and recovery services in jails.
3. Utilize opioid settlement funds for prevention activities, including coalitions, community work, and prevention activities for youth.
4. Utilize opioid settlement funds to enhance the behavioral health workforce.
5. Utilize opioid settlement funds to support Syringe Service Programs.
6. Utilize opioid settlement funds to increase access to community-based treatment and recovery services in non-rural areas.

Opioid Settlement Grant Process



Behavioral Health Division
Review Team:

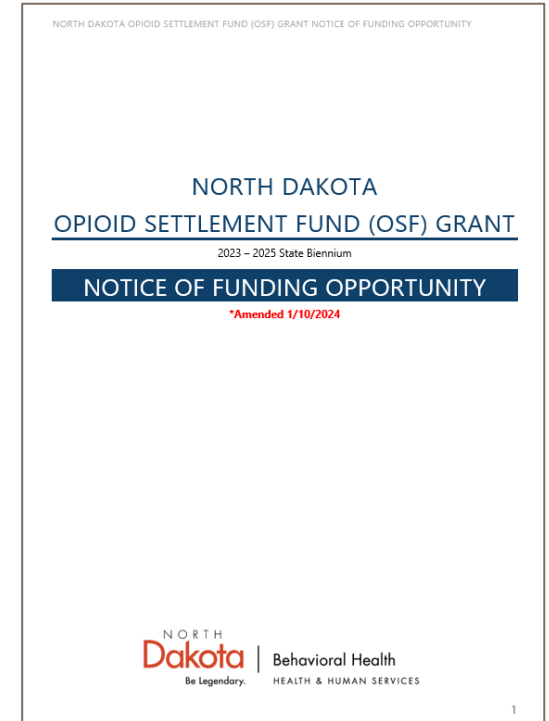
- Licensed Addiction Counselor
- Registered Nurse
- Prevention Specialist

OSF Grant Overview

2023-2025 Biennium

Number grantees: 14

Grant initiative: Address opioid and substance use disorder across North Dakota through prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and workforce development.



OSF Grant Awards – Prevention & Workforce

2023-2025 Biennium

- **Nelson-Griggs District Health Unit (\$21,600):** Implement a system to standardize patient screenings for opioid use disorder within local hospitals to increase access to treatment and recovery services.
- **North Dakota State University Opioid and Naloxone Education (ONE) Program (\$82,537):** Work hand-in-hand with tribal leaders to implement opioid harm prevention in tribal communities.
- **Sanford Medical Center Fargo (\$397,430):** Provide medications for opioid use disorder education and awareness training to health care providers, expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and increase distribution of naloxone to uninsured patients.
- **Training Academy of Addiction Professionals /Heartview Foundation (\$613,002):** Support development of behavioral health workforce in North Dakota through increased addiction counselor training opportunities, college scholarships and paid internships.
- **Valley City Public School (\$160,000):** Implement an evidence-based prevention curriculum in the Valley City Junior/Senior High School.

OSF Grant Awards – Supporting Treatment & Recovery

2023-2025 Biennium

- **Central Valley Health District (\$37,409):** Develop a Syringe Service Program in Jamestown, N.D., to help individuals with a substance use disorder connect to treatment and recovery services.
- **Community Connect Providers (\$3.9 million):** Expand access to the community-based behavioral health program designed to provide behavioral health support services to individuals through the provision of care coordination and peer support in their North Dakota community.
- **Community Medical Services (\$452,389):** Support the Opioid Treatment Program in Grand Forks by connecting individuals in need of opioid use disorder to evidence-based treatment services.
- **Endeavor Sober Living (\$535,000):** Establish a recovery house in Minot, N.D., specifically serving pregnant and parenting women.
- **First District Health Unit (\$66,681):** Expand the Syringe Service Program in Minot, N.D., to help individuals with a substance use disorder connect to treatment and recovery services.
- **Heartview Foundation (\$426,527):** Establish medications for opioid use disorder services in southwest North Dakota.
- **Northeast Central Judicial District Drug Court in Grand Forks/Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (\$51,000):** Provide substance use disorder treatment services and coordination of care to individuals involved in the Northeast Central Judicial District Drug Court in Grand Forks.
- **Richland County Treatment Court (\$134,000):** Provide substance use disorder treatment services and coordination of care to individuals involved in the Richland County Treatment Court.
- **USpireND – Healthy Families North Dakota (\$130,075):** Provide home visiting program for parents who are incarcerated and pregnant, parents who are incarcerated and have given birth within the last year, and parents in recovery and parents who have not yet entered recovery.

OSF Grant Outcomes

2023-2025 Biennium

Expanded Access to Treatment and Recovery Services

- Nearly 3,500 individuals were directly engaged with treatment and recovery services
- Services were delivered statewide, including rural areas, and justice-involved populations
- 2 new outpatient programs established
- 1 recovery house established
- 10 mothers reported reunification with their children through recovery housing.

Overdose Prevention

- Over 12,000 fentanyl and xylazine test strips and 600 naloxone kits distributed.
- Tribal programs collected 393lbs of unused medications and installed 180 ONE Boxes.

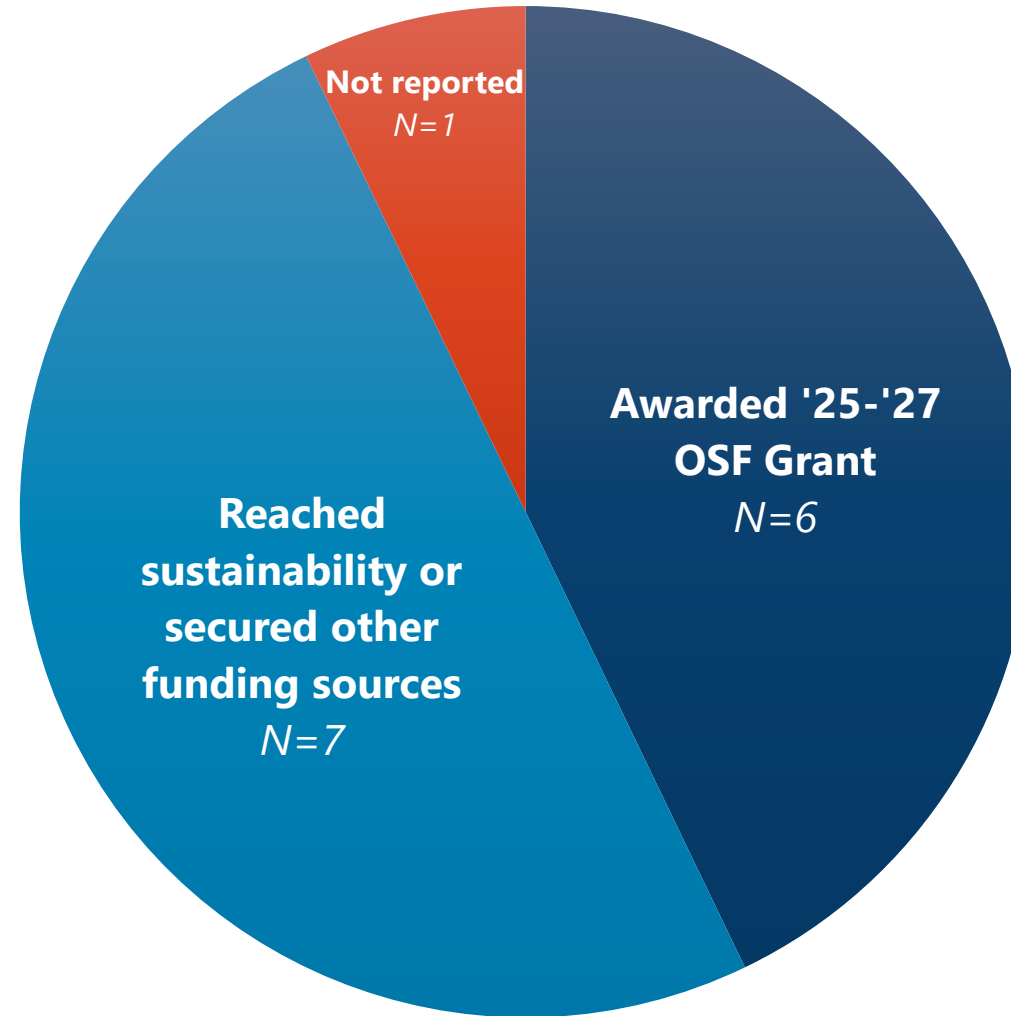
Workforce Development

- Strengthened the behavioral health workforce:
 - 17 new addiction counselors
 - 22 new clinical training sites
 - 31 new clinical supervisors onboarded

OSF Grantee Reported Sustainability

2023-2025 Biennium

Total Grantees = 14



Funding overview

2023-2025 Biennium

Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated to DHHS for 23-25 Biennium = \$8,000,000

Item	Planned	TOTAL Expended	PERCENT Expended
Enhance tribal implementation of SOR funded efforts	\$310,833.00	\$305,416.50	98%
Narcan purchasing	\$634,834.00	\$634,834.00	100%
Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) Grant	\$7,053,787.00	\$6,705,993.30	95%
Administration	-	\$1,841.49	-
Total	\$7,999,454.00	\$7,648,085.29	96%

20% set-aside

2023-2025 Biennium

NDCC 50-36-05 “at least twenty percent [must be used] for opioid use prevention and overdose prevention, including best practices relating to fentanyl drug overdose, and approved use for workforce development.”

20% = \$2,000,000

Item	Spend
Valley City Public School	\$107,373.34
Heartview/TAAP – Statewide	\$613,002
Sanford - Fargo Medical Center	\$316,897.81
Nelson-Griggs	\$21,600.00
ONE Program – Tribes	\$82,004.68
Enhance tribal implementation of SOR funded efforts	\$305,416.50
Narcan (naloxone)	\$634,834.00
Total	\$2,081,128.33

Opioid Settlement Funding

2025-2027



National Opioid Settlement Dollars

15% - Local
Subdivisions

85% - State

\$23,245,950.57* from Jul. 2023 - May 2025

State Opioid Settlement Fund

Earnings on investment **\$701,767.00** (Aug. 2024 – May 2025)

Interest earned **\$46,197.78** (Jan. 2024 – Jun. 2025)

Expenditures
\$7,648,085.29
Jul. 2023 – Jun. 2025

State Opioid Settlement Fund Balance as of August 7, 2025

\$16,345,830.06

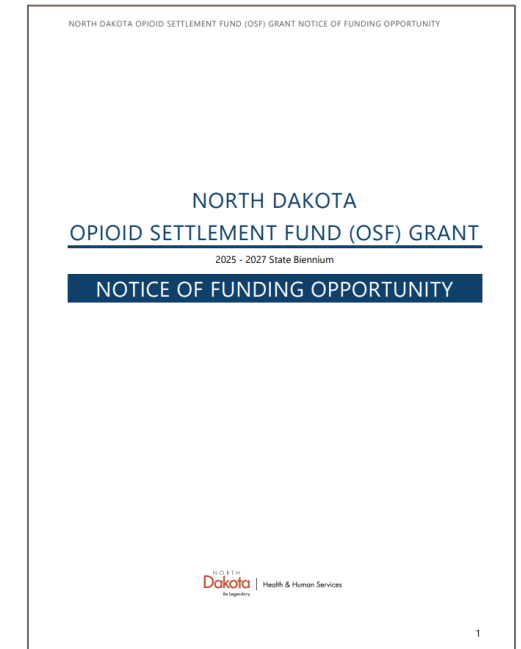
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Funding Overview

2025-2027 Biennium

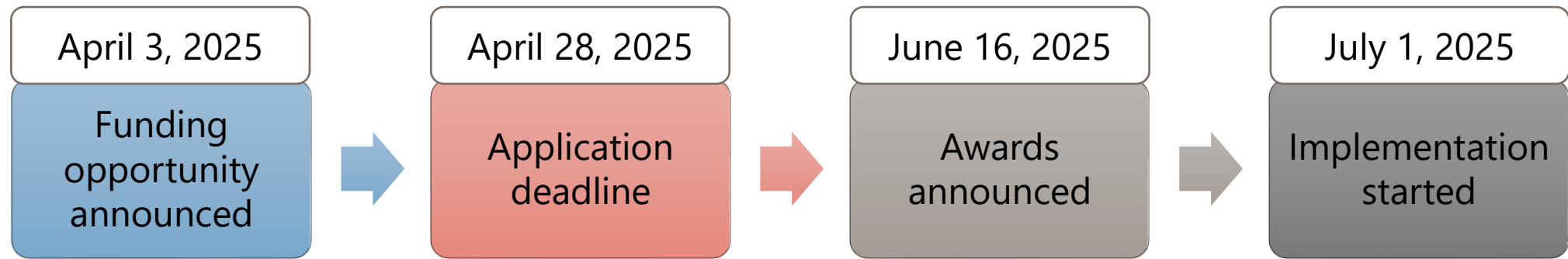
Opioid Settlement Funding appropriated to DHHS:
\$8,000,000

Opioid Settlement Grant initiative: Address opioid and substance use disorder across North Dakota through prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and workforce development.



Opioid Settlement Grant Process

2025-2027 Biennium



- 59 applications received (approximately \$31M in funding requests)
- **18 applicants awarded** (\$7,999,926 awarded)

OSF Grant Awards – Prevention & Workforce

2025-2027 Biennium

TARGETED LOCATIONS:

- **North Dakota State University ONE Program**
 - **\$247,545** – Establish opioid prevention programs in four additional correctional facilities in North Dakota.
 - **\$165,639** – Develop and implement a culturally responsive medication safety, harm reduction and overdose prevention education content for K-12 persons in Native American Communities.
- **Rolette County Public Health District, \$223,868** – Implement a K–9 evidence-based substance use prevention curriculum and a media campaign to raise awareness, promote prevention and link individuals to local resources.

STATEWIDE:

- **Goldfinch Health, \$382,829** – Partner with hospitals and medical professionals to implement post-surgery prescribing practices to prevent opioid misuse.
- **ND Training Academy for Addiction Professionals (TAAP), \$2,496,562** – Enhance North Dakota’s behavioral health workforce by expanding addiction counselor training, providing college scholarships and offering paid internships.

\$3,516,443 total focused on prevention and workforce initiatives

OSF Grant Awards – Supporting Treatment & Recovery

2025-2027 Biennium

WESTERN ND

- **Heartview Foundation, \$128,890** – Develop and implement a plan to establish an Opioid Treatment Program and a peer support specialist program in Dickinson.
- **Southwest Multi-County Correction Center, \$829,848** – Expand substance use treatment and recovery services in the community and within the correctional facility in western North Dakota.
- **MHA Sober Living Program, \$264,129** – Establish a dedicated, trauma-informed sober living facility for women on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation who are working to regain custody of their children.

CENTRAL ND

- **North Central Judicial District Drug Court (Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation), \$48,000** – Provide substance use disorder treatment services and coordination of care to individuals involved in the North Central Judicial District Drug Court in Minot.
- **First District Health Unit, \$162,882** – Expand Syringe Service Program services to help individuals with a substance use disorder connect to treatment and recovery services in Minot.
- **Ward County Detention Center, \$224,655** – Implement a Medication for Opioid Use Disorder treatment program at Ward County Detention Center, including screening, treatment referral, peer support and harm reduction education.
- **South Central Judicial District Drug Court (Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation), \$48,000** – Provide substance use disorder treatment services and coordination of care to individuals involved in the South Central Judicial District Drug Court in Bismarck.

EASTERN ND

- **Northeast Central Judicial District Drug Court (Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation), \$72,000** – Provide substance use disorder treatment services and coordination of care to individuals involved in the Northeast Central Judicial District Drug Court in Grand Forks.
- **Family HealthCare, \$1,667,500** – Implement a sustainable model for screening for and initiating Sublocade treatment – an extended-release formulation of buprenorphine – for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder during incarceration and post-release at Cass County Jail in Fargo.

OSF Grant Awards – **Supporting Treatment & Recovery**

2025-2027 Biennium

STATEWIDE:

- **USpireND Healthy Families North Dakota, \$212,388** – Provide a home visiting program for parents of children who have been prenatally exposed to substances, parents who are incarcerated or newly released, parents in recovery and parents who have not yet entered recovery.
- **Providence House Minot LLC, \$390,000** – Provide residential substance use disorder treatment services specifically serving pregnant and parenting women.
- **Community Medical Services, \$294,500** – Expand access to peer-based recovery support to further strengthen engagement and retention in outpatient opioid treatment services across the North Dakota clinic locations.
- **North Dakota State University ONE Program, \$140,691** – Establish two Opioid Treatment Program Medication Units in North Dakota rural community pharmacies.