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City of Bismarck's Allocation Plan – Opioid Settlement Funds 221 N 5th St. Bismarck, ND 58501

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The City of Bismarck will be using the opioid settlement dollars received to address root causes of crisis homelessness: addiction and mental health issues. The opioid settlement funds will be used as match to private donations collected from citizens through the [Better Bismarck Campaign](#).

Since 2017, we have seen many positive changes in community resources for behavioral health, addiction and homelessness, yet resources for individuals with current, chronic and complex, long-term mental health and/or substance abuse disorders who experience homelessness have limited options. These individuals are in greatest need for services and have very significant impacts on the entire community. Individuals in crisis impact law enforcement, hospital emergency rooms, and local businesses.

City of Bismarck Mayor Mike Schmitz recognized this community issue as a priority and City staff are committed to working with community partners to streamline and improve services for individuals in crisis. The City of Bismarck launched a text-to-give pilot project titled, "Better Bismarck Campaign" to raise funds to address root causes of crisis homelessness in the community including addiction and mental health. The City Commission approved the use of funds the City of Bismarck received from multi-district litigation related to opioid manufacturers and distributors, to be used as match to the donated funds collected through this campaign.

The City of Bismarck will request applications for funding from applicants meeting these key eligibility criteria:

- The applicant must be a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization meeting the legal requirements of the State of North Dakota and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- The applicant's request for funding must include projects serving individuals with current, chronic and complex, long-term mental health and/or substance abuse disorders experiencing homelessness in the City of Bismarck. Applicants must incorporate [opioid remediation strategies](#) into their project.
- The applicant must be able to provide an unduplicated count of residents served and complete progress reports required by the City of Bismarck.

The following process will be followed for applicants chosen to receive funding from the Better Bismarck Campaign:

BETTER BISMARCK CAMPAIGN – PROCESS FOR AWARDEES

1. Notification letter sent to awardee(s) from the City of Bismarck.
2. Awardees appear at City Commission meeting confirming award.
3. Following approval of awards at City Commission meeting, awardee submits an invoice to Renae Moch (rmoch@bismarcknd.gov) to request payment for the total award amount. Invoice will be forwarded to City Finance for payment.
4. Awardee shall complete the progress report template below and return to Renae Moch by December 4, 2023. If requested, awardees would present progress report on the December 12, 2023 City Commission meeting. This will be confirmed with awardees prior to being added to the agenda.

The first application process was completed in 2023 and would continue as long as deemed necessary funding is available.

Progress Report Template for Awardees:

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| Total Better Bismarck Campaign Funds spent during this reporting period: | |
| Number of unduplicated residents served through Better Bismarck funds for this reporting period: | |
| Describe how funds were used to streamline and improve services for individuals in crises experiencing chronic homelessness, addiction and behavioral health issues in the city of Bismarck. | |
| Describe how opioid remediation strategies were incorporated into your project to address opioid misuse and abuse, treatment or mitigation of opioid use, or alleged effects of the opioid epidemic. | |
| COMMENTS: <i>Please list any other comments you wish to add regarding your activities this reporting period.</i> | |