



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 29, 2025

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Lesher
County Administrator

Re: **Update on Opioid Settlement Funding Requests for Proposals**

The attached memorandum provides an update on the Request for Proposals (RFPs) issued to award opioid settlement funds in alignment with priority strategies established by the Regional Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (ROSAC).

Overview

On July 7, 2025, the Pima County Health Department released RFP-PCHD-2025-100 to fund equitable, community-driven substance use prevention and response strategies. A total of \$5.4 million was made available across five strategy areas: Youth Prevention Services, Peer Navigation Support, Transitional Wrap-Around Support, Law Enforcement Co-Response, and Mobile Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Services. Thirty-eight proposals were received, with 17 meeting minimum qualifications.

Following a competitive and transparent evaluation process conducted in accordance with County procurement policies, awards totaling approximately \$4.0 million are recommended across four strategy areas. No responsive proposals were received for the Mobile Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Services strategy. As a result, \$1.42 million remains unawarded.

Next Steps

The recommended awards are on the January 6, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting for final approval. ROSAC will reconvene in January to discuss options for allocating the remaining funds, including the potential re-release of RFPs for underfunded or unfunded strategies. The Health Department will also oversee implementation of awarded projects and provide ongoing updates regarding outcomes and future funding recommendations.

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Attachment

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Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Theresa Cullen, MD, MS, Director, Health Department

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To: Jan Lesher
County Administrator

From: Theresa Cullen, MD, MS *MC*
Health Department Director

Re: Update on Opioid Settlement Funding RFPs

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the Request for Proposals (RFPs) that will award contracts from the opioid settlement funds to address the priority strategies set by the Regional Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (ROSAC).

Background

Earlier this year information was provided regarding the identified priorities and funding recommendations developed by the ROSAC (see memos [November 14, 2025 - Public Health Approaches to Addressing and Substance Use in Pima County](#), and [June 13, 2025 - Regional Opioid Advisory Committee Update](#)).

On July 7, 2025, the Pima County Health Department (PCHD) released a Notice of Request for Proposals titled *RFP-PCHD-2025-100 Substance Use Prevention & Response Interventions*. The solicitation was conducted under Board of Supervisors Policy 29.7 and invited proposals from private businesses, non-profit organizations, public entities, and government agencies. The goal was to advance equitable, community-driven solutions to reduce overdose deaths and promote recovery across communities affected by the opioid epidemic.

This RFP was published in *The Daily Territorial* and on the Opioid Settlement [webpage](#) of the Pima County website. PCHD also notified over 150 entities of the funding opportunity. The SAFR RFP was solicited and awarded separately from *RFP-PCHD-2025-100 Substance Use Prevention & Response Interventions*. Further information is available on the Pima County Opioid Settlement web page.

The solicitation offered **\$5,400,000** in funding across five strategy areas:

1. **Youth Prevention Services in Areas of Designated Need**
 - o Funding: \$1,250,000
 - o Possible awards: 1–5
2. **Peer Navigation Support**
 - o Funding: \$1,250,000
 - o Possible awards: 1–3
3. **Transitional Wrap-Around Support**
 - o Funding: \$2,000,000
 - o Possible awards: 1–3

4. Law Enforcement Co-Response

- Funding: \$600,000

5. Mobile Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Services

- Funding: \$300,000

RFP Process

A virtual Pre-Proposal Conference was held on July 21, 2025, to review the solicitation and answer questions. A recording and presentation were posted online, along with two following amendments which answered proposer questions and extended the proposal deadline to August 18, 2025. 38 total proposals were received with 17 meeting minimum qualifications as stated in the RFP solicitation and found to be responsive.

Evaluation Process

Each strategy was assigned a separate evaluation panel that was comprised of a minimum of three individuals. One panel had four individuals. This is in accordance with Procurement Procedure PO-38. Panel members signed Non-Disclosure Agreements and Evaluator Certifications confirming no conflicts of interest. All panels completed standard training to ensure fair and consistent evaluations.

No Pima County employees were panel members for strategies that included proposals from Pima County departments (Strategies 2 and 4) that were deemed responsive. For these two panels, an independent facilitator was contracted under Procurement Policy PO-50 to avoid perceived conflicts of interest.

Awards were based on highest scoring proposals. Panels requested clarification responses before making final decisions.

Selection Results

1. Youth Prevention Services in Areas of Designated Need

- American Indian Association of Tucson, Inc.
 - i. Funding: \$232,777.60
 - ii. Scope: American Indian Association of Tucson, Inc., doing business as Tucson Indian Center, will form a native youth health representative group and provide youth-focused outreach and educational events that promote American Indian/Alaska Native resilience and cultural strengths.

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- i. Funding: \$229,509.95
- ii. Scope: The University of Arizona's Pima County Cooperative Extension programs, The Garden Kitchen and Tucson Village Farm, will provide holistic substance use prevention programming to middle and high school students in Pima County.

- Boys to Men Tucson, Inc.
 - i. Funding: \$258,409.80

- ii. Scope: Boys to Men Tucson, Inc. will provide a community-centered, equity-driven intervention that addresses youth substance use by creating culturally responsive, safe, and healing-centered spaces for youth most impacted by systemic harm.
- Liberty Partnership Community Council
 - i. Funding: \$246,174.50
 - ii. Scope: Liberty Partnership Community Council will expand the number of middle school youth in South and East Tucson receiving substance misuse intervention and mental wellness promotion through the Prevention Plus Wellness program.
- Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc.
 - i. Funding: \$196,372.00
 - ii. Scope: Portable Practical Educational Preparation, Inc. (PPEP) will implement a “Today's Youth Tomorrow's Future” project as a continuation and expansion of the youth and family services offered at the Amado Youth Center, 5001 W Arivaca Rd, Amado, Pima County, AZ.
- 2. Peer Navigation Support
 - Pima County Department of Justice Services- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
 - i. Funding: \$626,470.00
 - ii. Scope: The Pima County Department of Justice Services will expand the availability and accessibility of individuals with lived experience in the justice system. This additional staff will enable the transition center operations to extend to seven days per week (8 AM - Midnight).
- 3. Transitional Wrap-Around Support
 - Community Partners Integrated Healthcare, Inc.
 - i. Funding: \$927,795.70
 - ii. Scope: Community Partners Integrated Healthcare, Inc. will provide transitional and recovery services and support to people discharging from the justice system, hospitals, and other treatment providers.
 - The Haven
 - i. Funding: \$663,576.10
 - ii. Scope: The Haven's will strengthen their existing wrap-around services by expanding care coordination and individualized support during high-risk transitions.
- 4. Law Enforcement Co-Response
 - Pima County Department of Justice Services- MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
 - i. Funding: \$597,305.00
 - ii. Scope: The Pima County Department of Justice Services will create a Regional Initiative for Safety and Engagement (RISE) project to pair public safety with experts in treatment, housing, employment, and other services.

Unawarded Funds

No responsive proposals were received for Strategy 5: Mobile MOUD Services. PCHD will re-release an RFP for this strategy. In total, \$1,421,609.35 of the original \$5,400,000 remains unawarded.

Strategy	Funding Awarded	Remaining Funding
Youth Prevention Services in Areas of Designated Need	\$1,163,243.85	\$86,756.15
Peer Navigation Support	\$626,470.00	\$623,530.00
Transitional Wrap-Around Support	\$1,591,371.80	\$408,628.20
Law Enforcement Co-Response	\$597,305.00	\$2,695.00
Mobile MOUD Services	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
Total	\$3,978,390.65	\$1,421,609.35

Next Steps

ROSAC will be convened in January to discuss priorities for an expenditure plan for these remaining funds. This discussion will include potentially re-releasing another round of RFPs to address the strategies that were not fully funded by the current solicitation. In addition, the department will monitor the implementation of awarded projects to ensure compliance with contract terms and progress towards meeting the stated objectives and metrics. Regular updates will be provided to the Board of Supervisors regarding project outcomes and any future funding recommendations.

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