

Attachment 2 – Additional Information

Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) Prioritized Project Areas:

Recovery Residences - Adding additional capacity of at least 60 persons county-wide in recovery residences to fill in the following demographic and regional gaps in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) service continuum.

- a. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) (7+ residents)
- b. Latinx (7+ residents)
- c. Men (14+ residents)
- d. Men with children (7+ residents)
- e. Russian River Area (7+ residents)
- f. Emergency Department Discharges (7+ residents)
- g. Severe Substance Use Disorder (SUD) impairment (SB 43) (7+ residents)

These facilities should be monitored with appointed house managers or supervised with trained peers or staff depending on acuity level of residents. All residents should receive SUD services including one or more of the following: outpatient, intensive outpatient, care coordination, recovery services, or medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services. Any program staff, oversight, and residents in facilities from NOFA recipients will be eligible for support from Department of Health Services (DHS) Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Care Coordinator positions. This added capacity is needed to address current population needs, and also in anticipation of the implementation of SB 43, which becomes effective January 1, 2026 and will expand conservatorship to address SUD impairment and greater expand the capacity needs in the county. Functionally, SB 43 allows people to be placed on 5150's and other involuntary holds based on presence of a "Severe" SUD diagnosis. SB 43 also expands grave disability criteria to include issues of personal safety and inability to obtain necessary medical care.

Syringe Exchange Programs - Increasing capacity for syringe exchange programs in Sonoma County. Syringe exchange program services can provide education on safe injection practices, sterile injecting supplies, wound care supplies, connections to SUD treatment, mental health services, and healthcare services. These programs should also provide testing for common injection transmitted infections including human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and hepatitis B virus (HBV).

Prevention, Education, and Harm Reduction - Development of targeted media and information campaigns using a variety of modalities to reach key audiences that are informed by overdose data. Proposals should be focused on one or more demographics such as: Black, Multiracial, Latinx, Russian River Area residents, adults ages 25-44, or youth. Education and harm reduction efforts may include coordinating with community partners,

supporting events and engagement activities, and providing training where appropriate such as with Narcan administration and utilization of fentanyl test strips.

Funding Recommendations

\$14.1 million allocation overview with project descriptions

| Project | Allocation Method | Recommended Funding |
|---|--|---------------------|
| 2025 Notice of Funding Availability | Awarded Competitively | \$5,000,000.00 |
| Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (Bond BHCIP) Round 1 - Match | Allocated based on Board recommendations, system needs, and gap analysis | \$3,800,000.00 |
| Psychiatrists / Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion | Allocated based on Board recommendations, system needs, and gap analysis | \$2,000,000.00 |
| BHCIP Youth Residential Treatment | Allocated based on Board recommendations, system needs, and gap analysis | \$1,500,000.00 |
| Muir Wood Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment | Allocated based on Board recommendations, system needs, and gap analysis | \$977,000.00 |
| Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Medication Assisted Treatment Discharge Planner | Allocated based on Board recommendations, system needs, and gap analysis | \$450,000.00 |
| Preliminary Set-Aside for future Opioid Settlement Fund Prevention Activities | Allocated based on Board recommendations, system needs, and gap analysis | \$273,000.00 |
| Prevention - New Hope for Youth | Allocated based on Board recommendations, system needs, and gap analysis | \$100,000.00 |
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| Total | | \$14,100,000.00 |

2025 NOFA Funding Recommendations

The Opioid Settlement Fund NOFA was released in March 2025 and made \$5 million available. In May 2025, DHS received seventeen (17) proposals requesting \$16 million. Submissions were received from community providers, a police department, and health providers. Each proposal was reviewed and scored in alignment with the NOFA and the project priority areas (Recovery Residences, Syringe Exchange Programs, and Prevention, Education, and Harm Reduction).

The highest ranked proposal in each priority area is recommended for funding. An illustration of the NOFA funding recommendations and accompanying project descriptions is provided below:

| Vendor | Priority Area | Priority Area Rank | Recommended Funding Amount |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Buckelew | Recovery Residence | 1 | \$3,873,235.00 |
| West County Health Centers | Prevention, Education, and Harm Reduction | 1 | \$637,365.00 |
| Drug Abuse Alternatives Center | Syringe Exchange Program | 1 | \$489,400.00 |
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| Total | | | \$5,000,000.00 |

Buckelew - Sonoma County Housing for Hope

This proposal adds 68 beds for housing in 4 different residences with emphasis on serving the Russian River and West County area of geographic need. The project focuses on addressing gaps in the system of care most notably BIPOC, men, men with children, and individuals with severe SUD impairment. The proposal leverages a funding match with Poppy Bank loan to Buckelew. All aspects of construction are to be managed by Gallaher Companies and Gallaher Construction and provided at cost and without profit. Buckelew will oversee the operation of the housing sites and has extensive experience in housing programs and substance use disorder treatment.

West County Health Centers - Lower Russian River Opioid Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiative

This proposal provides a comprehensive range of harm reduction and prevention services including elements of Narcan distribution, Fentanyl test strips, a 1:1 mentoring program, and a social media campaign including print, social media, and digital story telling. This proposal leverages \$656,145 in funding from Measure O and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Exclusive service is provided to West County residents, a targeted area of focus due to high overdose rates.

Drug Abuse Alternatives Center - Wellness on Wheels Program Expansion

This proposal expands the Wellness on Wheels Program by adding one outreach services coordinator who will manage three outreach services coordinators covered under other leveraged grant funding. The program will add a new customized outreach van for service provision. The proposed project increases or expands services and access in the following areas: Naloxone distribution, MAT distribution, education in schools for prevention, perinatal care coordination, Syringe Exchange Program, access to SUD treatment, testing for

infectious diseases, and access to disease care. The project will emphasize serving key demographic areas of need including high school youth, Russian River Area, Black / African American, Multi-Racial, Latinx, emergency rooms, and men with children.

Plans for Remaining \$9.1 Million

Below are proposed plans for the remaining funds in-hand. Items requiring Board approval and appropriations will be brought back in separate Board items.

Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (Bond BHCIP)

Round 1 - Match -\$ 3,800,000.00

These dollars are proposed to serve as part of the match requirement for Bond BHCIP Round 1 award. Multi-year grant award supports construction of 4 separate Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRC) and an adult SUD residential treatment facility on Orenda campus at 1430 Neotomas Drive in Santa Rosa. The new SUD facility will include both withdrawal management and treatment and increase beds from 27 to 40 on site. One of the four MHRC will specialize in serving populations with severe grave disability due to substance use disorder.

**DHS will return to the Board with a formal proposal when appropriate.*

Psychiatrists / Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion - \$2,000,000

These funds are proposed to support the expansion of available MAT options within Psychiatry services at DHS by funding dual certified Psychiatry positions. DHS is in need of increasing MAT capacity and adding psychiatrists with dual certification will support multiple departmental needs. In FY 24/25, 1724 adults received 19,486 medication support services through county and contracted mental health programs, and 84 adults received 189 medication support services through SUD contracted providers. Additionally, 363 adults received 79,981 MAT/Methadone services through SUD contracted providers. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 36.5% of adults with SUD are dual diagnosed with psychiatric disorders, and 50% of adults with SUD will experience a mental health disorder in their lifetime. Within county mental health programs, it is estimated that 70-75% of clients also struggle with SUD. The need for integrated Mental Health and SUD services is increasing within our local population. With the expansion of approved medication options for Medication Assisted Treatment, psychiatry services within Behavioral Health Division programs now include access to these tools for integrated care.

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Muir Wood Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment - \$977,000

There are currently no Drug Medi-Cal youth residential facilities in the entire Bay Area, and the San Francisco facility slated to open soon does not have availability to share treatment beds. DHS will return to the Board to authorize contracting with Muir Wood via single source waiver to meet an urgent network need to treat youth impacted by severe SUD. Sonoma County plans to expand SUD adolescent residential treatment from zero contracted facilities to one by adding a two-year contract with Muir Wood. Muir Wood serves adolescents ages 12-17 and has a capacity of 64 licensed beds in Sonoma County. The program will serve an average of two youth at a time providing comprehensive family therapy, relapse prevention training, weekly meetings with certified recovery counselors, self-help groups, and evidence-based programming including cognitive behavioral therapy, dialectical behavior therapy, skills training, and MAT services when indicated. The program includes psychiatric services, nursing services, and licensed and registered therapeutic treatment providers.

**DHS will return to the Board for contract approval.*

BHCIP Youth Residential Treatment - \$1,500,000

Sonoma County is currently building the second Drug Medi-Cal Certified residential treatment program for adolescents to the Bay Area. This facility will house 8 residential SUD treatment beds, 6 crisis beds, and an additional adolescent SUD outpatient program in Sonoma County. This allocation would support a to-be-identified residential treatment program in this facility that will support adolescents struggling with SUD. This program will increase Sonoma's capacity to provide youth residential treatment from an average of two placements to up to eight placements at a time. Cost estimate is based on a comparable program contracted for San Francisco County and factoring in Drug Medi-Cal revenue. Prior to facility construction completion Sonoma County DHS will issue a competitive RFP to identify and contract with an appropriate treatment provider.

Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Medication Assisted Treatment Discharge Planner - \$450,000

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, through its contracted medical provider, will provide MAT continuation services at the Main Adult Detention Facility for three years. This includes, but is not limited to, providing evidence-informed treatment, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder and any co-occurring SUD/Mental Health conditions who are incarcerated in jail. All services and expenditures will be provided in alignment with the National Opioid Settlement Agreement.

Preliminary Set-Aside for future – To Be Determined – Opioid Settlement Fund Prevention Activities - \$273,000

To be allocated funds for projects identified by DHS focusing on prevention, education, and harm reduction services. DHS will return to the Board to allocate these funds once projects are identified for recommended use.

Prevention - New Hope for Youth - \$100,000

Focus of this program is on at-risk youth and addressing high-risk behaviors providing support for substance use prevention, improving decision making skills, and building long-term wellness. Services are trauma informed and using the Botvin Life Skills Training (LST) curriculum which supports reduction in tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drug use. The program provides meaningful alternatives and wraparound support for youth in at risk settings and involved in Driving Under Influence. The program will strengthen Sonoma County's prevention infrastructure through school, family, and community collaboration.