



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Eight of Utah's community health centers (Carbon Medical Service Association, Inc., Community Health Centers, Inc., Creek Valley Health Clinic, Family Healthcare, Fourth Street Clinic, Mountainlands Family Health Center, Utah Partners for Health and Wayne Community Health Center) are requesting \$1.3 million in opioid settlement funds to continue their OUD treatment programs in rural and underserved communities, which were expanded beginning in 2023 with the support of opioid settlement funds. This level funding would allow 8 health centers operating in 15 counties to continue to provide OUD treatment to uninsured individuals, offer mobile MAT services and support staff salaries for these programs.

Legislative designee contact information:

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Position: Government Affairs Manager

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$1,040,600.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



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Social Services

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$247,400.00
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300,000.00

Funding Sources:

Opioid Litigation Proceeds Restricted Account

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$1,300,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300,000.00



Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Health centers are able to scale projects by increasing or reducing the amount of patients served by any funding received. Health centers are able to develop a cost per patient that would allow them to scale a project. However, these health centers currently receive \$1.3 million in opioid settlement funds, so any reduction in funding could lead to less patients being served compared to prior funding years.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private for Profit

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement



Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

This project aims to continue expanded access to OUD treatment in health center communities supported by prior opioid settlement funds, with a focus on serving uninsured and underinsured patients. Health centers in Utah serve 1 in 3 patients living in poverty and across all health centers, 45% of patients are uninsured. Health centers serve rural, frontier, and low-income communities across the state, and the eight health centers requesting funding serve patients in 15 counties.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The project is intended to address OUD treatment gaps in rural and underserved communities, and provide direct, low-barrier treatment to patients in the communities these eight health centers serve. Currently, the \$1.3 million in opioid settlement funds have allowed these health center organizations across the state significantly expand their OUD treatment programs on average by 30% since funding began in 2023.

How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?

Quarterly reporting to DHHS is required for all entities receiving opioid settlement funds. Success can be measured on whether health centers have met their patient and visit targets based on this reporting. Success could be measured by the number of patients being served with these funds, with a target of 1200 patients per year.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

- 2026 OUD Treatment at CHCs RFA Template-Template.pdf

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees