

Division: HD Director's Office

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Health Department’s Overdose Prevention and Response (OPR) Plan covers the substance use and addiction service continuum to reduce health inequities. The plan was developed in FY 2024 to address overdose deaths, gaps in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services. It will be updated for FY 2027 to integrate ongoing activities, as well as new ones. The plan’s goal is to slow and reduce overdose rates and ultimately end preventable deaths. This is accomplished through preventing exposure to opioids, stimulants, and other illicit substances; reducing harms; and increasing utilization of treatment and recovery services.

This program offer maintains capacity for prevention focused on youth and families, naloxone distribution, and harm reduction technical assistance to integrate strategies across homeless, behavioral health, and addictions systems. Prevention efforts educate and support BIPOC, LGBTQ2SIA+, and other priority youth to prevent drug use and the development of substance use disorders. Behavioral Health and Public Health staff work to expand partnerships with County leadership, multisectoral partners, schools, community and faith-based organizations, and people with lived experience. They provide partners with harm reduction and other technical assistance, educational toolkits, and coordinate culturally specific forums.

Naloxone distribution remains critical to curbing and eventually ending overdose deaths. This program supports a naloxone specialist acting as a central resource for coordinating training and purchasing naloxone. The program distributes lifesaving naloxone through partnerships with the Homeless Services Department and community organizations. Since July 2024, the program has distributed over 56,327 naloxone kits, equating to 112,654 doses, to community partners and County programs.

Equity Statement

The OPR plan and work funded by this program offer prioritizes communities experiencing the highest overdose rates and people unfairly impacted by systemic oppression and exclusion. Activities coordinate around innovation, equity, and dignity to deliver person-centered solutions. In practice, this means meeting people where they are with compassion and cultural humility, and monitoring data to focus implementation on health inequities by race/ethnicity and housing status.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$452,332	\$0	\$629,858	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$150,000	\$0	\$759,374	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$602,332	\$0	\$1,389,232	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$602,332		\$1,389,232	
Program FTE	3.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of substance use prevention and harm reduction education or technical assistance sessions conducted	13	15	20
Number of naloxone kits distributed through County General Fund	3,500	3,750	45,652