

Union County OneOhio
Local Governance Committee



2026

GRANT PROGRAM

**REQUESTS FOR
PROPOSALS**

2026 County Grant Cycle

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RFP Snapshot Overview

Key Dates	
RFP Release	2/9/2026
Application Due Date	4/3/2026

Snapshot Overview	
Grant Title	Union County OneOhio 2026 County Grants
Description	The Union County OneOhio (UCOO) second round of grants will be awarded to eligible organizations that apply and are selected for funding. To be considered for funding, applicants must demonstrate the program or services intended for funding align with Approved Purposes.
Eligibility	To be eligible for UCOO funding, organizations must be in good standing and meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any non-profit organization; or • Private, for-profit organizations offering services that meet the purpose of this RFP; or • Any form of state or local government
Total Available Funding	Awards in this cycle will total no more than \$200,000.00
Award Ceiling	No
Length of Projects	Through December 31, 2027 (extensions will be approved on a case by case basis.)
Match Required	No
Technical Assistance Contact	To ensure timely and appropriate response to all inquiries, please send questions in writing to UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov . All questions must be submitted by 4:30 pm on 4/1/2026. All responses will be posted at https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/departments/Commissioners/UnionCountyOneOhioLocalGovernanceCommittee

RFP Full Detail

NATIONWIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

Several nationwide settlements have been reached with companies to resolve their liabilities in thousands of lawsuits across the country associated with their role in fueling the opioid epidemic. Participating states, cities and counties were required to surrender any individual suits they were pursuing to join the nationwide settlements. Defendant companies have executed national opioid settlements totaling more than \$46 billion nationwide. These national settlements include several major opioids manufacturers, distributors, retailers and consultants such as McKinsey and Associates, Mallinckrodt PLC, Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Amerisource-Bergen, Cardinal Health, Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

OHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation was created under leadership of state and local leaders to distribute 55 percent of Ohio's share of settlement payments from manufacturers, distributors, and retailers as a consequence of their role in the national opioid epidemic.

In 2020, Ohio's state and local leaders announced the OneOhio Plan, which was established guidelines for state and local governments to engage in settlement negotiations. Through the OneOhio MOU, the plan provided a mechanism to distribute opioid litigation settlement funds, minus legal expenses incurred, as follows:

- 55% will be set aside for the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to develop and oversee the funding of short-term and long-term planning and supports that local communities need to continue to address this crisis;
- 30% of the funding will go directly to townships, villages, cities, and counties in Ohio to support community recovery and address the immediate needs of residents. These direct payments are separate and distinct from those managed by the Foundation; and
- 15% will go directly to the State of Ohio for abatement purposes.

Settlement payments will be made using this allocation formula to Ohio governments and the Foundation. Payment amounts and timelines to distribute funds vary by settlement, with current pay out schedules ranging from six to 18 years. Additionally, most current settlements frontload payments in initial payment years.

This RFP process was created to distribute Union County's portion of the Opioid Settlement funding.

RFP Overview

UCOO was created at the direction of OneOhio to distribute county funds received from the pharmaceutical industry as consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. UCOO will work with organizations serving Union County to support their substance misuse prevention, treatment, recovery, and other abatement efforts.

The UCOO is managed by a local governance committee composed of one County Commissioner, the County Sheriff, President of County Township Association, Director of the Union County Mental Health and Recovery Board, and the City Manager of Marysville (as it is the largest municipality).

For the 2026 County Grant Cycle, applications will be reviewed and recommended for funding in accordance with the Approved Purposes.

All applicants must apply using the UCOO Grant guidelines. Collaborative grants are encouraged; however, a lead organization must be identified.

Successful grants will promote the health and safety of Union County by implementing evidence-based forward-looking strategies. All projects funded in this cycle will be funded through December 31st, 2027. Funding proposals cannot be used to supplant existing programs or services. Successful proposals will support new or expanded programs or enhancements to existing programs.

Eligibility, Funding and Approved Purposes

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

The 2026 County Grant Cycle is available to a wide array of organizations serving Union County. To be eligible for UCOO funding, organizations must be in good standing and meet the following criteria:

- Any non-profit organization; or
- Private, for-profit organizations offering services that meet the purpose of this RFP; or
- Any form of state or local government.

If relevant, applicants must show documentation of their organization's license, certification and/or accreditation. If the organization is not licensed, certified and/or accredited, applicants must provide an explanation as to why you aren't licensed, certified and/or accredited.

The UCOO Local Governance Committee will review each application to determine whether the application includes all required information and documentation. This includes a review of each application to verify the organization's tax status against IRS publication 78, a review with the Ohio Attorney General's Office for non-profit eligibility, and a review with the Ohio Secretary of State to ensure each organization is registered and in good standing to do business in Ohio. Applicants must have a verifiable and active Employer Identification Number (EIN). Applicants that do not meet all requirements specified above will be disqualified, and their applications will not be considered for funding.

Please contact UCOO at UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov if you have questions regarding eligibility.

APPROVED PURPOSES OF THE FUNDS

The UCOO includes a definition of Approved Purposes that guide the allowable programs and services to be funded. Approved Purpose(s) shall mean evidence-based forward-looking strategies, programming and services used to (i) expand the availability of treatment for individuals affected by substance disorders, (ii) develop, promote and provide evidence-based substance use prevention strategies, (iii) provide substance use avoidance and awareness education (iv) decrease the oversupply of licit and illicit opioids, and/or (v) support recovery from addiction services performed by qualified and appropriately licensed providers.

2026 COUNTY FUNDING PRIORITIES

To support a tailored county-level response, each region has selected, UCOO has identified funding priorities for this funding cycle. Descriptions for each funding priorities, along with points available during the grant review process are included below:

1. **Recovery Supports:** Supporting individuals sustaining recovery, building recovery capital, and removing barriers to a life of recovery. (10 pts. An extra 10 pts will be given to projects that create or expand supportive employment or peer support programs.)
2. **Treatment & Healthcare Services:** Expanding the availability and quality of treatment and healthcare services for the care of substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. (9 points)
3. **Intervention & Crisis Support:** Delivering programs and services that support identification, intervention and crisis support in any setting of care. (8 points)
4. **Criminal Legal System:** Addressing the needs of those involved in the criminal legal system at all stages of the process. (7 points)
5. **Prevention:** Supporting strategies to prevent all levels of substance use, including a range of services for individuals, families, communities, and society at large. (6 points)
6. **Harm Reduction:** Supporting health interventions to reduce the negative impact of behavior associated with substance use, both in individuals and the community level. (5 points)
7. **Services for Impacted Children & Families:** Helping families and children impacted by the opioid epidemic heal through easier navigation of system resources and improved access to grief and trauma supports. (4 points)
8. **Public Safety & First Responders:** Supporting the collaborative efforts of first responders and law enforcement officials. (3 points)
9. **Workforce Development:** Supporting efforts to recruit and train Ohio's behavioral health workforce. (2 points)
10. **Infrastructure:** Supporting infrastructure projects, including building construction or renovation, technology infrastructure upgrades, and vehicle fleet enhancements. (1 point)
11. **Other:** We understand that some funding requests may not fit neatly withing the 10 funding priority categories. As such, the 2026 County Grant Cycle application will include an "other" category where organizations are encouraged to present new, innovative programming ideas for consideration. While not eligible for priority points, these projects may still be funded at the committees discretion.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

Applications received by the 4/3/2026 at 8:00 a.m., deadline will be considered for funding. Programs or services supported by grant funds may begin once a grant agreement has been executed between the county and the recipient. The UCOO may also hold applications for further consideration beyond the expected announcement date.

For the 2026 Grant Cycle, there are no minimum or maximum request amount limitations – a maximum amount should be considered based on available funds. However, the total grants awarded must be within the total funding budget allocation to the UCOO.

Funding agreements will be through December 31, 2027. Payment terms will be agreed upon with each recipient in the grant agreement, however, most agreements will include upfront, and then biannual payments that are aligned with the recipient reporting requirements. Grants that do not align with this format will be awarded on a case-by-case basis and details will be included in the recipients' grant agreement.

Although a single institution or organization must be the lead applicant, multi-organization partnerships are allowable. Fiscal sponsors are allowable and must be disclosed during submission.

All UCOO funds shall be utilized in a manner consistent with the Approved Purposes definition above.

Direct, Indirect, Administrative Costs and Supplanting

Applications may be declined if the application does not demonstrate financial viability or if the application exceeds the following funding limitations:

- Costs must be for new or expanded programs and services. Applicants cannot use funds to replace, divert, or supplant current funds for past or present expenditures. The applicant may use funds in the event a state or federal grant has ended or is near completion.
- Costs directly attributed to the delivery of the proposed abatement strategy are referred to as a Direct Costs and are allowable. Direct costs are those additional costs that are needed to implement the program and would cease to exist if the program ended. Direct costs must be itemized in accordance with the requirements of the budget proposal.
- Grantees may use up to 10% of their grant to cover new or expanded administrative costs associated with implementing their proposal. Administrative costs include both direct and indirect support.

Unallowable Costs

Applications may be declined if it includes any of the following exclusions below:

- Funds cannot be used for non-abatement strategies;

- Funds cannot be used for recipient staff benefit items – i.e. gift cards, rebates, travel points (Note: incentives for program recipients is allowable);
- Costs incurred prior to the grant award date;
- Costs for alcoholic beverages and marijuana;
- Costs for fundraising events;
- Costs for lobbying or political campaign contributions;
- Legal costs or opioids litigation expenses;
- Costs for non-FDA approved medications for the treatment of substance use disorders;
- Costs for sub-grants/sub-awards will be reviewed on case-by-case basis; and
- Costs for activities that may be prohibited by state or federal law.

Application Overview

SUBMISSION PROCESS

To be considered for UCOO 2026 Grant, applications must be completed and submitted electronically through UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov. The submitted application is not commitment for funds, nor does it obligate the UCOO to grant or lend any form of financial assistance.

The application will be available and open for submission on 2/9/2026.

Please note that this is a competitive grant process and UCOOs ability to provide direct guidance is limited. Please send all inquiries in writing to UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov. Applicants are encouraged to read through the entire application before beginning the proposal submission process.

For technical assistance, please send questions in writing to UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov. All questions must be submitted by 4:30 pm on 4/1/2026. All responses will be posted at: <https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/departments/Commissioners/UnionCountyOneOhioLocalGovernanceCommittee>

Applications must be received on or before 8:00 am on 4/3/2026. Late applications will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that its application is received on or before the due date and time.

GRANT REVIEW

The UCOO Local Governance Committee will review each qualifying application and make recommendations for funding. Only individuals on the UCOO Local Governance Committee will have access to the full details of a grant application to protect applicant trade and business secrets, and to maintain the integrity of the grant process.

Applications will be assessed based on the soundness of the applicant's approach and the applicant's understanding of the requirements. Experience/qualifications will be assessed by considering the extent to which the qualifications and experience are likely to foster successful, on-time performance.

Details on the proposal scoring rubric to be used in the 2026 County Grant Cycle will be provided. The scoring rubric(s) will be used to evaluate the funding applications submitted for consideration. UCOO will use rubric scores to guide final funding deliberations.

SCORING RUBRIC

The UCOO will review each proposal using the following scoring rubric This rubric is a tool to guide the local review discussion. Scores alone do not determine funding decisions. For this reason, scores will not be shared outside of the review process.

Scoring Topic	Scoring Question	Points
Clear Alignment to an Abatement Strategy Prioritized within the 2026 Union County RFP.	Does this project align with an abatement strategy prioritized within the 2026 Union County RFP? (0-10 points) Does the project involve building or expanding programs in supportive employment or peer support services? (10 points)	0-20 points
Organizational Experience	To what extent does the grant application demonstrate the applicant’s relevant experience, capacity, and qualifications to achieve its stated goals?	0-10 points
Project Proposal	How effectively does the application outline clear objectives, strategies, and outcomes, demonstrating a comprehensive and feasible plan for achieving its stated goals?	0-10 points
Budget	How well does the budget align with the proposed activities and goals of the project, demonstrating efficient resource allocation, leverage, and financial feasibility?	0-10 points
Documented Need	Does the application clearly articulate and provide compelling evidence for the documented need for the project(s)/service(s) to be funded, and does it propose feasible solutions to address this need?	0-10 points
Sustainability	To what extent does the application demonstrate a clear and feasible plan for project/service sustainability beyond the grant period?	0-10 points
Impact	To what extent does the application demonstrate impact within Union County?	0-10 points

Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All recipients will be required to submit at least one program report and at least one financial report indicating all grant expenditures. All reporting requirements and deadlines will be clearly stated in the grant agreement between the recipient and UCOO. Acceptance of funds indicates agreement to the terms of reporting. UCOO reserves the right to request supplementary information, in-person site visits, and/or virtual meetings, if necessary, in addition to the grant agreement reporting to effectively report outcomes to the public. UCOO also reserves the right to end relationships with grant recipients who do not need reporting requirements.

Other Guidance

The applicant accepts full responsibility for all costs incurred in the preparation, submission, and other activities undertaken by the application associated with the proposal.

Applicants must certify their capacity to fulfill and/or provide the project described in this application.

Applications submitted prior to the date 4/3/2026 may be withdrawn only by the applicant. The applicant may withdraw the proposal by contacting UCOneOhio@unioncountyohio.gov.

UCOO reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals; to advertise new proposals, to arrange to perform the services herein, to abandon the need for such services, and to cancel this request for proposals if it is in the best interest of UCOO sole discretion.

Applicants are advised that after grants are awarded, information contained in the grant applications may be subject to the Public Records Act and viewed and/or copied by any members of the public, including news agencies and competitors. Applicants who believe that the information submitted in their grant application contains a trade or business secret must disclose this in their grant application and make a request that the information be treated as confidential.

UCOO reserves the right to make determinations of confidentiality. If the applicant designates aspects of the application confidential and UCOO instead believes that the information is subject to the Public Records Law, UCOO staff will discuss its determination with the applicant.

- End of RFP -

FUNDING PRIORITIES

OVERVIEW

This document outlines the Approved Purposes and Ohio Abatement Strategies that guide the programs and services to be funded with Ohio’s opioid settlement dollars. In accordance with these guidelines, the UCOO is committed to ensuring all funding awards support programs and services that prevent, treat or support recovery from addiction, including opioids and/or other co-occurring substance use and/or mental health conditions.

UCOO Funding Priorities

1. RECOVERY SUPPORTS

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting programs and services directed toward individuals sustaining recovery, building recovery capital and removing barriers to a life of recovery. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Recovery Supports
- Childcare
- Peer-Run Recovery Organization
- Recovery Friendly Workplace
- Recovery-Oriented System of Care Implementation
- Supportive Employment
- Youth & Young Adult Recovery Support
- Alternative Peer Group
- Crisis Intervention
- Peer Support
- Recovery High School
- Relapse Prevention
- Technical Assistance
- Other Recovery Supports
- Child & Family Supports
- Mother-Centered Recovery Supports
- Recovery Community Organization
- Recovery Housing
- Sober Event(s)
- Transportation

2. TREATMENT & HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on expanding the availability and quality of treatment and healthcare services for the care of substance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Treatment & Healthcare Services
- Faith-Based
- Family-Centered Treatment
- Opioid Treatment Program
- Training
- Alternatives to Opioids
- Integrated Care
- Mother-Centered Treatment
- Provider Locator
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Culturally Competent Care
- Linkages to Care
- Medication-Assisted Treatment
- Training
- Other Treatment and Healthcare Services

3. INTERVENTION & CRISIS SUPPORT

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on delivering programs and services that support identification, intervention and crisis support in any setting of care. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Access to Services
- Crisis Services
- Navigators
- School-Based Services
- Addressing Disparities in Intervention & Crisis Support
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Professionals Health Program
- Screening
- Community-Based Interventions
- Hospital/Emergency Dept. Services
- Respite & Other Caregiver Support
- Other Intervention & Crisis Support

4. CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting programs and services that address the needs of those involved in the criminal legal system at all stages of the process. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in the Criminal Legal System
- Pre-Trial Services
- Other Criminal Legal System Programs and Services
- Critical Time Interventions
- Pre-Entry Services
- Pre-Arrest Diversion/Deflection Programs & Services
- Specialty Docket Support

5. PREVENTION

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting strategies to prevent all levels of substance use and includes a range of services for individuals, families, communities and society at large. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Prevention
- Community Coalition Development
- School Survey(s)
- Other Prevention Programs & Services
- Adverse Childhood Experiences Programming & Services
- Community Outreach & Engagement
- School Based Programs & Services
- Community-Based Programs & Services
- Environmental Scan
- School Counseling

6. HARM REDUCTION

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting public health interventions to reduce the negative impact of behavior associated with substance use, both in individuals and at the community level. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Harm Reduction
- Heat Mapping
- Overdosing Reversal Medications
- Training
- Comprehensive Harm Reduction Services
- Infectious Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Predictive Analytics
- Other Harm Reduction Programs & Services
- Mobile Unit(s) Availability
- Syringe Access

7. SERVICES FOR IMPACTED CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting programs and services to help families and children impacted by the opioid epidemic heal through easier navigation of system resources and improved access to grief and trauma supports. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Services for Impacted Children & Families
- Home-Based Care
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Children’s Services
- Kinship Care
- Other Services for Impacted Children & Families
- Grief Support
- Multi-System Youth Services

8. PUBLIC SAFETY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on delivering programs and services to support the collaborative efforts of first responders and law enforcement officials. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Public Safety and First Responder Services
- Interdiction Efforts
- Public Safety Enhancements
- Other Public Safety & First Responder Services
- Drug Disposal
- Law Enforcement
- Training
- First Responder Supports
- Prescription Drug Take-Back Programs
- Resiliency Training

9. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting efforts to recruit and train Ohio’s behavioral health workforce. Examples may include, but are limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Workforce Development
- Healthcare provider Training
- Continuing Education
- Loan Forgiveness
- Other Workforce Development Programs
- Fellowships
- Scholarships

10. INFRASTRUCTURE

Grant requests in this funding priority area should focus on supporting infrastructure projects, including building construction or renovation, technology infrastructure upgrades, and fleet enhancements. Examples may include:

- Building Purchases
- Vehicle Purchases
- Building Renovations
- Other Infrastructure Requests
- Technology Adoption/Improvement

OTHER FUNDING REQUESTS

We understand that some funding requests may not fit neatly within the 10 funding priority categories. As such, the 2026 Regional Grant Cycle application will include an “other” category where organizations are encourage to present new, innovative programming ideas for consideration. Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing Disparities in Other Program or Service Areas
- Regional Planning
- Use of Technology
- Capacity Building
- Research & Data Collection
- Program Evaluation
- Stigma Reduction & Education