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December 5, 2025

The Honorable Delbert Hosemann  
Lieutenant Governor  
Capitol Room 317  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

The Honorable Jason White  
Speaker of the House  
Capitol Room 302  
Jackson, Mississippi 39202

Dear Lt. Governor Hosemann, Speaker White, and members of the Legislature,

On behalf of the Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council, please find attached the list of recommended grant recipients, which, pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2767 (2025 Regular Legislative Session), includes all qualified applicants. Upon evaluation of the applications, the Council assigned them to five tiers, with those in Tier One representing the highest level of recommendation. The Council also includes here for your consideration several worthy nonabatement projects.

A total of 127 applications were received, totaling \$195,595,047.00. The Fund currently includes \$105,209,054.67. Of that amount \$90,345,277.12 are Abatement Settlement Funds, as defined by Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(1)(c) and **must** be used to satisfy the abatement strategies in the settlement agreements. The remaining \$14,863,777.55 are Nonabatement Settlement Funds, as defined by Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(1)(d), and **may** be used to further those strategies.

The Council carefully balanced the various interests of the State, including appropriate stewardship of public dollars, compliance with the terms of the opioid settlement agreements, and strategic use of the settlement funds to assist the State in addressing the serious health and safety issues created by the opioid epidemic. Applicants included state and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and corporate entities throughout the State.

Pursuant to the Rules published by the Council, all applicants that ultimately are funded by the Legislature will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that includes specific quarterly reporting requirements and other appropriate terms. These MOUs will ensure that the funds are used as intended and that the data required to be reported to the Legislature each year is obtained.

The law does not prohibit the use of funds for capital expenditures by private entities, and there were many worthy projects that included such expenses. The MOUs will be vital in ensuring that important priorities like the sustainability and public use of the projects are satisfied, and the Legislature is encouraged to include language in any appropriations legislation reiterating the need for such funding to be consistent with the use of public funds.

We note the statute does not require that all current funds be expended this year. Pursuant to §27-103-305(5), any funds not expended at the end of the fiscal year do not lapse to the General Fund and will earn interest that grows the balance of the Fund.

In the eight months since S.B. 2767's signature into law, the members of the Council drafted and published administrative rules, its annual list of priorities, a request for grant applications, an application form, a template MOU, and a budget template.<sup>1</sup> As we prepare for the second round of applications, the Council will be reviewing its process and may determine the need to utilize services to assist in evaluation of applications, tracking of public funds, and others to ensure that the Legislature's priorities for accountability, transparency, and public involvement are fulfilled.

While the compressed timeframe of this first year was challenging, the 37 members of the Council accomplished all their tasks, driven by a commitment to ensuring the funds could be distributed as soon as possible and begin the important work of addressing opioid-related prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts. We encourage the Legislature to make the necessary appropriations as early as practicable in the 2026 Regular Legislative Session.

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<sup>1</sup> All of these resources, as well as meeting minutes can be found at <https://attorneygenerallynnfitch.com/opioid-settlement-fund-advisory-council/>.

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Should the Legislature have any questions about the work of the Council or the attached priorities, please feel free to contact us. We appreciate this opportunity to make a positive difference for the State of Mississippi, particularly those families and communities most impacted by the opioid epidemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynn Fitch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" and last name "Fitch" clearly distinguishable.

Lynn Fitch  
Attorney General  
Chairman, Opioid Settlement Fund  
Advisory Council

cc: The Honorable Briggs Hopson, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable John Read, Chairman, House Appropriations A Committee  
The Honorable Hob Bryan, Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare  
Committee  
The Honorable Sam Creekmore, Chairman, House Public Health and Welfare  
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The Honorable Brice Wiggins, Chairman, Senate Judiciary A Committee  
The Honorable Joey Hood, Chairman, House Judiciary A Committee  
Members of the Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council

Enclosure



**2025-2026**

**Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council  
Recommendations to the Legislature**

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## **Tier One**

These projects represent the Council's highest level of recommendations.

### **Access Family Health Services**

**Amount Requested:** \$289,963.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand the availability of treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD), support evidence-based services, provide counseling and peer-support to people with OUD, and engage nonprofits, faith-based communities, and family members to support people in treatment and recovery.

**Geographic Area:** Northeast Mississippi (Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, and Pontotoc Counties)

### **Amite County Medical Services**

**Amount Requested:** \$222,198.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to reduce the risk of opioid misuse in Amite and Pike counties by expanding access to integrated mental health services, identifying at-risk individuals early, and strengthening care coordination.

**Geographic Area:** Amite and Pike Counties

### **Chase Project – 1 of 2**

**Amount Requested:** \$400,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to purchase its residential treatment properties free and clear, renovate housing units for safety, compliance, and comfort, renovate its tiny homes for mothers with children, implement quality assurance and data collection systems, and secure a long-term expansion to the property.

**Geographic Area:** Pontotoc County/North Central Mississippi

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that this grant be funded on the condition that the recipient serve indigent populations.

### **Communicare – 1 of 2**

**Amount Requested:** \$5,816,285.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to create a substance use residential and crisis residential program for adolescents in Mississippi, starting with the purchase of a psychiatric facility where both a co-ed adolescent substance use treatment facility, and an adolescent crisis stabilization unit can be housed.

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that the Legislature consider that this applicant's project may also be eligible for funding from the Rural Health Transformation program under Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21.

**Geographic Area:** Panola County

Delta Health Center

**Amount Requested:** \$67,517.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to implement a comprehensive Opioid Harm Reduction Program designed to prevent opioid-related deaths in six impoverished counties in the Mississippi Delta through public and patient education, distribution of fentanyl, and xylazine test strips, and opioid education and Naloxone distribution for the friends and family members of opioid drug users.

**Geographic Area:** Bolivar, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties

Exodus Project

**Amount:** \$49,867.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand access to evidence-based residential treatment for justice-involved individuals, build and sustain partnerships with residential rehabilitation facilities, support long-term recovery and reduce recidivism, and educate and support recovery through the Exodus Project Intervention Course (EPIC).

**Geographic Area:** Pearl River County

HarborPath – 1 of 2 (Campus Naloxone Distribution)

**Amount Requested:** \$1,231,335.29

**Description:** This project seeks funding to prevent fatal opioid overdoses on Mississippi college campuses and to increase awareness of Naloxone and its accessibility on college campuses.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Hope Village

**Amount Requested:** \$168,438.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for a first-of-its-kind residential treatment program for youth in foster care who have both a behavioral health diagnosis and a substance use disorder diagnosis, and which accepts Medicaid as a form of payment to treat these issues.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide (Facility Located in Meridian)

Jackson Medical Mall Foundation

**Amount Requested:** \$290,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand Naloxone access, strengthen overdose prevention, and launch a pilot Outpatient Detox Facility within the Jackson Medical Mall.

**Geographic Area:** Jackson Metro Area

Mission Vigilant

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to provide private, confidential, certified counseling to Mississippi veterans, first responders, and their family members struggling with opioid addiction.

**Geographic Area:** Flowood, Jackson, Oxford, Tupelo, Brandon, Ridgeland, Canton, Southaven, and Starkville

Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts

**Amount Requested:** \$61,325,000.00

**Amount Recommended:** \$12,000,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to provide material assistance to all Youth and Intervention Courts statewide for treating substance abuse; rehabilitating individuals into more productive citizens and/or parents, enabling them to gain employment, and fostering lives free of drugs and crime through targeted settlement-funded interventions.

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends funding this grant application in the amount of \$12,000,000.00 and requiring funds to be used for the direct treatment of participants in the drug court program, the adoption of evidence-based treatment protocols, and the training of staff in those protocols.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Mississippi Department of Mental Health – 1 of 3 (Additional Male Substance Use Disorder Treatment Beds for Civil Commitments)

**Amount Requested:** \$996,600.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to increase capacity for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment by adding 15 additional beds at East Mississippi State Hospital (EMSH) in Meridian.

**Geographic Area:** Meridian/East Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Mental Health – 2 of 3 (Supported Housing for Families in Recovery)

**Amount Requested:** \$1,679,895.00

**Description:** The Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) seeks funding for a partnership with Open Doors Homeless Coalition to establish a supported housing voucher program for adults leaving residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and/or SUD civil commitment who do not have safe, stable housing.

**Geographic Area:** Mississippi Gulf Coast

Mississippi Department of Mental Health – 3 of 3 (Comprehensive Needs Assessment)

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to partner with Mississippi State University on a statewide Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Mississippi continues to experience high rates of opioid-related deaths and significant treatment demands across all regions. However, the State does not currently have a unified, evidence-based assessment of prevention, treatment, and recovery needs. This project will address that gap by collecting and analyzing statewide data, engaging stakeholders, and producing actionable recommendations.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Mississippi Public Health Institute – 1 of 3 (Specialized Peer Support Training for Perinatal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)

**Amount Requested:** \$204,171.64

**Description:** This project seeks funding to create a sustainable, trained peer support workforce capable of addressing the unique needs of pregnant and postpartum women affected by opioids and mental health disorders. Objectives include partnering with Postpartum Support International to provide training for peer support specialists in perinatal mental health support and partnering with the Opioid Response Network to train 100 peer support specialists in perinatal substance use disorder (SUD).

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

North Mississippi Health Services

**Amount Requested:** \$4,985,700.01

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand local access to opioid-related care in high-need counties, deliver comprehensive treatment to uninsured and underinsured

individuals, and support family stabilization through the Lee County Family Addiction Court. This project will serve approximately 1,400 individuals at high risk for opioid misuse, overdose, or untreated opioid use disorder across 20 counties in the North Mississippi Health Services region.

**Geographic Area:** North Mississippi (20 counties)

Oceans Healthcare

**Amount Requested:** \$4,112,147.00

**Amount Recommended:** \$2,056,073.50

**Description:** This project seeks funding to improve maternal mental health and reduce opioid-related morbidity and mortality among pregnant and postpartum women by delivering an integrated Perinatal Behavioral Health + Opioid Use Disorder model with medications for opioid use disorder (OUD), OB-linked bridge access, transportation, and harm reduction.

**Geographic Area:** Lee County and all contiguous counties (Hub One); Harrison County and all contiguous counties (Hub Two); Hinds County and all contiguous counties (Hub Three)

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends funding this grant application in the amount of \$2,056,073.50.

Oxford House

**Amount Requested:** \$67,974.13

**Description:** This project seeks funding for Oxford House (OH) to hire two (2) full-time Outreach Workers to expand and strengthen the network of Oxford Houses in the State. Over the 12-month grant period, OH will establish or reestablish four (4) to six (6) Oxford Houses, creating 24–48 recovery beds.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Pine Belt Mental Healthcare

**Amount Requested:** \$2,694,940.42

**Description:** This project seeks funding to provide substance use disorder treatment, residential services, medication-assisted treatment, psychiatric services, and peer support services to an estimated 504 individuals.

**Geographic Area:** 18 counties in South Mississippi/the “Pine Belt” Region

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that funding for this grant application be conditioned upon use to increase capacity for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

South Central Regional Medical Center

**Amount Requested:** \$1,550,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to create modern, trauma-informed, and accessible facilities in order to admit more patients, provide a safer and more dignified environment for individuals and their families, and strengthen the continuum of care across Mississippi.

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends funding this grant recipient only with an accompanying commitment by the Center to keep the beds created under the project as inpatient behavioral health beds for a period of at least 10 years.

**Geographic Area:** South Central Mississippi

University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)

**Amount Requested:** \$10,000,000.00

**Amount Recommended:** \$5,000,000.00

**Description:** Through the establishment of the CARE program, UMMC seeks funding to serve the citizens of Mississippi through focused clinical, education, and research efforts aimed at improving prevention, treatment, and of outcomes associated opioid use disorders.

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends funding this grant application in the amount of \$5,000,000.00.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

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## **Tier Two**

### **ARCare dba MSCare**

**Amount Requested:** \$1,004,473.99

**Description:** This project seeks funding to deliver innovative, evidence-based addiction treatment, expand the addiction medicine workforce through clinical training, and mentorship, strengthen recovery support services through peer-led engagement, and enhance access to addiction medicine expertise across a regional service area.

**Geographic Area:** Lafayette, Lee, Pontotoc, and Union Counties

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that the Legislature consider that this applicant's project may be eligible for funding from the Rural Health Transformation program under Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21.

### **Brain Injury Association of Mississippi (PeerPower Mississippi)**

**Amount Requested:** \$140,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to develop a trained peer support specialist network (PeerPower Mississippi) through the recruitment and certification of 10-15 specialists, deliver targeted opioid education, and expand access to referral networks.

**Geographic Area:** Harrison, Forrest, Jackson, Hancock, DeSoto (Surrounding counties)

### **Canopy Children's Solutions**

**Amount Requested:** \$2,038,960.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to develop an Integrated Data and Analytics System designed not simply to store information, but to transform how data drives prevention, treatment, and coordination across Mississippi's child and family-serving systems. This modernized data system will unify currently siloed records from across Canopy's continuum of care, enabling timely identification of children and families directly impacted by opioid use, those experiencing dual diagnoses, and those destabilized by caregiver substance use disorder (SUD).

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that the Legislature consider that this applicant's project may be eligible for funding from the Rural Health Transformation program under Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21.

### **Chase Project – 2 of 2**

**Amount Requested:** \$400,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for the Chase House of Restoration sober living and recovery housing expansion which will provide a safe, structured, and sober environment for adults to participate in early recovery and community-oriented services to maintain long-term sobriety with permanent housing to become self-sufficient and productive members of their community.

**Geographic Area:** Pontotoc County/North Central Mississippi

City of Jackson

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement to address substance use disorder, reduce overdoses, increase youth engagement, and strengthen community collaboration.

**Geographic Area:** City of Jackson

Communicare – 2 of 2

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000,000.00

**Amount Recommended:** \$300,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand Haven House's treatment capacity, hire an Opioid Outreach Certified Peer Support Specialist, purchase updated evidence-based practice resources, provide continuing education, and replace an HVAC system.

**Geographic Area:** Calhoun, Marshall, Panola, Tate, and Yalobusha Counties

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that this grant application be funded in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Community Housing Development Association and River City Rescue Mission

**Amount Requested:** \$116,667.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for a Recovery Re-entry Academy to serve adult men completing residential addiction treatment at River City Rescue Mission and preparing to re-enter the community by equipping them with practical life skills.

**Geographic Area:** Warren County

CompuRecycling Center

**Amount Requested:** \$160,532.68

**Description:** This project seeks funding to implement a youth-driven, adult-supported, and

place-based solution to counteract the opioid crisis that disproportionately affects communities in the Delta.

**Geographic Area:** the Delta

Discipleship33 Ministries

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to address the intertwined challenges of homelessness, lack of outpatient treatment, and opioid misuse by providing supportive housing and structured counseling services for individuals in recovery.

**Geographic Area:** Harrison and Jackson Counties

End It for Good

**Amount Requested:** \$209,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to offer evidence-based family and community support services throughout the state, including both skills training and facilitated regular meetings of peer support groups.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds, Rankin, Madison, Harrison, Jackson, and Hancock Counties

Harrison County Board of Supervisors

**Amount:** \$1,900,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to establish and support a centralized, trauma-informed Diversion Center that will provide immediate triage, assessment, psychiatric treatment, and service planning as an alternative to jails and emergency rooms.

**Geographic Area:** Harrison County (Surrounding Area)

Hazel Health

**Amount Requested:** \$750,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to address the opioid crisis among youth in Mississippi schools by addressing the precursors to opioid use and abuse, with the intention of remediating the harmful effects of the opioid crisis.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide, with emphasis on the Coast, the Delta, and the Jackson Metro Area

HealthCare On the Go

**Amount Requested:** \$1,637,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand residential treatment capacity, provide long-term root cause intervention, re-establish a partnership with the Mississippi Department of Corrections, sustain long-term recovery relationships to reduce overdose deaths, and create a replicable, evidence-based statewide model for lifelong recovery that reduces recidivism.

**Geographic Area:** 19 counties in the McComb and Meridian areas

Hinds Behavioral Health Region 9

**Amount Requested:** \$217,530.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand Hinds Behavioral Health Services' medication assisted treatment (MAT) program with a centralized, specialized, and fully trained multidisciplinary team to address gaps in service.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds County

Hinds County Board of Supervisors/Hinds County Public Defenders' Office

**Amount Requested:** \$196,755.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand the Client Advocate Program (CAP), which embeds non-attorney advocates within the public defender's office to serve individuals impacted by the opioid crisis.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds County

Life Help (Region 6 Community Mental Health Clinic)

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand prevention, treatment, and intervention services across sixteen Delta counties, focusing on prevention services for children and adolescents, Naloxone distribution for adults, overdose assessment and referral in collaboration with local emergency departments, expanded substance use disorder peer and clinical services, residential treatment, and the deployment of trained interventionists to improve outreach and linkage to care.

**Geographic Area:** the Delta

Mercy House

**Amount Requested:** \$3,360,735.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to remodel and expand its recently purchased residential recovery campus, the “Sacred Grove” Women’s Recovery Campus & Family Restoration Initiative, in Learned, Mississippi, that will serve women and women with children impacted by opioid use disorder from the entire State.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide (Facility Located in Hinds County)

Mercy Housing and Human Development

**Amount Requested:** \$350,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to provide sponsorships for people to attend recovery centers, along with post-treatment support—such as transportation, clothing, hygiene supplies, education, and connections to community-based services.

**Geographic Area:** Harrison County

Mississippi Department of Corrections

**Amount Requested:** \$4,731,200.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to provide a comprehensive medication assisted treatment (MAT) program for opioid use disorder within the Mississippi Department of Corrections, provide re-entry services with a focus on community treatment engagement, and provide community benefit with a reduction in collateral costs.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide, with emphasis on state-run facilities in Sunflower, Rankin, Greene, Leflore, Marshall, and Leake Counties

Mississippi Hospital Association

**Amount Requested:** \$4,561,000.00

**Amount Recommended:** \$2,345,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to train emergency department (ED) personnel to identify and refer patients in crisis related to opioid misuse to appropriate treatment and community resources. The program would also leverage IntelliTrue, Mississippi’s statewide health information exchange, to deliver real-time alerts when high-risk patients present in the ED and employ its care coordination tools to strengthen continuity of care and reduce avoidable ED visits.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that this grant application be funded in the amount of \$2,345,000.00. The Council also recommends that the Legislature consider that this applicant’s project may be eligible for funding from the Rural Health Transformation program under Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21.

Mississippi Public Health Institute – 3 of 3 (PROPEL MS)

**Amount Requested:** \$49,952.44

**Description:** The project seeks funding to provide a statewide, evidence-based education initiative to strengthen the capacity of healthcare and behavioral health professionals in addressing opioid use disorder (OUD). This program, PROPEL MS (Providers Responding to Opioids through Professional Education & Learning), will address all of these issues and better equip healthcare and behavioral healthcare providers throughout the State to appropriately identify and treat OUD in Mississippi.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Mississippi State Department of Health

**Amount Requested:** \$5,008,510.34

**Description:** The project seeks funding for the Department of Health's Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Program, to decrease opioid overdoses in Mississippi by leveraging multi-sector partnerships with local law enforcement, judicial systems, community mental health centers, community-based public health organizations, and emergency departments in surveillance, prevention, and treatment services.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Mississippi State University – 1 of 2 (Psychology and Behavioral Health Department)

**Amount Requested:** \$759,082.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for training on how to use opioid overdose reversal medications, treatment for those with problematic opioid or gateway substance use, and teaching the public about the dangers of opioid and gateway substance use.

**Geographic Area:** In-person in Starkville, telehealth Statewide

Mississippi State University – 2 of 2 (MASEP)

**Amount Requested:** \$496,645.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to revise the Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program (MASEP) curriculum and accompanying assessment to capture more detailed substance use patterns, including illicit opioid use, and to add mental health screening tools.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Pathway Healthcare

**Amount Requested:** \$5,726,569.24

**Description:** This project seeks funding to increase access to care by placing Pathway representatives in hospitals, expand intensive outpatient programming as a structured recovery option, launch *Pathway for Mothers*, a dedicated maternal recovery program, and prepare Mobile Units to reach isolated areas statewide.

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that the Legislature consider the potential that existing outpatient services in the area may be impacted by funding this grant application.

**Geographic Area:** the Delta

Providence Health Technologies

**Amount Requested:** \$319,100.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to enhance the education of prescribers and pharmacists regarding opioid use disorder, alternative pain management medications, patient monitoring, education, and emergency responses to opioid overdose.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

QuickMD

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000.00

**Amount Recommended:** \$750,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) via telehealth for individuals with opioid use disorder, focusing on those Mississippi residents living in areas with few treatment options or significant access barriers. The project also seeks to alleviate pressure on community safety net providers and emergency departments by reducing unnecessary hospitalizations, preventing overdose deaths, improving patient outcomes, and integrating peer support specialists into their treatment and care model.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends funding this grant application in the amount of \$750,000.00.

Region 8 Mental Health

**Amount Requested:** \$861,600.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to add sober living support to fill the service gap between residential treatment facilities and independent living in order to reduce relapses, overdose deaths, and costs to the health care and criminal justice systems.

**Geographic Area:** Copiah, Lincoln, Madison, Rankin, and Simpson Counties

Save the Children

**Amount Requested:** \$186,484.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to build the skills and knowledge of pregnant women, parents, and other primary caregivers so they can promote secure and healthy attachments and nurture their young children's development. The project aims to strengthen caregiver-child interactions and strengthen child vocabulary to enable success in kindergarten as a protective factor against substance use disorder (SUD).

**Geographic Area:** Leake and Washington Counties

South Mississippi Mental Health Center – 2 of 4 (Children and Youth Services)

**Amount Requested:** \$1,555,020.52

**Amount Recommended:** \$777,510.26

**Description:** This project seeks funding to reduce the risk of opioid misuse among children and youth by promoting healthy coping strategies, resilience, and substance abuse education in a school-based therapeutic setting by identifying and supporting students at risk of opioid use or affected by opioid misuse in their families through integrated mental health and substance use services.

**Geographic Area:** Jackson County

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends funding this grant application in the amount of \$777,510.26.

South Mississippi Mental Health Center – 3 of 4 (Home of Grace Partnership)

**Amount Requested:** \$303,837.02

**Description:** This project seeks funding to offer a program scholarship to eligible participants to continue their treatment at Home of Grace.

**Geographic Area:** Jackson County

Stercus Bioanalytics

**Amount Requested:** \$8,848,000

**Amount Recommended:** \$2,000,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to introduce an innovative, evidence-based wastewater monitoring program to provide population-level insights into opioid consumption across Mississippi. The program will combine macro-level monitoring at major and minor wastewater treatment plants with micro- and site-level sampling at campuses and vulnerable communities. Data will guide resource allocation, inform interventions, and

establish accountability for recovery efforts.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that this grant application be funded in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. The Council also recommends that this grant be funded on the condition that the data collected by the wastewater monitoring program be shared with law enforcement agencies in the State of Mississippi.

University of Southern Mississippi

**Amount Requested:** \$519,699.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to establish a Prescription Opioid Misuse Task Force, broadly responsible for pursuing and maintaining action to reduce the negative impacts of prescription opioids in the surrounding community.

**Geographic Area:** Hattiesburg

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### **Tier Three**

#### **Afya Care**

**Amount Requested:** \$767,290.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to create the East Mississippi Overdose Response and Engagement program, which will implement a comprehensive continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery support, including clinical services, behavioral health and case management, peer recovery support, community education, a campus ambassador program, and prevention resources.

**Geographic Area:** Clay and Kemper Counties

#### **DREAM of Hattiesburg**

**Amount Requested:** \$191,000.00

**Description:** Drug Free Resources for Education and Alternatives in Mississippi (DREAM) seeks funding to implement school-based prevention programs to equip young people with knowledge and resilience, expand Naloxone distribution, overdose response training, and safe disposal access, strengthen treatment pathways and peer recovery supports for individuals in crisis, and build community coalitions that include individuals with lived experience to guide solutions.

**Geographic Area:** Jackson and George Counties

#### **Essential Touchstones**

**Amount Requested:** \$1,153,055.50

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand access to adolescent and adult intensive outpatient programs and provide integrated medication management. The project aims to improve treatment outcomes through evidence-based, trauma-informed care and reduce opioid-related hospitalizations, overdoses, and arrests in Public Safety District 1.

**Geographic Area:** Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Issaquena, Madison, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Warren, and Yazoo Counties

#### **Foundation on the Rock**

**Amount Requested:** \$591,500.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to build a community of tiny homes that offer a supportive environment that fosters recovery, stability, and independence for individuals with substance use disorder.

**Geographic Area:** Yazoo County

Grace House

**Amount Requested:** \$600,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to implement a secondary treatment program for homeless and impoverished women and their families by obtaining a property, engaging partners to provide therapy and family reunification services, and conducting outreach to homeless service providers, inpatient treatment facilities, drug court judges, and other appropriate entities throughout the state.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds, Rankin, Madison, Copiah, and Warren Counties

Heale Counseling

**Amount Requested:** \$672,716.88

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand access to evidence-based treatment and recovery services for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) at seven outpatient clinics across North Mississippi. Services include adult intensive outpatient programs (IOP), outpatient therapy for adults and adolescents, medication management, and medication assisted treatment (MAT).

**Geographic Area:** Public Safety Districts 3, 4, and 5 (Lee, DeSoto, Tippah, and Lowndes Counties)

Healing Horizons Healthcare Services

**Amount Requested:** \$83,333.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to establish a community-based clinic providing integrated mental health and substance use disorder treatment to reduce opioid-related harm.

**Geographic Area:** McComb, Pike Counties

Home of Grace – 1 of 2 (Expanding Access to Opioid Addiction Treatment)

**Amount Requested:** \$1,551,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand access to care and strengthen the organizational capacity needed to scale its faith-based residential treatment programs in order to serve more uninsured and underinsured men and women who would otherwise go without treatment.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide (Emphasis on Mississippi Gulf Coast)

InmarRx Solutions

**Amount Requested:** \$150,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to increase the availability of drop-off sites or hosts for mail-back envelopes, which will in turn reduce the amount of unused, unwanted, and/or expired medications throughout Mississippi. This would also reduce the potential for diversion, accidental poisoning, or overdose, as well as keep potentially harmful medications out of the hands of those struggling with or recovering from addiction.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

J&J Research Consulting/Jackson State University

**Amount Requested:** \$210,072.72

**Description:** This project seeks funding for a one-year initiative to address Mississippi's opioid crisis through real-time social media surveillance, targeting opioid-related discourse among youth and community members statewide on platforms like TikTok, YouTube, and X to produce county-level maps of emotional tone, misinformation, and help-seeking signals.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Jacob's Well

**Amount Requested:** \$2,291,326.67

**Description:** This project seeks funding for a holistic, faith-based recovery program that combines evidence-based treatment from licensed clinical social workers with spiritual encouragement and community support. The organization aims to reduce substance use dependency, restore lives, and ultimately decrease overdose rates across the state.

**Geographic Area:** Pearl River and Neshoba Counties

**Council Notes:** The Council recommends that this grant be funded on the condition that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into with the grant recipient will contain a requirement that the recipient allow program participants to take appropriate medications as prescribed by a treating physician.

Magee Foundation (*Dear William* Project)

**Amount Requested:** \$3,250,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for the production of a Mississippi-rooted feature film and statewide educational rollout, combining live screenings with facilitated discussions and a digital access license.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Mississippi Center for Police and Sheriffs

**Amount Requested:** \$2,478,910.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to establish and operate a 16-bed residential recovery facility to provide safe housing, 24/7 clinical oversight, peer support, and wraparound services that sustain long-term recovery, and launch a statewide prevention initiative that distributes at-home, environmentally safe drug deactivation pouches through law enforcement and United Way 211, empowering families to eliminate unused medications and prevent diversion year-round.

**Geographic Area:** North Mississippi (residential facility); Statewide (drug disposal program)

Mississippi Faith-Based Coalition for Community Renewal

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to strengthen prevention and recovery efforts through three primary services through education and training workshops and community sessions to build awareness, recognize symptoms, and train individuals in Naloxone use and referral pathways; through prevention and awareness community events, outreach campaigns, and partnerships with schools, churches, and businesses to reduce stigma and promote healthier choices; and through community recovery, direct linkages to recovery programs, counseling, workforce support, and family services that foster long-term stability.

**Geographic Area:** Claiborne, Hinds, Holmes, Madison, Newton, Rankin, Scott and Warren Counties

New Way of Mississippi

**Amount Requested:** \$469,617.12

**Description:** This project seeks funding to initiate medication assisted treatment (MAT) within 14 days of enrollment for 100% of participants, provide 6 months of peer recovery support post-release, and achieve employment for 80% of participants within 30 days post-program.

**Geographic Area:** Jones County

Oxford Treatment Center

**Amount Requested:** \$1,900,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand medication assisted treatment (MAT) at inpatient and outpatient recovery programs, distribute Naloxone and train community members in overdose response, and strengthen alumni programming and peer support

networks to reduce relapse rates.

**Geographic Area:** Union, Lafayette, and DeSoto Counties

Region 10 Weems Community Mental Health Center

**Amount Requested:** \$429,883.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for improvements to a residential substance abuse treatment facility, including bathroom renovations, blind replacements, dehumidifier installation, freezer replacement, and the purchase of a generator.

**Geographic Area:** Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Leake, Newton, Neshoba, Lauderdale, Scott, and Smith Counties

Safety Blitz Foundation (Coaches vs Overdoses)

**Amount Requested:** \$120,165.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to conduct outreach to high school administrators, athletic directors, and coaches to increase awareness about the program and provide initial training to the school officials. This training will allow coaches to discuss opioid and fentanyl awareness information with their student athletes and parents and guardians.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

South Mississippi Mental Health Center – 4 of 4 (Workforce Development and Retention)

**Amount Requested:** \$173,576.00

Description: This project seeks funding to launch a sustainable initiative that strengthens retention of behavioral health professionals through strategic community partnerships, innovative support systems, and targeted workforce development programs.

**Geographic Area:** Jackson County

Teen Health Mississippi

**Amount Requested:** \$360,359.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to target school and community-based organization staff and young people, ages 15 to 21, to provide prevention, education, and access to resources to address the opioid crisis at a formative stage of life.

**Geographic Area:** Public Health Districts 1 (North Mississippi Delta) and 5 (Central West Mississippi)

The Sober Society

**Amount Requested:** \$475,048.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to provide case management, mental health counseling, an intensive outpatient curriculum, an early intervention program, and an addiction relapse prevention program.

**Geographic Area:** Pearl River, Stone, Harrison, and Hancock Counties

University of Mississippi

**Amount Requested:** \$711,642.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to establish a statewide data repository and dashboard to track real-time opioid and polysubstance use trends to inform state and local public health and law enforcement agencies and enable targeted prevention and response.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

Yazoo County – 1 of 2 (Yazoo HEALS)

**Amount Requested:** \$360,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for the Yazoo Health, Education, Access, Leadership, and Sustainability (HEALS) program, an initiative to create a comprehensive, accessible, and sustainable health service network that supports recovery, prevention, and overall wellness.

**Geographic Area:** Yazoo County

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## **Tier Four**

### **Family Health Center**

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to implement protocols to ensure seamless transitions, including medication assisted treatment (MAT) programs, adherence support, and coordination with community pharmacies.

**Geographic Area:** Jones County

### **Freedom Center**

**Amount Requested:** \$1,679,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to construct a new facility to support its 15-week residential substance use disorder treatment program. The requested award will allow Freedom Center to increase the number of annual clients from 40 to 100.

**Geographic Area:** Jackson, Prentiss, Webster, Tishomingo, and Alcorn Counties

### **Metro Treatment of Mississippi**

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for integrating Uber Health transportation services with existing treatment programs, and aims to reduce missed appointments, improve treatment retention, and ultimately enhance health outcomes for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD).

**Geographic Area:** Harrison, Jackson, Hancock, DeSoto, Panola, and Tate Counties

### **Mississippi Move**

**Amount Requested:** \$230,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to prevent opioid misuse among youth and families and strengthen recovery support networks.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

### **Mississippi Center for Legal Services**

**Amount Requested:** \$500,575.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for a strategic integration of civil lead aid attorneys who specialize in opioid practice to enhance the success of treatment programs by filling a

gap in the expertise of the Intervention Courts.

**Geographic Area:** South and Central Mississippi

North MS Rural Legal Services

**Amount Requested:** \$477,656.14

**Description:** This project seeks funding for a medical-legal partnership service delivery model where legal aid attorneys who specialize in representing people with opioid use disorder (OUD) or their families function as a critical recovery service alongside treatment providers and other supportive services.

**Geographic Area:** North Mississippi

Philippians 3:13

**Amount Requested:** \$1,128,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for transitional housing for individuals that are recovering from addiction.

**Geographic Area:** DeSoto, Marshall, Tate, and Washington Counties

Road to Recovery

**Amount Requested:** \$86,160.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to enhance the weekly Recovery Ride bicycle program, increase the number of clients provided with bicycles for transportation and as a therapeutic tool for recovery, and to transition from used bikes to new, more reliable bicycles.

**Geographic Area:** Southeast Mississippi, (Jefferson Davis, Covington, Jones, Wayne, Marion, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Green, Pearl River, Stone, George, Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties)

Sustaining Grace Recovery Ministries

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to offer shelter, job opportunities, counseling with local associates, and money management with local financial institutions to individuals with substance use disorder.

**Geographic Area:** Covington County

The Awakening Church (Beauty from Ashes Residential Expansion)

**Amount Requested:** \$540,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand the Beauty from Ashes residential treatment center by constructing and staffing 20 private residential rooms to serve women and adolescent girls recovering from opioid use disorder.

**Geographic Area:** Simpson, Smith, Covington, Rankin, and Jefferson Davis Counties

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## **Tier Five**

### **12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for the salary and expenses associated with hiring a full-time Assistant District Attorney to work exclusively on cases assigned to the Intervention Court for a period of five years.

**Geographic Area:** Forrest and Perry Counties

### **Broken Lives Ministry**

**Amount Requested:** \$4,000,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to construct a new residential recovery facility to serve up to 500 residents at a time and provide housing, counseling, workforce training and life-skills education to at least 1,000 individuals annually.

**Geographic Area:** Lee County

### **Center for Disease Control Foundation – 1 of 2**

**Amount Requested:** \$1,010,267.50

**Description:** This project seeks funding to establish a statewide data dashboard and to provide technical assistance to implement the Overdose Spike Exercise-in-a-Box Toolkit in at least two high-impact counties.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

### **Center for Disease Control Foundation – 2 of 2**

**Amount Requested:** \$922,988.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand access to culturally responsive care, peer-led support, and evidence-based harm reduction strategies through a model centered on peer-based engagement, care coordination, and cross-sector collaboration.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

### **Christian Services Liberty Ministries**

**Amount Requested:** \$787,596.01

**Description:** This project seeks funding to support an existing 12-month residential treatment program for individuals with substance use disorder (SUD).

**Geographic Area:** Jones County

Defining Wellness

**Amount Requested:** \$1,200,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to increase opioid use disorder (OUD) admissions to Defining Wellness' continuum of care, including medical detox, medication assisted treatment (MAT), trauma-informed care, and relapse prevention.

**Geographic Area:** Rankin and Madison Counties

Everest Effect

**Amount Requested:** \$500,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to create the Jackson-Based Social Care Network, a 12-month test program that will help people struggling with opioid addiction get better access to resources and services across all the nonprofit and faith-based direct service providers in the area.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds, Madison, and Rankin Counties

Friend of God Ministries

**Amount Requested:** \$268,830.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand existing services, including needs assessment, family support, a residential treatment program, and recommendations for treatment, and to purchase a new minivan to facilitate the transportation of individuals receiving care.

**Geographic Area:** Monroe County

Harbor House (RecoveryReadyJackson)

**Amount Requested:** \$825,550.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to create the RecoveryReadyJackson project to increase public understanding of opioid misuse risks and prevention strategies, foster a culture of compassion and acceptance that encourages individuals and families to seek treatment and recovery support, expand access to life-saving resources such as Naloxone, safe disposal methods, and education on overdose prevention, and mobilize neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and faith communities to actively participate in solutions to the opioid crisis.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds County

Home of Grace – 2 of 2 (Women’s Campus Expansion)

**Amount Requested:** \$10,727,975.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for the new 80-acre Home of Grace Women’s Campus which will offer a phased, evidence-based therapeutic community that integrates best practices from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration while addressing the unique needs of women in recovery.

**Geographic Area:** Harrison and Jackson Counties

Inspired Heights Ministries

**Amount Requested:** \$564,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to finish the restoration of a community center and cafeteria, finish dorm rooms, and hire a case manager, counselor, and vocational training supervisor.

**Geographic Area:** Yazoo County

Kingdom Empowerment

**Amount Requested:** \$1,155,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to reduce overdose deaths through public education and Naloxone access, protect youth by integrating opioid awareness into school curricula, support rural communities with mobile outreach and treatment referrals, and strengthen families by reducing stigma and promoting recovery resources.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds, Claiborne, Marshall, and Leflore Counties

Leadership Information/Krishna Consulting, LLC

**Amount Requested:** \$79,350.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to center culturally responsive outreach, community education, and faith-based engagement as keystones of a trauma-informed, community driven response to the opioid epidemic, meeting Mississippi residents where they are, with empathy and belonging.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds and Copiah Counties

Magnolia Recovery

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000,030.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand comprehensive programming, including its peer recovery support delivered by certified or trained peer specialists, individualized

clinical case management and recovery planning, and integrated mental health and substance use disorder services.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds, Rankin, and Madison Counties

Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to provide middle and high school students in grades 6–12, their faculty and staff, and residents of Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence shelters with immediate, ongoing, and equitable access to licensed mental health professionals through Uwill’s teletherapy and crisis support platform.

Now I See

**Amount Requested:** \$350,000.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to expand Now I See’s existing continuity of care programs to more Mississippi residents by establishing new clinical partnerships with residential inpatient and intensive outpatient treatment centers, drug and alcohol counselors, drug courts, and professionally managed sober houses.

**Geographic Area:** Hinds, Rankin, and Madison Counties

Thrive Way (Peer Helpers PLUS)

**Amount Requested:** \$3,708,965.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to implement the Peer Helpers PLUS program to mitigate the negative impacts on youth and adolescents from the opioid crisis by providing a tool to proactively identify and help students in need.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

United Way of the Capital Area (Mississippi 211)

**Amount Requested:** \$1,002,633.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to strengthen the Mississippi 211 system, a free, statewide information and referral resource available to every resident of Mississippi.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

United Way of Northeast Mississippi (Northeast Mississippi Health Alliance)

**Amount Requested:** \$22,879.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding for a free, community-wide event open to individuals in recovery, aftercare participants, and their families. The event will offer a supportive and uplifting environment to connect, celebrate progress, and access valuable resources within the Northeast Mississippi recovery ecosystem.

**Geographic Area:** Northeast Mississippi

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## **Recommended Nonabatement Projects**

The Council recommends funding the following grant applications from the Legislature's nonabatement settlement funds.

### **Gulfport Police Department**

**Amount Requested:** \$446,581.60

**Description:** This project seeks funding for the establishment of a Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) in Gulfport to address the city's dual challenges of public health and public safety. The RTCC will centralize and integrate multiple streams of data into a single hub staffed by trained analysts, which will enable law enforcement to receive actionable intelligence in real time, improving response efficiency and investigative effectiveness.

**Geographic Area:** Harrison County

### **HarborPath – 2 of 2 (Law Enforcement AED and Naloxone)**

**Amount Requested:** \$7,200,793.04

**Description:** This project seeks funding to deploy monitored automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and Zimhi Naloxone auto-injectors in law enforcement patrol units across high-need jurisdictions in Mississippi. Each AED will be remotely monitored to ensure constant readiness, and Zimhi pens will be distributed under a statewide medical standing order. Participating officers will be trained in overdose response, AED use, trauma-informed care, and referral to treatment and recovery services.

**Geographic Area:** Statewide

### **Monroe County Sheriff's Office**

**Amount Requested:** \$58,200.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to support the development and implementation of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Opioid Program by employing two certified Peer Navigators. This initiative is designed to combat the devastating effects of opioid addiction within the community by focusing on prevention, intervention, and long-term recovery support.

**Geographic Area:** Monroe County

### **Oxford Fire Department**

**Amount Requested:** \$48,140.58

**Description:** This project seeks funding to acquire a Lund University Cardiopulmonary

Assist System (LUCAS) device from the Stryker Corporation to improve the survival rate for sudden cardiac arrest due to opioid overdose and reduce physical and mental strain on emergency responders, providing for more effective resuscitation with fewer personnel.

**Geographic Area:** Lafayette County

Scott County Emergency Management Association

**Amount Requested:** \$61,500.00

**Description:** This project seeks funding to strengthen the community's emergency response to the opioid crisis by purchasing and deploying 15 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and providing related training for emergency responders.

**Geographic Area:** Scott County

Tupelo Fire Department

**Amount Requested:** \$58,826.67

**Description:** This project seeks funding to purchase medical equipment, including Advanced Cardiac Life Support and higher quality, continuous CPR for victims of cardiac arrest due to overdose, in order to assist in the immediate treatment and recovery of citizens in opioid crisis.

**Geographic Area:** Lee County

Yazoo County Sheriff's Department

**Amount Requested:** \$225,151.92

**Description:** This project seeks funding to install license plate readers along the main thoroughfares of the county, provide updated tasers for all full and part-time staff, and provide the Chief Deputy and Chief Investigator with tablets.

**Geographic Area:** Yazoo County

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## **Other Nonabatement Applications**

### **Jackson Resource Center**

This project addresses general housing issues; it is not specifically targeted at opioid use disorder.

### **Mission Men**

This project lacks evidence-based intervention.

### **Mississippi Public Health Institute – 2 of 3 (Mississippi Opioid Response Center of Excellence)**

This project seeks funding for technical assistance that is not directly related to opioid abatement.

### **Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency**

This project seeks funding for an organ testing lab facility, lab instruments, and supportive equipment.

### **Mississippi Center for Justice**

This project addresses general housing issues; it is not specifically targeted at opioid use disorder.

### **South Mississippi Mental Health Center 1 of 4 (Improve Outcomes in Jackson County Residential Treatment Center)**

This project is primarily a capital expenditure improvement to existing facilities.

### **Wellery Foundation**

This project is primarily a capital expenditure for new facilities.

## **Incomplete Applications**

There were 6 applications found to be incomplete, not reviewed by the Council, and thus not subject to the reporting requirements of S.B. 2767 Section 1 (12).