



United Community Services of Johnson County

2025 SUBSTANCE USE CONTINUUM OF CARE FUND (SUF) RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT DRUG and ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL OF JOHNSON COUNTY

Participating jurisdictions: Johnson County, De Soto, Gardner, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, and Shawnee

Since 1980, the Drug & Alcoholism Council of Johnson County (DAC), supported by United Community Services (UCS), has worked in partnership with Johnson County government and cities to recommend allocation of Alcohol Tax Fund (ATF) dollars in accordance with Kansas statutes. Beginning in 2024, the DAC is also recommending allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF).

This report is a result of DAC grant review and evaluation processes. The purpose of the DAC’s grant review process is to direct local ATF and OSF *effectively* to substance use education, prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, and reintegration programs that serve Johnson County residents. The entire community benefits when substance abuse is prevented and/or effectively treated. A continuum of services from education through recovery and reintegration is vital to reducing drug and alcohol use and addiction; this continuum of services lowers healthcare costs, reduces crime and child abuse and neglect— lowering associated public costs, and increases productivity in employment.

ATF are derived from a state excise tax on liquor sold by the drink; part of the tax is returned to the jurisdiction (city or county) in which it was collected, with the stipulation that a specified portion be used for programs “whose principal purpose is alcoholism and drug abuse prevention or treatment of persons who are alcoholics or drug abusers or are in danger of becoming alcoholics or drug abusers” (KSA 79-41a04). OSF are derived from national opioid settlement agreements in which Kansas joined other states in lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors. The State passes through a portion of the OSF dollars received to cities and counties. OSF dollars are anticipated to be distributed through 2040. Statutes and settlement agreements limit the use of OSF dollars, including to address substance use, and mandate reporting on the usage of funds to the State.

The DAC’s grant review process provides an efficient, structured, and accountable system that allows organizations access to funds from multiple jurisdictions, through one annual application. The recommendations are guided by funding priorities, which are developed through a formal planning and research process that includes input from key stakeholders, literature review, and analysis of indicator data in Johnson County. The 2023-28 Funding Priorities Report is available on UCS’ website at ucsjoco.org.

The Board of County Commissioners and city councils have ultimate authority and responsibility for determining which organizations receive funds from their respective jurisdictions based upon the recommendations in this report. Jurisdictions are asked to accept the recommendations by no later than December 31, 2024. Together, Johnson County Government and ten cities committed **\$3,019,000** for 2025 SUF: \$2,539,000 in ATF and \$480,000 in OSF (see page 28); this is a slight increase from 2024 as jurisdictions exercise the foresight to combine ATF and OSF to strengthen the substance use continuum of care for Johnson County.

The 2025 SUF grant cycle was highly competitive, 24 applications requested a total of **\$3,766,808** in funding. After reviewing applications, interviewing agencies, and deliberating, the DAC developed the following funding recommendations for 23 grantees, which are separated by fund source – ATF and OSF.

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RECOMMENDATIONS						
Applicant	Fund	2023 Allocation	2024 Allocation	2025 Request	2025 Allocation	Program Description & Opioid Abatement Strategy^
Johnson County School District Applicants						
Blue Valley USD 229	ATF	\$10,031	\$37,329	\$25,200	\$25,200	School & Community Prevention: coordinates prevention in all schools through EverFi programs, Signs of Suicide, and outreach. Adding specialist certifications to address tobacco and vaping.
De Soto USD 232	ATF	\$20,979	\$27,129	\$32,129	\$27,129	Prevention: implements EverFi programs and social workers to support students dealing with substance use.
	OSF	\$0	\$4,831	\$5,000	\$4,831	Drug Awareness and Prevention program with specialized drug education/outreach. Strategy: prevention, harm reduction.
Olathe USD 233	ATF	\$0	\$17,796	\$10,000	\$10,000	Safe & Drug-Free Schools: implements EverFi programs, Guiding Good Choices, Project Alert, Botvin LifeSkills, and after-school supports through The Spot.
	OSF	\$0	\$27,704	\$39,647	\$35,500	Opioid & Substance Use Education & Prevention through education, intervention, and naloxone availability. Strategy: prevention, linkage to care, harm reduction, providers & health.
Spring Hill USD	ATF	\$13,560	\$13,560	No request	No request	
School District Subtotals:	ATF	\$44,570	\$95,814	\$67,329	\$62,329	
	OSF	N/A	\$32,535	\$44,647	\$40,331	
10th Judicial District Court and Programs of Johnson County Government						
10th District Judicial Court	OSF	\$0	\$20,000	No request	No request	
JoCo Corrections: Voucher + Treatment	ATF	\$12,900	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	Expanding deployment of substance use assessment and treatment vouchers for those under corrections supervision.
	OSF	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	Maintaining residential substance use disorder at the Adult Residential Center. Strategy: treatment, recovery, harm reduction, providers & health.
JoCo District Attorney/Drug Court Diversion	ATF	\$84,920	\$84,920	\$102,656	\$102,656	Supervision for youth drug court diversion and minor-in-possession cases.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	\$56,432	\$0	Adding .5 FTE to address co-occurring substance use/mental health youth clients in drug court diversion.

Applicant	Fund	2023 Allocation	2024 Allocation	2025 Request	2025 Allocation	Program Description & Opioid Abatement Strategy^
JCMH Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT)	ATF	\$242,170	\$242,170	\$306,093	\$274,132	Residential youth substance abuse disorder program.
	OSF	\$0	\$45,198	\$49,115	\$49,115	Recovery and relapse prevention and education services. Medication-assisted withdrawal management. Strategy: treatment, harm reduction, recovery, providers & healthcare.
JCMH Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU)	ATF	\$276,835	\$276,835	\$349,907	\$276,835	Residential, social adult detoxification program.
	OSF	\$0	\$55,897	\$72,897	\$55,897	Medication support for detoxification and support for recovery housing, transportation, employment, and care coordination. Strategy: recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction, public safety.
JCMH Dual Diagnosis Outpatient (DDOP)	ATF	\$133,044	\$223,044	\$281,918	\$223,044	Outpatient substance use and co-occurring services for adults and youth.
	OSF	\$0	\$50,000	\$58,000	\$58,000	Expand: medication assisted treatment, client assistance. Strategy: treatment, recovery, harm reduction, providers & healthcare.
JoCo MH Prevention	ATF	\$170,000	\$170,000	\$210,448	\$170,000	Provides support to school programs and outreach, pays EverFi contract for all JoCo schools.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	Development of Postvention Opioid Overdose Response Toolkit and host Fentanyl Awareness Day.
Court/Govt. Subtotals:	ATF	\$919,869	\$1,022,969	\$1,277,022	\$1,072,667	
	OSF	N/A	\$271,095	\$361,444	\$263,012	
Nonprofit Community-Based Programs Serving Johnson County Residents						
Artists Helping the Homeless	ATF	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$90,000	Be The Change: gap services, discharge planning/support, and residential recovery with comprehensive wraparound services for clients with substance use/co-occurring disorders.
	OSF	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	Services for JoCo clients with opioid use disorders. Evidence-based, housing first model, support groups and peer support. Strategy: linkage to care, harm reduction, recovery.
Boys & Girls Club (Olathe)	ATF	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Provides the Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program, focused on substance use prevention after school and in summers.
	OSF	\$0	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	Positive Action program after school and in summers. Strategy: prevention.
Church of the Resurrection*	OSF	\$0	\$0	No request	No request	
Cornerstones of Care	ATF	\$80,000	\$84,000	\$169,290	\$84,000	Provides Functional Family Therapy at no cost to Johnson County families referred with substance use/co-occurring disorders.
First Call	ATF	\$60,000	\$72,847	\$72,847	\$72,847	Prevention Services: coordinated with families and in school through Caring for Kids, How to Cope, sobriety groups, and LifeSkills.
	OSF	\$0	\$43,517	\$43,517	\$43,517	Community Outreach, Family Services with naloxone support. Strategy: prevention, recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction.

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Friends of Recovery	ATF	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$205,758	\$60,000	Provides support to 46 sober-living Oxford Houses throughout Johnson County.
	OSF	\$0	\$10,000	No request	No request	
Health Partnership Clinic	ATF	\$80,590	\$80,590	\$89,250	\$89,250	Provides outpatient substance use treatment through medication assisted treatment and counselor as part of comprehensive medical services.
Heartland RADAC	ATF	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$241,335	\$230,000	Intensive Case Management and barrier reduction (transport, housing) for adults with substance use/co-occurring disorders.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	No request	No request	
KidsTLC	ATF	\$59,617	\$59,617	\$60,397	\$60,397	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for youth with substance use and co-occurring disorders.
KVC Behavioral HealthCare	ATF	\$66,281	\$66,000	\$86,092	\$66,000	Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services for families with youth in foster care.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	\$22,165	\$0	Training, and distribution of naloxone and fentanyl test strips.
Lorraine's House*	ATF	\$0	\$21,481*	\$45,000	\$0	
	OSF	\$0	\$0	No request	No request	
Mirror Inc.	ATF	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$308,194	\$301,510	Residential adult co-occurring disorder program, including case management, housing and employment supports.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	\$124,347	\$5,227	MAT, employment and housing supports. Strategy: treatment, recovery, linkage to care.
NCircle	OSF	\$0	\$57,853	\$61,384	\$57,913	Works with Corrections to provide on-site employment and life skills training to support reintegration and reduced relapse and recidivism. Strategy: prevention, harm reduction, workforce development.
Preferred Family Healthcare	ATF	\$120,000	\$130,000	\$231,790	\$100,000	Outpatient substance use/co-occurring treatment for adults and youth and reduced sliding-scale cost.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	No request	No request	
The Family Conservancy	ATF	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	Substance use assessments and Conscious Discipline training for families and daycare centers throughout Johnson County.
Valley Hope Foundation	ATF	\$0	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	Funding for Patient Assistance Program to help reduce financial barriers for patients unable to afford treatment.
	OSF	\$0	\$0	No request	No request	
Nonprofit Subtotals:	ATF	\$1,101,488	\$1,189,535	\$1,724,953	\$1,249,004	
	OSF	N/A	\$146,370	\$291,413	\$146,657	

	SUF Funding Summary						
	ATF				OSF		2025 Totals
	2023	2024	2025	2024	2025		
Grant Requests		\$3,111,990	\$3,069,304	\$1,635,313	\$697,504		
Grant Allocations	\$2,065,927	\$2,308,318	\$2,384,000	\$450,000	\$450,000		\$2,864,000
<i>Administrative Fees (UCS)</i>	<i>\$104,500</i>	<i>\$155,000</i>	<i>\$155,000</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>		<i>\$185,000</i>
Total Allocations	\$2,170,427	\$2,463,318	\$2,539,000	\$480,000	\$480,000		\$3,019,000

NOTES:

*applicant received funding for the program described from the state level opioid settlement funds allocated by the Kansas Fights Addiction Board, reducing applicant need for funds from SUF.

^Opioid Abatement Strategy: Opioid settlement funds are distributed by the Kansas Attorney General’s Office to local jurisdictions. Local jurisdictions report annually on usage of opioid settlement funds, including the abatement strategies employed through programs using these funds. Abatement strategies include: prevention, treatment, recovery, linkage to care, harm reduction, providers & health systems, public safety & first responders.

2025 SUBSTANCE USE CONTINUUM OF CARE FUND (SUF) GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

*SUF supports programs offered by three core sets of providers: **public school districts, departments of Johnson County government, and programs delivered by nonprofit community-based organizations.** Together these programs comprise the substance use continuum of care for Johnson County residents providing substance abuse education, prevention, detoxification and intervention, treatment, recovery, and reintegration services for individuals and families dealing with substance abuse and co-occurring substance abuse and behavioral health diagnoses. Grantee programs convene at least quarterly to learn about emerging best practices, to discuss trends in substance abuse and treatment, to identify gaps in services, to share new program efforts, and to coordinate delivery of services for Johnson County residents.*

***Public school districts** are critical partners focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and addressing risk factors associated with substance abuse, such as disruptive behavior, suicide, and truancy. **Departments of Johnson County government** provide programs, at low or no-cost, focused on diversion, treatment, recovery, and successful reintegration into the community for **all** Johnson County residents. **Nonprofit community-based agencies** provide a full range of services – both for individuals experiencing substance use and co-occurring substance use and behavioral health challenges as well as for family members. The services of nonprofit community-based programs help lower rates of substance abuse, which result in lower mental and physical healthcare costs and reduced costs for law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Funding recommendations are based upon a review of each proposal (see Appendix A for criteria) and consider program type, outcome data, and accountability.*

Public School District Programs

Each school district offers a unique mix of programs to its students and parents, and each district has multiple funding sources to support these programs. Consequently, SUF recommended programs and fund allocation differ for each district. At a minimum, all Johnson County school districts, public and private, receive a subscription for EverFi's programs, including, but not limited to: *AlcoholEdu, Vaping: Know the Truth, Mental Health Basics, and Prescription Drug Safety.* Funding for EverFi and navigation support are provided by an ATF grant to the Johnson County Mental Health Prevention Center, which secured a lower cost for these programs than school districts were able to obtain individually. Each school district reports on its students' outcomes for these programs and Johnson County Mental Health reports the total number of students who participated in the programming each year.

Blue Valley School District

ATF Request: \$25,200

ATF Recommendation: \$25,200

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$25,200 to Blue Valley School District, combined with \$37,017 in carryover, will result in a total budget of \$62,217. Blue Valley requested ATF funding for its School and Community Prevention Program, including funding to facilitate certification of 8 Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS) for all high schools and middle schools for the 2024-25 school year. Blue Valley's Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task Force (DAPT) guides programming efforts, carried out by qualified, licensed professionals, and using evidence-based curricula like Everfi's *AlcoholEdu* and Mindwise' *Signs of Suicide*. Funding will support curriculum subscriptions, no-cost drug and alcohol

assessments, national speakers for community events, and modest stipends for coordinating the task force. New Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS) will include counselors and nurses who will undergo certification through the University of Kansas and the University of Kentucky. The TTSs provide support for students and families in dealing with tobacco, and substance use/addiction, and act as a liaison to community providers.

Results Projected: The goals of the School and Community Prevention Program are to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors for students and promote healthy decisions both now and in the future. Programming funded with ATF dollars will increase students' knowledge of substance abuse, develop skills to resist social pressures related to drug and alcohol use, reduce favorable attitudes towards drug and alcohol use, and provide information about available resources. Early intervention is provided through no-cost drug and alcohol assessments for students who show signs of misuse and/or have received a discipline infraction. During the 2025 school year, the district anticipates serving approximately 68,020 individuals (students and caregivers) through ATF-supported programs.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: 1,478 Students completed the AlcoholEdu course. On the "Know Your Influences" section scores increased by 20%. For Everfi's Prescription Drug Safety, students had an average 27% increase in knowledge, with the "Supporting a Friend" section having the greatest increase from 36% to 80%. The Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task Force (DAPT) met 12 times over the school year. They planned and offered a community presentation in April 2023 on drug and alcohol prevention with speakers from Johnson County Mental Health, 913 VapeFree, and the JOCO Prevention Coalition. Approximately 120 community members attended. The district added 6 certified Tobacco Treatment Specialists (TTS) to each high school and one middle school. TTS met 7 times over the course of the school year to develop a protocol for responding to students who received a vaping infraction, including prevention and vaping cessation resources for students and families.

De Soto School District

ATF Request: \$32,129

ATF Recommendation: \$27,129

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$27,129, level funding with 2024, to De Soto School District, which combined with \$150 in carryover, will result in an ATF budget of \$27,279. ATF funds support De Soto's Prevention program, which provides instruction, student engagement, and Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions with social work staff. Instruction is provided in health classes, using *AlcoholEdu* and *Vaping: Know the Truth*. The PRIDE Prevention Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions or SADD) provides peer support by engaging students in activities and learning strategies to make healthy choices and avoid drug and alcohol abuse. ATF funding also covers a portion of the salary of social workers who assess students for risk and provide the appropriate intervention and/or referrals to outside agencies for additional support.

Results Projected:

The goals of De Soto's Prevention program are education and prevention of substance use, reduction in drug and alcohol related offenses, and reduced cost of intervention. Decrease the number of referrals for illicit substance possession in all secondary schools. *AlcoholEdu* participants will demonstrate an average of at least 15% points on the three categories of Student Learning Objectives. Students who use social work services will demonstrate an improved ability to resist using

substances as a way to cope by demonstrating an understanding of coping strategies and then reporting that use of these strategies/skills deterred their use of substances, as measured by social work interview and documentation using a qualitative analysis of student responses. The district anticipates serving approximately 2,458 students through ATF supported programs during the 2025 school year.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: DeSoto School District served a total of 8,537 youth in and outside of Johnson County during the 2023 school year. 598 students in the AlcoholEdu program demonstrated an increased in understanding of healthy behaviors in the "Brain and Body," "Know Your Influences," and "Make Smart Decisions" units. Students demonstrated growth from the Too Good for Drugs pre-test to the post-test. On the pretest, students missed 11% of questions, while they only missed 3.4% of questions on the post-test. Social work staff continue to address substance abuse prevention, and results show a decrease in suicide risk assessments compared to the previous school year. Social workers use Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), discipline, and chronic absenteeism data to be more proactive in prioritizing resources and time.

De Soto School District

OSF Request: \$5,000

OSF Recommendation: \$4,831

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Harm Reduction

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$4,831, level funding with 2024, for De Soto's Drug Awareness and Prevention. The district will host several events such as a Student Wellness Series, including a new session "Connected Conversations". This program fosters an atmosphere of open dialogue on mental health and substance use topics, providing families with valuable resources to continue these conversations at home.

Results Projected: Possession/consumption incidents at the High School level will decrease by end of 2025 school year. Various events will be hosted, including at least one school-wide event and at least two Student Wellness Series district-wide events. Social media messaging will also be implemented, impacting over 2,000 students.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Olathe School District

ATF Request: \$10,000

ATF Recommendation: \$10,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$10,000 to Olathe School District, combined with \$10,348 in carryover, will result in an ATF budget of \$20,348. ATF funding will be used to continue the Olathe Safe and Drug Free Schools Program. The program uses a two-pronged approach: reducing students' perception of social benefits associated with substance use, while increasing access to pro-social afterschool activities to provide students a safe, productive place to spend time and build positive relationships. The district provides transportation support for afterschool programs, such as Boys and Girls Club, and supports *The Spot*, an afterschool program developed in collaboration with the Olathe Police Department, Fire Department and Library. *The Spot* provides homework support, mentoring, videogaming, sports, and mechanical low-rider bicycle building to engage students in increasing protective factors and reducing risk factors for substance use. Collaboration with ATF funded agencies like First Call assists the district in further addressing substance use issues

with student drug assessments and sobriety groups. Olathe uses education, prevention, and intervention curricula including *AlcoholEdu*, *Project Alert*, *Second Step*, *Guiding Good Choices*, and *Botvin Life Skills* to increase protective factors, such as student social competency, and problem-solving skills to prevent and reduce substance use.

Results Projected: Olathe’s initiatives provide evidenced-based substance abuse prevention programs to increase student social competency and problem-solving skills.

Goals for the 2025 school year include working to decrease the need for drug assessments, which have remain steady; reduce by 5 percent the number of students who indicated they have a perceived availability of drugs; and continue to monitor data from *AlcoholEdu* and *Guiding Good Choices* to demonstrate improvement and understanding. During the 2025 school year the district anticipates serving 2,696 students through ATF supported programs.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: During the 2023 school year, 1,177 students participated in *AlcoholEdu*. Knowledge gained for “Know Your Influence” section increased from 72% to 91%; “Brain and Body” section increased from 76% to 85%; “Smart Decisions” section increased from 74% to 89%. Overall, final program data showed 25% increase in knowledge, from 62% to 87%. Olathe will continue to work with EverFi to encourage parent involvement in the parent online component. Life Skills Classes resulted in an average increase in knowledge of 2% between pre- and post-test, from 64% to 66%. Approximately 93 student drug assessments were completed during the 2023 school year.

Olathe School District

OSF Request: \$39,647

OSF Recommendation: \$35,500

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Providers & Health

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$35,500, an increase of \$7,796 from 2024, which combined with \$17,665 in carryover, will result in an OSF budget of \$53,165 for Olathe’s Opioid and Substance Use Education and Prevention program. This includes increasing staff time and length of contract to ensure that the work began in 2024 continues and is relevant, and developmentally and culturally appropriate.

Results Projected: Increase number of hours of program staff to fully implement, develop and expand the program into all schools and in the community. Pre-and post-surveys will demonstrate an increase in participant knowledge of opioid harms, risk, and protective factors; safety strategies; recognition of warning signs of misuse or overdose; and use of harm reduction strategies like reversal medications. Five individuals will be trained in emergency opioid overdose response. Over 200 Naloxone doses will be added into the AED offices throughout the district, in addition to those doses already within the nurse’s offices.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Note: Gardner Edgerton School District, Shawnee Mission School District, and Spring Hill School District did not apply for SUF, but maintain access to substance use education and prevention programming through EverFi through Johnson County Mental Health Prevention Services.

Johnson County Government Programs

Programs supported by Johnson County government occupy a critical part of the Johnson County substance use continuum of care. Johnson County Mental Health provides a range of education and prevention services, including technical assistance for school districts, as well as detoxification and in-patient and outpatient treatment services. The District Attorney's Office prioritizes substance use intervention and treatment through diversion programs for justice-involved youth who have significant substance use or co-occurring substance use and behavioral health issues. The Department of Corrections provides in-patient residential treatment for justice-involved individuals with substance use or co-occurring substance use and behavioral health needs as well as vouchers to support linkages to care and recovery to individuals under supervision. Department of Corrections also provides critical support to recover through employment and recovery programs.

Johnson County Department of Corrections: Voucher Assistance

ATF Request: \$26,000

ATF Recommendation: \$26,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$26,000 to the Department of Corrections for their Voucher Assistance program. From 2018-2023, Johnson County experienced a 19% increase in stimulant drug filings and a 67% increase in criminal filings for opioids. The Voucher Assistance program intervenes by providing support to address substance use disorder evaluations and treatment for adult offenders who face financial barriers to obtaining those services and are less likely to successfully recover from substance abuse without treatment. Voucher assistance will be provided to adults in the Adult Residential Center (ARC) and adults who are under Intensive Supervised Probation, House Arrest, or Bond Supervision, as well as clients who are graduating from the in-patient Therapeutic Community and require continued outpatient treatment. Evaluation and treatment services will be available through providers who maintain licensure pursuant to the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board and who have demonstrated success in keeping clients engaged.

Results Projected: The goal of the Voucher Assistance Program is to reduce or eliminate the financial barriers associated with accessing alcohol/drug evaluations and treatment in a timely manner. In 2025, at least 80% of clients referred for evaluation will receive their drug/alcohol evaluation within 30 days of voucher approval. At least 70% of voucher clients recommended for treatment will undergo intake within 60 days, and at least 80% of voucher clients released from the Corrections Treatment Center will remain in outpatient treatment for 3 months or until such time they are successfully released from treatment (whichever occurs first). Corrections anticipates serving 83 Johnson County individuals during 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: The Voucher Assistance Program provided Johnson County and non-Johnson County individuals with 104 total vouchers. 68% (goal 80%) of clients referred for an evaluation completed their evaluation within 30 days of the voucher approval. Of those individuals recommended for substance abuse treatment, 75% (goal 70%) began treatment within 60 days of evaluation.

Johnson County Department of Corrections – Treatment Center

OSF Request: \$100,000

OSF Recommendation: \$100,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Providers & Health

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$100,000 for Department of Corrections' Treatment Center (TC), a 6-month substance abuse and co-occurring behavioral health and substance abuse residential treatment program located in the Adult Residential Center. This program is focused on long-term behavioral change for justice-involved individuals. Successful recovery and reduced recidivism reduce costs to local governments and the justice system. The OSF dollars would continue to support an additional substance abuse counselor, allowing the expansion and more intensive services to additional individuals. The TC is currently licensed for 52 beds and is at capacity with a 60-120-day waiting list, but is undergoing an intensive planning process to expand its services to meet the needs of additional justice-involved individuals. The additional counselor allows for the counselor caseload to remain at 10 patients, increased group treatment capacity, and more targeted interventions for those struggling in the program.

Results Projected: Corrections will continue to offer 3 curriculums to TC participants. Each counselor will continue to deliver 2 additional client treatment hours per week, and continue to offer the new curriculum treatment classes through Hazelden co-occurring disorders classes. 79% of all TC admissions will successfully complete the program and be released back into community supervision. Recidivism rates for TC graduates 1 year after completion will decrease as compared to nonparticipants.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Johnson County District Attorney's Office: Juvenile Drug Court Diversion and Minor-In-Possession Programs

ATF Request: \$102,656

ATF Recommendation: \$102,656

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$102,656, an increase of \$17,736 from 2024, to Johnson County District Attorney's Office to support Juvenile Drug Court Diversion, the Minor-In-Possession (MIP) program, and other clients who have drug/alcohol contract cases. The Juvenile Diversion Unit provides programming and supervision to youth referred for juvenile offenses. Youth with misdemeanor or felony violations who have a substantial drug or alcohol problem are diverted to the eight-month Drug Court program, which offers a higher level of supervision and closely monitors treatment compliance. The MIP program is a non-court resolution of a police report indicating a juvenile has been in possession of alcohol. Drug/Alcohol contract cases are Intermediate Intervention for juveniles who have a drug/alcohol problem that require education, intervention, and/or completing random drug screens in addition to standard contacts. Supervision of diversion cases interrupts alcohol and/or drug use that has become problematic personally and legally for participants. The programs support clients in completing treatment and changing behavior.

Results Projected: The overarching programmatic goal is to help youth who are prone to relapse to develop tools to overcome substance abuse dependence. In 2025, 85% of Drug Court participants will test negative for all substances; 75% of Drug Court participants will be involved in prosocial activities; and Drug Court participants will increase their school grade point average (GPA) by 4%. During 2025, the District Attorney's Office anticipates serving 298 Johnson County youth.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: The overall program goal is to increase motivation to remain drug free, measured by improvement in school grades, involvement in pro-social activities, drug screens and parental feedback. In 2023, average semester GPA of Drug Court clients increased from 2.7 at

the start of the program to 3.1 at completion. 43% of clients participated in prosocial activities such as sports, and 78% of participants' drug screens were negative for all substances.

Johnson County Mental Health Center, Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT)

ATF Request: \$306,093

ATF Recommendation: \$274,132

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$274,132 for Johnson County Mental Health Center's Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT), an increase of \$31,962 from 2024. ACT is an 11-bed, residential substance use disorder treatment facility for adolescents age 12-18. Each client receives a thorough bio-psychosocial assessment and individualized treatment plan; and participates in over 50 hours of structured activities per week including at least 10 hours of clinical therapy. Activities include research-based Positive Behavior Supports (PBS), Mapping Enhanced Counseling, and Living in Balance and Stacked Deck curricula. Youth also attend academic programming during the school year. The cost of the residential treatment provided by ACT is significantly less than hospital, psychiatric residential, or detention facility stays.

Results Projected: ACT assists youth with substance use disorder to begin their recovery in a safe and sober environment. In 2025, 75% of ACT clients will remain in residential treatment for a minimum therapeutic length of stay (21 days for first admits.) 75% of clients will successfully complete treatment plan goals at discharge. Clients will rate satisfaction with program quality and staff performance an average of 4 out of 5 on discharge surveys. ACT anticipates serving 32 Johnson County youth in 2025, and will continue to work with the Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program to connect youth with outpatient services upon completion of ACT inpatient treatment.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: In 2023, ACT served 15 Johnson County youths through 312 bed days. 68% of first-time admits remained in treatment for at least 21 days. 77% of re-admits remained in treatment for at least 14 days. 69% of all ACT clients remained in treatment for the prescribed length of time, with 68% of all clients receiving a successful discharge. Average client satisfaction score was 4.2 out of 5.

Johnson County Mental Health Center, Adolescent Center for Treatment (ACT)

OSF Request: \$49,115

OSF Recommendation: \$49,115

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Harm Reduction, Recovery

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$49,115, an increase of \$3,917 from 2024, to support Opioid Use Disorder clients in the ACT residential program. Local opioid use and addiction among adolescents continues to rise with youth diagnosed with opioid use disorder (OUD) comprising 55% of admissions at the ACT program in 2022. OSF funding supports detox services for uninsured and underinsured individuals, which diverts clients from using hospital ED services. Clients receive daily recovery services, relapse prevention, and education, along with harm reduction kits (naloxone and fentanyl test strips) and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).

Results Projected: In 2025, 70% of OUD clients will demonstrate increased knowledge of fentanyl addiction and harm reduction strategies based on pre/post surveys. 75% of OUD clients will be referred for MAT, as appropriate, to support stabilized recovery and reduce likelihood of relapse. A total of 60% of OUD clients will successfully complete the Opioid Track programming. ACT anticipates serving 20 Johnson County youth through the Opioid Track through 300 therapy and MAT sessions.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Johnson County Mental Health Center, Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU)

ATF Request: \$349,907

ATF Recommendation: \$276,835

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$276,835, level funding with 2024, to the Johnson County Mental Health Center Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU). ADU provides 24/7 services to admit and monitor individuals with alcohol/drug intoxication or withdrawal and is the only program in the Kansas City metropolitan area that provides medical detoxification at a higher level of care for uninsured/underinsured individuals. Services are provided at no cost to participants and serve as a safety net for individuals with serious substance use disorders. ADU often diverts clients from seeking detox services at hospitals/emergency rooms. Licensed addiction counselors provide an assessment and recovery plan, and ADU operates in accordance with SAMHSA's principles and protocols of social detoxification. ADU shares a residential unit with JCMH's Crisis Recovery Center (CRC). Direct care Behavioral Health Specialists are trained in the services provided for both populations, and clients benefit from the combined expertise of both mental health and substance use programming.

Results Projected: ADU aims to provide social detoxification that protects individuals from negative effects of withdrawal and protects the public from the risks associated with having intoxicated individuals on their streets. In 2025, 75% of ADU clients will remain in social detox until discharge is recommended, based on symptom reduction or transfer to a higher care level. 75% of ADU clients will have a written discharge plan with referral to primary care, behavioral health, or community services. Client satisfaction surveys at discharge will rate ADU at least 4/5 for program quality and staff performance. ADU anticipates serving 510 Johnson County clients in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: ADU provided 262 Johnson County adults with 995 bed days of service in 2023. 84% of clients remained in ADU until staff recommended discharge, an increase of nearly 11 percentage points from 2022. Average length of stay was 2.7 days, down from 3 days in 2022. The shorter stay duration allowed the facility to serve a larger number of clients in the same time frame. 96% of clients left ADU with a recovery plan upon discharge. Those who did not receive a written discharge plan include clients who discharged to a higher level of care or refused to wait for written discharge instructions when discharging against staff advice. Average ADU customer satisfaction survey scores after discharge were 4.65/5.

Johnson County Mental Health Center, Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU)

OSF Request: \$72,897

OSF Recommendation: \$55,897

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction, Public Safety, Medication

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$55,897, level funding from 2024, for JCMH's Adult Detoxification Unit (ADU). Like other providers in Johnson County, the ADU program has seen an increase in the number of clients referred from emergency rooms, law enforcement, or other agencies who have an opioid addiction, often concurrent with addictions to alcohol or other substances. ADU requests OSF funding to add a licensed nurse practitioner to offer OUD recovery supports, including Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), testing supplies, and naloxone.

Results Projected: Program goals are to reduce harm caused by OUD and adulterated substances that contain opioids, promote addiction recovery, and provide supportive services to reduce barriers to care. In 2025, 100% of clients will be provided a box of Narcan at time of admission. 100% of clients who express interest in MAT will be tested for opioids, provided with Narcan as needed, and receive education on possible adulteration of substances. All clients with OUD will be offered the option of pursuing MAT from a licensed prescriber. OSF funding will support services for an anticipated 85 Johnson County OUD clients.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Johnson County Mental Health Center – Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP)

ATF Request: \$281,918

ATF Recommendation: \$223,044

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$223,044, level funding from 2024, to support JCMH’s Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP), which includes the Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services (AOAS). DDOP provides integrated outpatient services for individuals 12 and over with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. DDOP’s target population includes uninsured, underinsured, and indigent patients. The program provides a sliding fee scale to assist those unable to pay for services. Combined with ACT and ADU, DDOP is a critical part of JCMH’s substance use continuum of care. Clients receive 1 to 8 hours of weekly counseling group or individual sessions per week where they focus on basic alcohol/drug education, recovery, and relapse prevention skills; and help clients understand and manage mental health issues that complicate recovery. DDOP provides connection to community treatment and supportive services, including psychological testing and therapy, and psych and medication evaluations. In collaboration with the Medical Services Team, DDOP also administers Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), as appropriate, for clients.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is to provide integrated outpatient services for individuals aged 12 and over with mental health and substance use disorders. In 2025, DDOP expects to serve 551 Johnson County residents. 65% of adult clients discharged from DDOP will complete at least 8 hours of integrated treatment. 70% of adult DDOP clients will remain alcohol/drug free during participation, and 80% of enrolled adult clients will not engage in new criminal activity while in the program. For AOAS, 60% of all youth clients admitted will remain in treatment for at least 6 sessions, and 50% of youth clients served will have reported a reduction in alcohol/drug use during the prior 30 days.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: In 2023, DDOP served 106 adults and 94 youth in Johnson County with a total of 4,765 hours of service. 75% of adults remained alcohol/drug free during the program, and 58% of adolescent clients showed a reduction in substance use during the previous 30 days of treatment. 97% of all adult clients received at least 8 hours of treatment, up from 79% in 2022; 83% of youth received at least 6 hours of treatment, up from 71% in 2022. 79% of all adult clients received at least 8 hours of treatment and 71% of youth received at least 6 hours of treatment. 97% of clients did not incur new legal charges in 2023, up from 92% in 2022.

Johnson County Mental Health Center – Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP)

OSF Request: \$58,000

OSF Recommendation: \$58,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction, Providers & Healthcare

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$58,000, an increase of \$8,000 from 2024, for JCMH’s Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Program (DDOP). Like other treatment providers in Johnson County, the DDOP program is moving with intentionality to address the specialized needs of clients with opioid use disorder (OUD). JCMH requests OSF funding to help meet the increased demand for clients with OUD and for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services for adults and adolescents.

Results Projected: In 2025, JCMH’s DDOP will use OSF funding to serve 105 Johnson County clients with opioid use disorder (OUD). 75% of adult clients with (OUD) will be referred for MAT services; 50% of adult MAT clients will be actively engaged in employment, academics, or trade/skills development, supporting continued recovery. All OUD youth clients 15 and older will receive information about MAT, and 50% or more will be recommended for MAT services. 75% of OUD youth clients will receive education/information about harm reduction, a harm reduction care package and an overdose safety plan prior to discharge. OUD youth clients will be tested on their knowledge of opioids and harm reduction at admission, at 90-days, and at discharge they will answer 75% or more of the questions correctly at discharge.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Johnson County Mental Health Center, Prevention Services

ATF Request: \$210,448

ATF Recommendation: \$170,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$170,000, level funding from 2024, to Johnson County Mental Health Center’s Prevention Services to support the cost of prevention efforts aimed at Johnson County youth through public and private schools. Programming funded by ATF includes *AlcoholEdu*, *End the Trend*: an anti-vaping social media campaign, Youth Leadership Summit, School Prevention Resources Awareness and Knowledge (SPARK), Connected Conversations, and strengthening caregiver supports through the new Parenting A Second Time Around (PASTA). PASTA is an 8 week session parenting program, designed for relative caregivers who are not the biological parents of the children in their care, providing information, skills and resources to enhance their ability to provide effective care for their children.

Results Projected: The Prevention Services Program seeks to increase protective factors for youth within JoCo and decrease risk factors for substance misuse. At least 90% of participants in the 2025 Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) will indicate increased knowledge about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) prevention as measured by self-report evaluation. School Prevention Awareness Resources & Knowledge (SPARK) will host 5 discussions sharing best practices in prevention. At least 90% of SPARK participants will indicate increased knowledge/awareness of the topic presented as measured by self-report evaluation. They will host 4 Connected Conversations for middle or high schools during the fiscal year. 80% of participants will indicate increased knowledge and awareness, and increased confidence in family communication skills, as measured by self-report evaluation. *End the Trend (ETT)* will earn 200,000 social media impressions in 2025. *ETT* website users and page views will increase by 10%. At least 5,550 or more high school students will use *AlcoholEdu* in 2025 and demonstrate at least a 15% increase in knowledge across the five program modules, as measured by in-platform assessments. 70% of caregivers completing PASTA will report an increase confidence and skills after completing the program. Prevention Services anticipates serving 4,980 Johnson County residents in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: ATF funding supported services for 3,018 adults and 7,601 youth in Johnson County in 2023. A total of 10,385 students (not included in the above service statistics) accessed the digital *AlcoholEdu* resource, with an average knowledge increase of 18% across all 5 modules. School Prevention Roundtable met the goal of hosting 6 meetings in 2023, and 99% of participants reported an increased level of knowledge and confidence related to substance use prevention. 100% of Youth Leadership Summit participants reported an increase in knowledge and confidence in substance use prevention, according to pre- and post-surveys. Prevention Services facilitated 11 meetings of the Johnson County Prevention and Recovery Coalition (PRC) and supported 2 Strengthening Families sites. In addition, the *End the Trend* campaign received over 2 million impressions and nearly 37,000 engagements/interactions across platforms (Snapchat, YouTube, and Google searches).

Nonprofit Community-Based Programs

Nonprofit community-based programs round out and fill in linkages to care in the substance use continuum of care. For example, some community-based programs partner with school districts to provide education, prevention, and treatment programs on campus for students at low or no cost. Other programs provide substance use and behavioral health assessments that support the justice system and school districts. Other programs provide substance use and behavioral health in-patient and outpatient treatment to support individuals and families in recovery through recovery housing, case management, and employment supports. These programs also work closely with law enforcement and the Department of Corrections, supporting individuals who are being released back into the community through the recovery process, including supporting transportation and housing, employment training and connections, peer recovery, and linkages to care.

Artists Helping the Homeless

ATF Request: \$100,000

ATF Recommendation: \$90,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$90,000, level funding from 2024, to Artists Helping the Homeless (AHH). AHH's services address the complex interconnection of homelessness and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) for adult males and help break cycle of recovery, reuse, homelessness and incarceration. ATF dollars will support discharge planning and residential recovery services for Johnson County residents who are unhoused and dealing with substance abuse issues. The program fills a critical gap for unhoused adult males seeking recovery, and provides shelter, food, and basic needs in a sober environment with peer support. Referrals to AHH come from hospitals, agencies providing recovery and treatment supports, law enforcement, Johnson County Mental Health Center, and state mental health and aging services. The program uses Housing First, Recovery Oriented Systems of Care, and Strengths-Based management approach with clients.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is for participants to maintain sobriety, reintegrate and lead fulfilled lives as contributing members of society, and to reduce the need and cost of substance use treatment and homelessness. In 2025, AHH will assess, place and/or assist 200 unduplicated Johnson County residents at risk of alcohol or drug abuse referred from Johnson County sources. The program will provide Residential Recovery Services to 40 unduplicated Johnson County residents at risk of alcohol or drug abuse referred from Johnson County sources. 85% will be successfully discharged from the program, and 80% of participants will be employed at discharge. Reuse rate will be 20% or less with demonstrated progress toward recovery and reintegration during stays. 100% of

participants will avoid interaction with law enforcement after entering the program, and 90% will not require Emergency Room or ambulance calls after entering the program.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: AHH provided housing and other intervention and recovery services to 1,004 unhoused Johnson County individuals recovering from substance use disorder. 91% of clients successfully discharged and transitioned into permanent housing. 97% of enrolled clients maintained sobriety (up from 83% in 2022) based on urinalysis results. 93% of AHH clients obtained employment, enrolled in school or job training, or entered treatment within 60 days of the initial recovery period. No Johnson County clients had new interaction with law enforcement, 90% maintained compliance with parole/probation, 8% visited an ER, and 3% had an overnight hospital stay.

Artists Helping the Homeless

OSF Request: \$15,000

OSF Recommendation: \$15,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$15,000 to enable AHH to support additional Johnson County clients with an opioid use disorder through the BE THE CHANGE program, which supports unhoused men with substance use disorders through its respite houses. Be The Change fills a critical gap in the continuum of care by providing shelter, food, and basic needs, free of charge, in a clean environment with peer support so residents can focus on recovery. Be The Change uses a Housing First, recovery-oriented model and a strengths-based approach.

Results Projected: In 2025, AHH will assess, assist, and/or place in respite housing 50 Johnson County individuals experiencing OUD. 15 Johnson County individuals will receive housing and supportive services, with at least 85% enrolled in the program for more than 30 days successfully discharged, and 20% or lower reuse rate with demonstrated progress toward recovery/reintegration. AHH will also strive in 2025 to expand its practices and programming to address challenges unique to prevention, use, and recovery.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Boys and Girls Club

ATF Request: \$25,000

ATF Recommendation: \$25,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$25,000, an increase of \$5,000 from 2024, to the Boys and Girls Club for its Journeys: Path to Adulthood Targeted Program, formerly SMART MOVES, in Olathe. The Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program is a comprehensive prevention initiative that educates members (youth 5-18) about the dangers of substance abuse and develops their skills to resist negative influences. The program provides a range of services focused on empowering and educating participants. These services include evidence-based curricula, interactive workshops, and mentoring. The core focus of Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program is to equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed to make informed decisions and resist engaging in risky behaviors such as drug use, alcohol abuse, and early sexual activity. Through the program, participants receive education on topics such as drug prevention, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and personal safety. The Olathe School District provides transportation to the Club from various schools. Boys and Girls Club has established relationships with corporate partners, such as

University of Kansas Medical Center, Center of Grace, CarMax, Opus Group, Garmin, TVH Parts, Sysco, Harmon Construction, Olathe Police Department, Atmos, and Subaru of Olathe to support older youth with job experience opportunities.

Results Projected: The objective of our Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program is to prevent or delay the onset of alcohol and drug use as well as involvement in other risky behaviors by young people. In 2025, at least 85% of participants will demonstrate an increased knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and drug use; 85% of participants will demonstrate an increased knowledge of tools to resist peer pressure and media influence; 85% of participants will demonstrate an increased knowledge of how to resolve conflict non-violently; 95% of participants will self-report abstinence from drug and alcohol use. Journeys: Paths to Adulthood Targeted Program will serve 550 Johnson County youth in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: Boys and Girls Clubs provided 150 program sessions, both after school and all-day summer sessions, to 368 Johnson County youth in 2023. Pre-and post-test results showed 95% of SMART Moves program participants demonstrated increased knowledge of the dangers of alcohol and drug use. 94% of participants also increased their knowledge of tools and strategies to resist peer pressure and media influence, and 87% demonstrated greater knowledge about non-violent conflict resolution.

Boys and Girls Club

OSF Request: \$25,000

OSF Recommendation: \$25,000

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$25,000, an increase of \$5,000 from 2024, to support additional staff to implement its Positive Action program, which promotes positive behaviors, character development, and academic success among children and teens. Positive Action, endorsed by SAMHSA, provides after school activities, mentoring, academic support, and life skills training, designed to foster personal growth, social-emotional development, and resilience. The program emphasizes the importance of positive decision making, conflict resolution, and building healthy relationships. These skills increase protective factors and reduce risk factors for substance use in youth. As a result, youth are better equipped to avoid substance abuse and to self-regulate without the use of substances.

Results Projected: Positive Action is designed to empower young people and promote positive behaviors, character development, and personal growth. In 2025, 85% of participants will demonstrate increased academic achievement through improved grades or test scores; 85% of participants will show, through participant, parent and staff surveys and feedback, improved social and emotional competencies like communication, conflict resolution, and self-confidence; 85% of participants will have greater involvement and positive community contributions, measured by community service hours performed, surveys, and feedback from community organizations. Boys & Girls Club expects to serve 550 youth with Positive Action in 2025.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Cornerstones of Care

ATF Request: \$169,290

ATF Recommendation: \$84,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$84,000, level funding from 2024, to Cornerstones of Care for the implementation of Functional Family Therapy (FFT) for families dealing with a substance use related issue. The FFT program is a short-term (12-14 sessions), evidence-based, in-home, intensive family-based treatment program for youth ages 11-17, who are at risk for substance use, including those with co-occurring mental health issues and those involved in child welfare or juvenile justice systems. FFT addresses risk factors in the personal and family domain that influence a youth's choice to use and helps children and their families enhance protective factors. FFT is provided at no-cost to families; families are referred by Court Services, Corrections, and schools.

Results Projected: The goal of this program is to help at-risk children and families reach their potential through counseling, social services, and education and divert them from justice involvement. In 2025, following the completion of Functional Family Therapy, 80% of the program youth will not be adjudicated on a violation of the law or charges related to drugs or alcohol for one year after completion; 80% of program youth and families will report improvements in their ability to communicate with one another; 80% of program youth and families will report the level of conflict has decreased in their family. In 2025, Cornerstones anticipates serving 150 Johnson County residents whose problems are related to substance abuse.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: In 2023, 81 clients participated in 324.5 Functional Family Therapy service encounters (not including time for travel, documentation, consultation, training, or supervision.) As a result of the therapy, closing assessment scores for both youth and parents showed an average of 3.6 (between "3 = some better" and "4= a lot better") for improved family communication and an average of 4.0 for improvement in levels of family conflict. In addition, approximately 91% of 2023 program participants had no subsequent drug/alcohol charges.

First Call

ATF Request: \$72,847

ATF Recommendation: \$72,847

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$72,847 to First Call for Prevention Services. First Call will provide effective, no-cost prevention programming to children and youth at nine Johnson County school sites, naloxone (generic Narcan for opioid overdose reversal) to schools and other programs requesting it, and a 24/7 crisis call line. First Call's prevention programming includes the *How to Cope* program for families with a member who has substance abuse disorder; *Caring for Kids* (psycho-educational program on effects of substance abuse disorder and establishing protective factors) at local schools; sobriety and life skills groups at local high schools, and virtually; *Botvin Life Skills & "Too Good"* Curriculum, in which students learn how to identify and respond to stressful situations without the use of nicotine, alcohol, or drugs. Presentations can also be customized to address school violence and suicide prevention. First Call also offers the *Adolescent Relapse Prevention* counseling group for students who have already faced disciplinary action due to nicotine, alcohol, or drug use. Schools frequently offer Adolescent Relapse Prevention as an alternative to suspension.

Results Projected: The overall goal is that participants lead safe, healthy lives and avoid substance use, misuse, and addiction. 80% of participants in *How to Cope* and *Caring for Kids* will increase knowledge of the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Participants in *Life Skills Training* will demonstrate positive change, 7% increase, in knowledge and attitudes related to

alcohol, tobacco, drugs and protective life skills as demonstrated from their pre-and post-evaluations. 80% of participants in the Adolescent Relapse Prevention program will be able to identify triggering situations and at least three new coping mechanisms to deal with stress. First Call anticipates serving 120 Johnson County residents in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: First Call's overall goal is for participants to lead safe, healthy lives and avoid substance use, misuse, and addiction. In 2023, First Call served 1,968 Johnson County clients with 1,495 hours of service. 88% of Caring for Kids participants reported an increase in knowledge regarding the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Life Skills participants saw an average 15% increase (up from 8% in 2022) over their baseline score in knowledge and positive attitude related to protective life skills and the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. School based prevention services participants also showed a 15% increase in knowledge based on pre- and post-tests.

Additionally, 86% of 24/7 Crisis Line callers received follow up communication within 7 days, exceeding First Call's 80% goal. 100% (goal 80%) of assessment participants received a referral to a community resource, and 100% (goal 60%) of recovery advocacy participants improved their Self-Sufficiency matrix scores.

First Call

OSF Request: \$43,517

OSF Recommendation: \$43,517

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Recovery, Linkage to Care, Harm Reduction

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$43,517 to support First Call's Linkage to Care programming in Johnson County with a focus on providing outreach, recovery support, and harm reduction. Linkages to Care, First Call's 24/7 Crisis Call Line serves as many clients' first point of connection with the agency. Counselors provide brief interventions for people experiencing mental health crises, referrals to support services, and linkages to Recovery Advocates. Recovery Advocates provide therapeutic case management and care coordination to help people navigating a challenging path to recovery. Harm Reduction, launched in 2022, was the first of its kind in the region and continues to be one of the largest providers of no-cost naloxone. The Harm Reduction Specialist employs a set of life-affirming strategies to mitigate the negative health impacts of drug use, with a focus on preventing and reversing overdoses. First Call provides trainings to civic, religious, and business groups on a wide range of topics, including harm reduction and current drug trends. First Call further participates in resource fairs and operates educational booths at festivals and community events.

Results Projected: Implementation of Harm Reduction strategies will result in decreases in community emergency department use, overdose deaths, and unaddressed medical needs. In 2025, 85% of callers to First Call's 24/7 Crisis Call Line will receive at least one appropriate referral. First Call will participate in 10 events or presentations, reaching 250 people, with participation in at least one new event; distribute 500 units of naloxone, distribute 500 substance use test strips, and train at least 250 people in how to spot an overdose and administer naloxone. Participants in the *recovery group*, will achieve a 60% decrease in Addiction Severity Index (ASI), as well as a 60% improvement in Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix (ASSM) scores. First Call anticipates serving 2,000 Johnson County residents in 2025.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Friends of Recovery Association

ATF Request: \$205,758

ATF Recommendation: \$60,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$60,000, level funding from 2024, for Friends of Recovery Association (FORA) to continue staffing and training capacity for its 46 existing and 2 additional Johnson County Oxford Houses. Oxford Houses are self-sustaining, democratically run, transitional homes that help participants live productive, meaningful lives in recovery from substance abuse. Participants include adults who are experiencing homelessness or are in danger of homelessness, individuals with mental health challenges, and adults recently released from incarceration. FORA uses a peer mentorship model (alumni or current residents) to help newly recovering residents.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is to increase awareness, positive activities, self-efficacy, and skill building with a Recovery Center model to allow those in recovery to remain alcohol and drug free. In 2025, FORA participants will demonstrate a reduction in relapse rates from 34% to 25% or lower, and 40 or more individuals will receive help with their non-refundable sobriety fee and 2 to 4 weeks of housing expenses. FORA plans to reach 1,205 Johnson County residents in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: FORA served a total of 1,115 Johnson County individuals with 4,384 service units in 2023. Three new Oxford Houses were opened in 2023, exceeding the annual goal of 2 new houses. 88% of residents remained employed during their Oxford House stay, higher than the national average. Oxford House relapse rates were 4%, down from 5.5% in 2022. Approximately 71% of residents successfully transitioned out of Oxford Houses in 2023.

Health Partnership Clinic (HPC)

ATF Request: \$89,250

ATF Recommendation: \$89,250

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$89,250, an increase of \$8,660 from 2024, to support Health Partnership Clinic's (HPC) Substance Use Disorder Services, including partial funding for a psychiatric nurse practitioner providing Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and a contracted substance use counselor. HPC is a Patient-Centered Medical Home and the only Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC) in the region and provides care for low-income and uninsured populations on a sliding scale. HPC's Substance Use Disorder program provides up to 5 hours of programming per week for adolescents and 8 hours per week for adults, including behavioral intervention, relapse prevention, social support and education in individual, group, and family therapy settings. HPC utilizes the SAMHSA-endorsed Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) tool during primary care visits and Hazelton's Living in Balance treatment (endorsed by National Institute on Drug Abuse) including cognitive-behavioral and experimental therapeutic methods for substance use disorder treatment. In substance use disorder treatment, HPC utilizes evidence-based Motivational Interviewing and MAT to support recovery of clients.

Results Projected: The overall program goal is for patients to successfully complete recommended treatment and remain sober. In 2025, HPC projects serving 69 Johnson County clients through 446 patient visits; 90% of patients will indicate that they are satisfied with the services they receive through post-treatment surveys. Patients without housing will be connected to housing resources. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services will be provided to patients who demonstrate a need with at least 70% of clients remaining in compliance with MAT medications.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: HPC provided 79 patients with 589 visits in 2023. 92% of patients surveyed in 2023 were satisfied with overall care by their HPC provider. 100% of unhoused patients were connected to housing resources. 75.5% of patients receiving Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services were compliant with medication.

Heartland Regional Alcohol & Drug Assessment Center (RADAC)

ATF Request: \$241,335

ATF Recommendation: \$230,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$230,000, an increase of \$5,000 from 2024, to support HRADAC's Intensive Case Management (ICM) program. The ICM program focuses on crisis management, intervention and stabilization, connection to recovery services (both SUD and mental health issues) and assistance in securing safe and sober housing. The ICM program is part of Heartland RADAC's array of Case Management, Care Coordination and RC (also called Peer Support) services; and combines clinical services, RC, and Barrier Reduction Dollars (BRD) to engage clients regardless of their current substance use and other co-occurring issues. ATF supports expenses for program staff and direct assistance for housing services and barrier reduction, as well as access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) when clinically appropriate.

Results Projected: The overarching goal of HRADAC's program is to intervene with individuals who have substance use disorder and other co-occurring issues, stabilize them in their home community, and engage in recovery activities. In 2025, 80% of HRADAC ICM clients will secure safe housing while receiving services. A total of 85% of clients will address substance use during the program by engaging in recovery activities. 70% of clients will access mental health services after enrollment. HRADAC expects to serve 145 Johnson County residents with ICM in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: HRADAC served 130 Johnson County residents through 164 service encounters in 2023. 90% of ICM clients obtained transitional (24%) or permanent (56%) housing while receiving services. 95% of ICM clients actively worked on recovery issues. 71% of clients accessed substance abuse treatment, 73% attended 12 step and other recovery groups, and 94% engaged in Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) activities with a Recovery Coach. Additionally, 20% accessed Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). 92% of HRADAC clients reported mental health issues in 2023, and 77% accessed mental health services since they began ICM.

KidsTLC

ATF Request: \$60,397

ATF Recommendation: \$60,397

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$60,397, an increase of \$780 from 2024, to KidsTLC for its Psychiatric Residential Drug and Alcohol Program (PRTF). Funding will support a newly contracted therapist and other program staff who perform substance abuse screening/ assessment, evaluation, prevention/education, and clinical treatment for youth participants ages 13 and older. Clinical treatment is provided to youth with a dual diagnosis of substance use disorder and mental health issues. The evidence-based *Seeking Safety* curriculum is utilized in treatment as well as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Eye Motion Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and Motivational Interviewing. Relapse prevention and prevention education are provided to all youth in the PRTF.

Results Projected: KidsTLC provides substance use prevention groups and intervention/therapy services for youth. In 2025, 29 Johnson County youth will receive 180 total clinical service hours of Substance Abuse Therapy as part of PRTF. 100% of youth in the three PRTF adolescent units will participate in one 60-minute psychoeducation prevention group each week during their treatment, regardless of results of initial substance use screening. 80% of program participants will abstain from drugs/alcohol during passes/breaks, and 80% of youth in treatment will respond favorably regarding program access on the program satisfaction survey.

Pre-and post-treatment assessments will show 80% of participants will gain an improved outlook; 65% will report maintenance or decrease in problem severity; and 60% will report an increase in hopefulness and functioning between admission and discharge. 85% of substance use program participants will have at least one community follow-up appointment scheduled at the time of discharge.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: PRTF provided 164.5 hours of services to 26 Johnson County youth in 2023. 100% of participants demonstrated improved outlook after treatment. 71% self-reported maintenance or a decrease in problem severity between admission and discharge, measured by the Ohio Scales problem severity domain. 100% responded with a rating of 4 or 5 on the substance use program satisfaction survey that they “had good access to the Substance Use Program” and “my counselor was willing to help me access services that I need.” 100% of substance use/PRTF participants had at least one community follow-up appointment scheduled at discharge. 67% of youth discharged from treatment reported an increase in hopefulness and increase in functioning (Ohio Scales). 87% of youth receiving Seeking Safety services remained abstinent, measured by clean urinalysis after returning from outside pass with parent/guardian.

KVC Behavioral HealthCare

ATF Request: \$86,092

ATF Recommendation: \$66,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$66,000, level funding from 2024, to KVC Behavioral HealthCare for its Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services. The Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services provide in-home substance abuse treatment and recovery services to caregivers and youth who are being served within the foster care system. During assessment by the case manager, caregivers and family members are screened using UNCOPE, a substance use disorder tool used in child welfare settings. If indication of substance abuse exists, professionals will refer them to Family Substance Abuse Recovery Services. Outpatient, in-home treatment will be determined using the KS Client Placement Criteria (KCPC) recommendations and the families' willingness to participate. When the KCPC indicates that a higher level of service is needed, the Substance Abuse Counselor works with the family and the case team to refer for services and reduce barriers to obtaining treatment. Referrals to KVC come from DCF, case management and therapist staff.

Results Projected: KVC provides the treatment and recovery services necessary to youth and adults, and act as a referral source for additional services that impact social determinants of health. 80% of outpatient services will be provided in-home, and families will report increased efforts to improve family stability through lifestyle changes. Each family works with KVC to set and monitor outcome goals, which may include maintaining sobriety, housing stability, avoiding criminal activities, and retaining access to and/or actively connecting to resources and services that can help them maintain their program goals. KVC anticipates serving 90 Johnson County residents in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: Family Substance Abuse Recovery served 46 adults and 22 youth (68 total) with 735 hours of assessment and treatment in 2023. 94% (goal 80%) of services were provided in home. During treatment, 87% (goal 80%) of clients reported an increase in family stability through lifestyle changes. All families coming into the program were contacted and 85% completed an intake/assessment within 10 days of referral. After program completion, 78% of KVC clients who took the AWARE assessment fell in the 11% average range, indicating the lowest likelihood of relapse and the remaining 22% fell in the second lowest probability range (21% average) of relapse.

Mirror, Inc.

ATF Request: \$308,194

ATF Recommendation: \$301,510

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$301,510, an increase of \$91,510 from 2024, to Mirror for its Co-Occurring Disorder (COD) Residential Treatment Program for Johnson County residents. The COD program serves clients living below 200% of Federal Poverty Level and reduces barriers to treatment and shortens wait time for clients, removing them from lengthy waitlists for state-funded beds. Expedited services help clients stabilize and engage in recovery sooner, increasing the likelihood of successful treatment. Mirror's 2025 request adds access to person-centered case management (PCCM), peer mentoring services, and makes transportation to mental health, dental, medical and other social service appointments available. Support is also provided to address barriers to recovery such as legal, housing, health and employment issues.

Results Projected: The goal of the program is to provide more timely access to treatment services for Johnson County residents with limited resources, allowing them to access support services and stable housing after treatment completion and discharge. Average waitlist time for Mirror COD clients is 15 days. Projected outcomes for 2025 include 70% retention in the treatment program; and compliance with all discharge recommendations. After discharge, 80% of discharged clients will receive appropriate service referrals, and 80% of participants who identify as housing insecure will receive housing support services. Mirror projects serving 45 Johnson County residents with 1,500 COD service days in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: Mirror served 129 individuals with 3,274 service days in the COD program in 2023. Johnson County clients entering the COD program in 2023 had a 64% retention rate, and a 42% increase in reported confidence between admission and discharge (46% to 78%). 100% (goal 80%) of clients who successfully completed the program received community referrals and 100% (goal 60%) of applicants for Oxford House deposit assistance were approved.

Mirror, Inc.

OSF Request: \$124,347

OSF Recommendation: \$5,227

OSF Abatement Strategies: Treatment, Recovery, Linkage to Care

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$5,227 to Mirror, to expand its Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services for clients with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders who are unable to otherwise access MAT. MAT combines FDA-approved medications with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders. MAT clients will also receive other COD services, including Person Centered Case Management (PCCM) and peer mentoring

Results Projected: In 2025, the program will retain 60% of COD clients in outpatient treatment. At discharge, 80% of employment-eligible COD clients will be employed, enrolled in an employment program, or participating in education. 80% of clients will be housing secure at discharge.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

NCircle

OSF Request: \$61,384

OSF Recommendation: \$57,913

OSF Abatement Strategies: Prevention, Harm Reduction, Workforce Development

OSF Description: The DAC recommends an OSF award of \$57,913, an increase of \$60 from 2024, to NCircle, which partners with Johnson County Department of Corrections to provide the College of Trades (COT) program on-site for individuals who are incarcerated in the residential substance use Treatment Center (TC) in Johnson County. COT provides employment and life skills training for individuals at high-risk of unemployment or recidivism upon release, with a goal to end the cycle of incarceration and stabilize families. Program participants are assessed using the Employment Readiness Scale before and after the 12-week training. NCircle coordinates with Johnson County Community College, Engage South KC, the Johnson County Library, and the Johnson County Community College Foundation to deliver job training and classes. There is no cost to participate in this program.

Results Projected: In 2025, 95 participants will receive 2,800 hours of workforce development services through NCircle’s College of Trades (COT). 70% of TC clients will complete Programing. Work is one of the best predictors of positive outcomes for individuals with SUD. Colocation of workforce development services inside the Treatment Center and Adult Residential Center (ARC) lowers barriers and increases the opportunity for clients to complete the COT program, 75% of TC Clients exiting the COT program will have secured employment prior to leaving the ARC; 10%+ improvement in job maintenance and social support; 10%+ improvement in identifying a career pathway. NCircle will track recidivism using a new intake system and will report changes.

***OSF is a new source of funding as of 2024.**

Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.

ATF Request: \$231,790

ATF Recommendation: \$100,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$100,000 to Preferred Family Healthcare (PFH). Funding will support staffing at PFH’s Olathe SUD treatment center for delivery of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Co-Occurring Disorder (COD) services to indigent, uninsured, underinsured, and low income clients. Evidence-based treatment interventions include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, and Motivational Enhancement Therapy.

Results Projected: The goal of the programs is to support Johnson County residents struggling with substance use disorder as they move toward recovery. In 2025, 80% of participants will demonstrate abstinence from substance use; 55% of participants (who are not disabled or retired) will obtain and/or maintain employment/ educational activities; and 70% of clients will successfully complete treatment as measured by PFH – Olathe’s discharge criteria. Preferred Family Healthcare anticipates serving 393 Johnson County residents with 5,675 service hours in 2025.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: Of all clients tested with random urinalysis, all but one were negative for substances. 59% (55% goal) of participants were employed or enrolled in educational activities at discharge. 61% (70% goal) of discharged clients successfully completed treatment. A total of 262 Johnson County individuals (203 adults and 59 youth) engaged in 4,683 service hours at PFH in 2023.

The Family Conservancy

ATF Request: \$40,000

ATF Recommendation: \$40,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$40,000 to The Family Conservancy. ATF supports two programs: Substance Use Screening and education and implementation of *Conscious Discipline* programming for Johnson County childcare centers that serve families living at or below the federal poverty level. Those who screen positive for substance misuse receive substance use education as needed and are referred to community resources, when appropriate. *Conscious Discipline* is an evidence-based self-regulation program that integrates social-emotional learning and discipline to foster a healthy development that reduces future risk of substance abuse.

Results Projected: Clients in counseling programs will successfully complete their treatment plan and report increased knowledge of harmful effects of misuse of substances. Clients who have a family member with substance misuse problems will report improved knowledge or change in attitude to support family health. 80% of parents and teachers completing the *Conscious Discipline* program will maintain or show an increase in four of the program's seven "Powers/ Beliefs" designed to help teach self-regulation (override impulsive and reactive tendencies), resulting in positive child guidance and responsiveness to needs of child. 80% of parents and teachers participating in *Conscious Discipline* will apply at least 5 of 10 strategies learned. During 2025, TFC anticipates serving 417 Johnson County residents.

Outcomes Achieved During 2023: In 2023, Family Conservancy served 588 Johnson County residents with 15,562 hours of programming. 33% of individuals participating in at least 3 *Conscious Discipline* classes showed improvement in at least four of the seven Powers/Beliefs (perception, attention, unity, free will, acceptance, love, and intention), and 91% indicated that they successfully applied five or more of the 10 positive impacts or successful applications of *Conscious Discipline* strategies. A challenge with assessing improvement is that many participants self-reported on the top end of the Likert scale in pre assessments, providing minimal opportunity for an increase in skills in the post assessment.

95% of Johnson County clients successfully completed their counseling treatment plan (80% goal). 91% of clients who self-identified as having a family member with substance use concerns received health information and/or resources (100% goal).

Valley Hope Foundation

ATF Request: \$50,000

ATF Recommendation: \$30,000

The DAC recommends an ATF award of \$30,000 for Valley Hope's Patient Assistance Program. The Patient Assistance Program provides financial assistance to Johnson County clients who are otherwise unable to pay for necessary substance abuse treatment services. Valley Hope provides intensive outpatient services in Overland Park for adults with substance use disorder and has an Alumni Program serving clients who have completed treatment through Valley Hope.

Results Projected: Within 12 months of enrollment, at least 30 Johnson County clients will receive funds from the Patient Assistance Program to complete their treatment. 50% of those patients will remain in treatment for at least 18 of 28 days or complete at least half of the outpatient or continuing care program. A minimum of 75% of patients will complete a discharge plan to ensure connection to treatment or their recovery community to maintain sobriety. Valley Hope anticipates providing Patient Assistance funds to 41 Johnson County clients in 2025.

****Valley Hope did not receive ATF funding in 2023, there are no results available for that grant period.***

**2025 Substance Use Continuum of Care Fund
Participating Jurisdictions**

Jurisdiction	2025
Johnson County Government	\$ 232,500
Johson County OSF	\$ 100,000
De Soto	\$ 19,000
Gardner	\$ 34,000
Leawood	\$ 300,000
Leawood OSF	\$ 85,000
Lenexa	\$ 170,000
Lenexa OSF	\$ 50,000
Merriam	\$ 25,000
Mission	\$ 65,000
Olathe	\$ 250,000
Olathe OSF	\$ 25,000
Overland Park	\$ 1,287,500
Overland Park OSF	\$ 100,000
Prairie Village	\$ 44,000
Prairie Village OSF	\$ 50,000
Shawnee	\$ 112,000
Shawnee OSF	\$ 70,000
Total ATF	\$ 2,539,000
Total OSF	\$480,000
Total SUF Funds to Allocate	\$3,019,000

The recommended grant awards represent the maximum SUF award for the calendar year and are based upon an estimate from local jurisdictions of local liquor tax revenue and estimates of opioid settlement fund distributions. Awards will only be made if jurisdictions receive adequate revenue. Actual dollars disbursed are dependent upon local liquor tax revenue and opioid settlement fund distributions received by participating jurisdictions. Neither United Community Services (UCS) nor the Drug and Alcoholism Council is responsible for a reduction in SUF awards payable by participating jurisdictions.

APPENDIX A
DRUG & ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL of JOHNSON COUNTY FUNDING PRIORITIES

Alcohol Tax Funds (ATF)

By legislative mandate (KSA §79-41a04 as amended), ATF dollars must be used to fund services or programs whose principal purpose is substance abuse education, prevention, detoxification, intervention and/or treatment. Programs funded through the ATF grant process create a substance use continuum of services. Programs are defined as follows:

- Education and Prevention programs are designed to promote awareness and self-efficacy, and provide information, activities, and skill building to prevent problems with, or addiction to, alcohol and/or drugs.
- Intervention programs are designed to interrupt alcohol and/or drug use and may include involvement in activities applied during early stages of substance use which may prevent the transition from drug use to abuse.
- Substance Abuse Treatment programs are licensed by the State of Kansas to provide substance use disorder treatment services, including detoxification, and are designed to assist clients with discontinuing the use of alcohol and drugs and recovery programs supporting a reduction in relapse.

Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF)

OSF are special purpose, special revenue funds distributed by the Kansas Attorney General’s Office to municipalities that joined the statewide opioid settlement agreement. Pursuant to state statute and a Memorandum of Understanding, funds are distributed based on each municipality’s population and must be used for **“projects and activities that prevent, reduce, treat, or mitigate the effects of substance abuse and addiction or to reimburse the State or Political Subdivisions for previous expenses related to substance abuse mitigation or arising from covered conduct.”** KSA 75-775—781.

The national opioid settlement agreements governing this funding provide a [List of Opioid Remediation Uses](#), including Core Strategies and nonexclusive Approved Uses to support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (SUD/MH) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs and strategies, such as:

- Naloxone and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) distribution, education, and training.
- Treatment, intervention, and wrap-around services to specialized populations, such as pregnant and postpartum women and families and incarcerated individuals.
- Expansion of recovery and reintegration services for OUD, SUD and SUD/MH, including peer support and comprehensive wrap-around services such as housing, transportation, job training/placement, education, and/or childcare.
- Education and prevention programs, including media campaigns, K-12 education, drug disposal, diversion programs, and syringe service programs.

JOHNSON COUNTY REGION FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR SUF

In addition to consideration of core purposes of ATF and OSF referenced above, overall priority is given to:

- Programs that target populations who are at-risk for substance use or abuse including individuals who have mental health issues, people who are homeless and/or have other co-occurring issues, women who are pregnant or nursing, and individuals involved in the child welfare or criminal justice system.
- Programs that address barriers to service including hours of operation, transportation, lack of care for children of parents seeking services, and physical location.

- If fees are charged for services, there are accommodations for clients with no ability, or limited ability, to pay the fees including a sliding fee scale based upon income.
- Programs that demonstrate competency in addressing language and cultural barriers and provide bilingual services in multiple languages, such as Spanish.
- Programs that provide services to meet a current community need defined through indicator data or *Communities That Care* survey trends.
- Programs that demonstrate an awareness of the negative impact of trauma in the prevention and treatment of substance use and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders and utilize a trauma-informed care approach in the delivery of services.
- Programs that are evidence-based or reflect a best or promising practice and include measures to ensure fidelity.
- Programs that utilize measurable outcome data to improve service delivery.
- Strategies and services that involve families, parents, guardians, and/or other support systems.
- Programs that demonstrate coordination and collaboration with other agencies that support the substance abuse continuum of services in Johnson County and provide connection to community supports.
- Programs that demonstrate through service delivery, competency in addressing the interrelationship between substance use/abuse and other risk factors as defined above.

Priorities for Education and Prevention Programs include:

- Strategies that seek to delay the onset of the initial use of substances.
- Programs that target use of gateway drugs and address new trends in drug use across all age groups.
- Programs that utilize *Risk and Protective Factors* strategies across all age groups.

Priorities for Treatment and Intervention Programs include:

- Programs that provide effective treatment strategies for individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
- Programs that serve targeted populations and introduce early intervention strategies.
- Programs that incorporate Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) which sustain and support recovery. These include providing peer support, housing, case management, and/or to linkages to recovery communities and activities.

For Opioid Settlement Funds only, priorities further include:

- Programs that support early education evidence-based prevention programs and mental health services and supports in schools, including school-based contacts and outreach.
- Programs and services providing training and workforce development for individuals providing support for this population.
- New and/or expansions of existing evidence-based or evidence-informed programs specifically focused on OUD and OUD/MH.
- Programs that expand warm hand-off and recovery services for OUD, SUD and SUD/MH to provide comprehensive wrap-around services, including housing, transportation, education, job training, and childcare.
- Programs that expand reintegration services for individuals in recovery, including recovery centers and peer support as well as supportive housing, and community navigators.

*Approved by the Drug and Alcoholism Council
April 12, 2024*

APPENDIX B

**2024 DRUG and ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL of JOHNSON COUNTY
2025 SUF GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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