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HOPE Taskforce Seeks Grant Applicants

DUPAGE COUNTY— The DuPage County Heroin/Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce is pleased to announce the availability of grant funds to address opioid overdose response and treatment and recovery. Grants between \$25,000 and \$50,000 are available for local government and community organizations to fight the opioid crisis in DuPage County.

“Fighting the opioid epidemic is as critical as ever for our community, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take the dedication and ingenuity of our entire county to continue to make progress. We are looking for local organizations to assist HOPE in its efforts to address opioid use disorder in DuPage County by providing program ideas in which the Taskforce should invest,” said Greg Hart, HOPE Taskforce Co-chair and DuPage County Board Member.

Proposals must serve DuPage County residents and address HOPE Taskforce Framework priorities: increase overdose response and prevention (including harm reduction) and provide integrated mental health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery.

“We have been impressed by the organizations previously funded by the Taskforce, including national recognition. This year, we are looking for similarly creative and sustainable proposals to reduce the impact of the opioid crisis. Resources and collaborative programs are critically needed - given the 17 percent increase in overdose deaths in DuPage County in 2020. With the right partners, we will find ways to significantly decrease these tragic, and preventable, overdose deaths in DuPage County,” said Dr. Lanny Wilson, HOPE Taskforce Co-chair and DuPage County Board of Health Member.

Grant submissions must be received by the HOPE Taskforce no later than noon, Friday, May 21, 2021. Grant recipients will be notified in June 2021.

The grant funding is made possible by the DuPage County Board, which has agreed to provide \$100,000 annually to support the work of the HOPE Taskforce.

For a complete list of requirements and to apply, visit <https://hopedupage.org/197/Taskforce-Funding-Opportunity>.

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