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### **HOPE Taskforce Announces Grant Recipients**

**DUPAGE COUNTY**—The DuPage County Heroin/Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce today announced the award of grants totaling \$125,000 to expand its capabilities in the fight against the opioid crisis in the County.

The grant awardees and a brief description of each project are below:

- **Hope for Healing**- \$32,000. The grant will support a harm reduction mobile outreach unit to provide outreach and engagement to individuals in need of support.
- **Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital**- \$25,000. The funding will allow further development of their support to patients struggling with substance and opioid use disorders.
- **NAMI DuPage** - \$31,000. The funds will provide a twice per month support group and offer peer counseling services to clients with a dual diagnosis.
- **Haymarket Center** - \$37,000. The funds will support providing a recovery coach to work with the DuPage County Correctional Facility to engage recently released and soon-to-be-released inmates in an evidence-based recovery coaching model.

“Combating the opioid epidemic is as critical as ever, and it requires the dedication and ingenuity that local, community-based partners bring to the fight,” said Greg Hart, DuPage County Board Member and HOPE Taskforce Co-chair. “That’s why the Taskforce is comprehensively addressing the needs of those struggling with addiction within DuPage County and recommending effective and actionable policies, initiatives, and programs.”

The proposals serve DuPage County residents and align with two priority aspects of the HOPE Taskforce Framework: increase overdose response and provide integrated mental health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery.

"One program at a time, we hope to address the needs of the community by providing sustainable, impactful resources for those struggling with substance use disorder in DuPage County," said Dr. Lanny Wilson, DuPage County Board of Health Vice President and HOPE Taskforce Co-chair.

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.

*The DuPage County HOPE Taskforce is an interagency, interdisciplinary advisory group responsible for advising DuPage County elected leaders on needed program development, supporting infrastructure, and policy recommendations to address DuPage County’s opioid issue.*

*To learn more about the HOPE Taskforce, please visit [hopedupage.org](http://hopedupage.org).*

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