



## News Release

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### **City of Lafayette Awards Opioid Settlement Funds to Local Agencies Supporting Community Recovery and Prevention Efforts**

**LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – November 18, 2025** – The City of Lafayette has approved the distribution of opioid settlement funding to several Greater Lafayette agencies that provide programming and services addressing the effects of the opioid crisis in the community. These awards are part of a larger, long-term initiative by the State of Indiana to allocate proceeds from national opioid litigation settlements with pharmaceutical companies.

Between 2022 and 2038, Indiana will distribute settlement funds to local governments to support evidence-based strategies focused on opioid misuse prevention, treatment, recovery support, and harm reduction. The City of Lafayette is expected to receive approximately \$3.37 million in Restricted Opioid Funds over the 16-year period. These funds must be used for specific, research-driven programs and cannot be applied toward general operational expenses.

In collaboration with the Tippecanoe Resilience and Recovery Network (TRRN), the city identified key priority areas for this funding cycle:

- **Prevention:** Evidence-based youth and school-based education programs, mental health support, and early intervention services.
- **Treatment:** Expansion of telehealth, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), mobile recovery services, and professional training for addiction specialists.

- **Recovery:** Peer recovery centers, recovery housing, harm reduction strategies, and public education campaigns.

Following a review process, the city received 18 applications requesting a total of \$1,360,061 in funding. After careful review by the grant committee, 12 organizations are recommended for funding totaling \$500,000. Awards were prioritized for programs that demonstrate measurable community impact, collaboration, and clear alignment with opioid abatement uses.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Award</u>
Paul’s Plans Ministries	\$64,782
Transformed Birth Services	\$14,000
Grace Recovery (Teen YA)	\$9,000
Outreach Advocacy Center	\$95,000
Mt. Hope Lifeline Connection	\$30,000
Lafayette School Corporation	\$158,550
The HIVE Recovery Center	\$21,250
Willowstone Family Services	\$15,849
Mental Health America	\$45,880
United Way of Greater Lafayette	\$12,055
LTHC Homeless Services	\$30,000

“These funds represent an important step forward in our community’s ongoing response to the opioid crisis,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “By partnering with local organizations that are already doing critical prevention, treatment, and recovery work, we can strengthen the support network for individuals and families affected by substance use and help build a healthier, more resilient Lafayette.”

All awarded projects align with the State’s approved opioid abatement strategies and are designed to have a measurable, high impact effect on reducing substance misuse and supporting recovery in Greater Lafayette.

For more information about the Opioid Settlement Fund distribution or the city’s collaboration with the Tippecanoe Resilience and Recovery Network (TRRN), please contact Jacque Chosnek, City Attorney, at [webb-att@lafayette.in.gov](mailto:webb-att@lafayette.in.gov), or call 765-807-1060.

**About the Agencies**

**Paul’s Plans Ministries** – to provide comprehensive support and guidance to individuals transitioning from the criminal justice system, empowering them to forge a path of spiritual transformation, mental well-being, and sustained substance use recovery. *Opioid funding: van purchase and billing staff to expand recovery transportation and outreach.*

**Transformed Birth Services** - addresses maternal health disparities by providing birth and postpartum community doula support at little or no charge for underserved families in

Tippecanoe County, Indiana. *Opioid Funding: community doula support for individuals in recovery or affected by substance use.*

**Grace Recovery** - provides support, education, and opportunities for people affected by substance use disorders to find their own spiritual path that will allow them to live, work, learn, and participate fully in their communities. *Opioid funding: teen and young adult recovery support groups.*

**Outreach Advocacy Center** - dedicated to empowering communities, reducing harm, and promoting health for individuals affected by substance use disorders. *Opioid funding: hire a nurse practitioner providing 4 hours per week of services at NAMI's Living Room.*

**Mt Hope Lifeline Connection** – we desire to be a vessel for equipping people to fulfill their God given calling by reaching their own cultural groups and communities that brings HOPE, HELP and HEALING to those who are lost. *Opioid funding: renovation of women's recovery residence.*

**Food Finders Food Bank** - provide food and connections to life-stabilizing resources when our neighbors need us most. *Opioid funding: "Warm Hand-Off" emergency food boxes.*

**Lafayette School Corporation** - to help students reach their educational potential by working to keep students at optimal physical and mental health. We work to provide individualized care for students with special health conditions as well as provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all staff and students. *Opioid funding: Mental Health Coordinator, Teen/Parent Cafés, and Remedy Live programming.*

**The HIVE Recovery Hub** - to support all people on their unique journeys. Whether you are new to recovery, moving through a difficult transition, returning to recovery, experiencing mental health challenges, trauma and homelessness, we welcome you. *Opioid funding: ADA renovation of restrooms and showers.*

**Willowstone Family Services** - to strengthen mental health and families to build a resilient and connected community. We provide effective programs and services on prevention, intervention, and preservation. *Opioid funding: Counseling services for individuals in recovery.*

**Mental Health America Wabash Valley Region** - we unite mental health consumers, parents, advocates, and service providers. Our comprehensive services include public mental health education, support groups, mental health navigation, peer support, and assistance with basic needs. We also offer advocacy for parents and children dealing with emotional disturbances, mentorship for adults in recovery, and professional education in the mental health field. *Opioid funding: mobile peer support and navigator position.*

**United Way of Greater Lafayette** – we bring people, organizations and resources together to deliver results that meet the needs of people in Greater Lafayette to create the conditions necessary for success. *Opioid funding: Youth Summit focused on prevention and resilience.*

**LTHC Homeless Services** - is the coordinated point of entry and initial assessment for anyone experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis in Tippecanoe County. *Opioid funding: for Housing Mitigation Funding program.*

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