



The DuPage County Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Taskforce was formed in January 2018 as a joint operation of the DuPage County Board and DuPage County Board of Health. The Taskforce is comprised of 23 appointed members across many sectors of our community including mental health, law enforcement, adjudication, substance use treatment, prevention, and education. The Taskforce is responsible for advising DuPage County elected leaders on needed program development, supporting infrastructure, and policy recommendations to address the opioid crisis. In 2022, the DuPage County Board supported the Taskforce with \$200,000. The recommendations below identify this year's projects to be funded, along with a history of all previously funded projects.

## 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

### \$50,000

#### **Project: Teen Ambassadors Project for Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Stigma Reduction**

**Serenity House, Prevention Leadership Team, and NAMI DuPage**

The project will engage teen volunteers to act as substance use prevention, mental wellness, and stigma reduction peer support ambassadors. These ambassadors will be trained and will work within their school communities and host panel discussions in the community to reduce stigma associated with substance use and mental wellness.

### \$20,330

#### **Project: Expanding Behavioral Health Treatment Options**

**Gateway Foundation** will expand treatment options by introducing Low Energy Neurofeedback System (LENS) therapy to individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorder and/or frequently co-occurring mental health issues. LENS neurofeedback is an innovative and evidence-based form of therapy that improves electro-neurological flexibility. This helps relieve symptoms of anxiety, depression, attention deficits, and emotional disturbances.

### \$50,000

#### **Project: Mental Health First Aid Training**

**DuPage High School District 88** will become a certified Mental Health First Aid site and train staff members and students in grades 10-12 in Youth Mental Health First Aid.

### \$20,000

#### **Project: Peace Circles**

**Immigrant Solidarity** will organize peace circles for those struggling with substance abuse, depression, and anxiety where participants can talk with their peers in Spanish and share their challenges with trained Community Health Workers.

### \$32,425

#### **Project: Prevention Education Program and Grief Group**

**Serenity House** will provide substance use disorder prevention education to youth in middle schools, high schools, and universities. Education and awareness will also be provided through Overdose Awareness Day events and interactive educational experiences for parents. Serenity House will provide support to families through the Family Grief Support group.

### \$10,000

#### **Project: Sober Home Hope**

**516 Light Foundation** will help individuals from relapsing after completing a treatment program by providing stipends to those in need of funds for a sober living home. Sober living after treatment improves the probability of achieving long-term recovery.

# Past Recipients

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- 2021**
- Haymarket Center - \$37,000**  
Project: **Together DuPage**  
Working with recently or soon-to-be-released inmates in recovery supports via the evidence-based recovery coaching model.
- Hope For Healing - \$32,000**  
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Implement a harm reduction mobile outreach unit that will supply naloxone, clean/safe equipment, education and links to ancillary services.
- NAMI DuPage - \$31,000**  
Project: **Support**  
Provide support group and peer counseling services to clients with dual diagnosis.
- Advocate Health Care - \$25,000**  
Project: **Patient Engagement and Retention in Specialist Initiated Assessment and Treatment (PERSIST)**  
Expand their specialist support and assist patients with unmet social needs and provide individualized information and referral.
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- 2020**
- DuPage County Adult Probation -\$25,000**  
Project: **Recovery Coaches: Strengths-Based Support for Addiction**  
Support the linkage of 40 probation clients most at risk of opioid overdose death with a recovery coach from the community to support them in their recovery.
- Path to Recovery Foundation - \$25,000**  
Project: **Peer-Based Recovery Support Services**  
Provide Peer-Based Recovery Support Services to individuals in early recovery in DuPage County.
- Serenity House Counseling - \$24,882**  
Project: **MAT Harm Reduction Program**  
Support the provision of harm reduction treatment services to clients through Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT).
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- 2019**
- DuPage Health Coalition -\$50,000**  
Project: **Medication-Assisted Treatment in DuPage County Hospital Emergency Department, A Community Approach to Expanding Access to Treatment**  
Increase the number of emergency department physicians working in DuPage County who are certified to administer medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders.
- ACCESS Community Health Network - \$30,412**  
Project: **ACCESS West Chicago MAT Program**  
ACCESS will expand MAT services to its West Chicago Family Center using ACCESS' evidence-based, patient centered model.
- The Edward Foundation - \$19,588**  
Project: **Peer Support Options in DuPage County – A Missing Link in Sustained Recovery**  
Facilitate the creation of new peer support groups within DuPage County, using the SMART Recovery and Refuge Recovery approaches.
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- 2018**
- DuPage County 18th Judicial Circuit Court -\$50,000**  
Project: **Specialty First Offender Drug Court**  
Coordinate with criminal justice system partners and treatment providers to increase the screening, oversight, education and treatment referrals for first-time drug offenders.
- DuPage County Health Department - \$50,000**  
Project: **Substance Use Treatment Navigation**  
Expand services to more effectively link individuals to treatment services.

