

CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE

**MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON OPIOID USE DISORDER
(OUD)**

TASKFORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM [FRIDAY]

City Hall Council Chambers, 15 Loockerman Plaza, Dover, Delaware

AGENDA

INVOCATION – Mrs. Toni Jordan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Honorable Eric L. Buckson

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

AGENDA ITEMS:

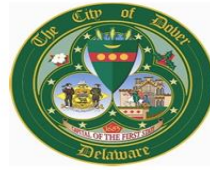
1. Approval of All Meeting Minutes of 2025 and 2026
2. Review of Organizations Recommended for Invitation – Dover Opioid Settlement Grant Process

The final award amounts, specific budget line items, and formalized Scopes of Work will be fully developed post-approval. This vote does not constitute a blanket approval of every requested line item, as adjustments may be made during contract negotiations.

Carry Their Light

- **Project Name:** Carry Their Light Youth Opioid Prevention Media & Education Initiative
- **Project Summary:** This 12-month program targets high-risk youth and young adults ages 12–24 in Dover and Kent County who are disproportionately impacted by trauma, poverty, and substance use. Operating on an initial two-month setup timeline with full implementation by Month 3, the initiative will conduct weekly prevention workshops and mentorship sessions, training 5 to 10 youth participants in media production and public speaking. Grant funds will support production equipment, digital campaign outreach, and participation-based workforce development stipends to produce 20 short-form media segments featuring community leaders and recovery advocates. The project aims to improve opioid and fentanyl risk awareness while generating an estimated 50,000 to 150,000 social media impressions, tracking monthly outputs via attendance logs, pre/post surveys, and platform streaming analytics.
- **Budget Request:** \$50,000
- **Recommendation:** Approved

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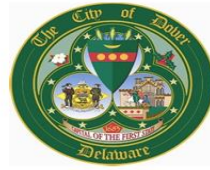
Firm Foundation

- **Project Name:** DE Recovery Advocacy Program
- **Budget Requested:** \$101,725
- **Project Summary:** A peer-driven initiative designed to bridge professional addiction treatment models with community recovery support. Over a 12-month timeline, the project will fund a full-time State Care Coordinator/Peer Recovery Advocate (\$75,000) with extensive lived 12-step experience to conduct in-person patient rights education directly within partner treatment networks, including Banyan Delaware and RCA. Backed by a budget allocating \$14,100 for materials and \$9,125 for driving compensation, the program aims to design and distribute 25,000 informational packages and facilitate voluntary care coordination for Delaware residents facing high barriers to treatment and care fragmentation. Monitored by the organization's Board of Directors and tracked monthly using google spreadsheets, the initiative intends to transition into a self-sustaining peer-service model by empowering its active participants within the final two months of the grant cycle.
- **Concerns:** The primary intent of the Local Government Grants allocation for the City of Dover is to fund initiatives that directly serve that specific municipal jurisdiction; however, this proposal completely omits any mention of the City of Dover. Instead, the application explicitly requests a "State Care Coordinator" position to deliver statewide services, and the organization's Board Director failed to integrate a localized focus despite being previously notified of this core requirement. **While the Commission does not recommend moving forward with the proposal in its current state, we are entirely open to allowing Firm Foundation to submit a revised application that redirects its operations to focus on the Dover community before September 2026. Please see the attached denial letter, the original application, and budget worksheet for more details.**
- **Recommendation:** Denied

NorthNode Group Counseling

- **Project Name:** Downtown Dover Recovery Engagement & Stabilization Initiative
- **Budget Requested:** \$30,000
- **Project Summary:** Operating as a localized, low-barrier public health alternative to incarceration, this community-based project utilizes a Community Recovery Liaison and a Certified Peer Support Specialist to engage adults experiencing active opioid and polysubstance use disorders in high-need areas of downtown Dover. Backed by NorthNode's existing clinical infrastructure—including outpatient counseling, intensive outpatient programs (IOP), and their Journey Forward stabilization network—the initiative deploys grant funding toward staff allocations, transportation assistance, and immediate stabilization incentives like hygiene kits and food support. Supervised "Recovery Community Ambassadors" (program graduates) will provide peer mentorship and lead recovery-oriented community events. The initiative seeks to convert street-level outreach into immediate clinical intakes over its 12-month timeline, aiming to engage at least 75 unique individuals, facilitate 30 rapid substance use assessments, link 25 participants directly to treatment, remove transportation barriers for 40 clients, and systematically track all monthly outputs through existing electronic health record systems and outreach logs.

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- **Recommendation:** Approved

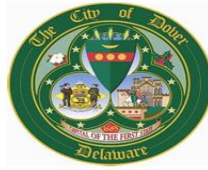
Our R.O.O.T.S. Foundation

- **Project Name:** The Healing Lens Project: Dover Youth Opioid Prevention & Community Awareness Initiative.
- **Budget Requested:** \$67,600
- **Project Summary:** Led by Program Director Cammerin Norwood, this six-month initiative blends community outreach with media production to deliver opioid prevention, trauma education, and overdose awareness to 75 to 100 at-risk youth and young adults ages 13–24 in Dover and Kent County neighborhoods impacted by violence and drug activity. Following a two-month administrative setup phase, the project moves into active implementation from Months 2 to 5, deploying its budget toward staff salaries, youth engagement supplies, travel, and contractual videography services to create weekly youth prevention groups and documentary-style digital content focused on the dangers of fentanyl and counterfeit pills. The project serves as a low-barrier mechanism for local prevention and care connections, evaluating its public health impact by Month 6 through a standardized review of attendance sheets, field outreach logs, and social media engagement analytics.
- **Recommendation:** Approved

Women of Value

- **Project Name:** House of Refuge Recovery Scholarship Program
- **Budget Requested:** \$50,000
- **Project Summary:** This initiative expands access to safe, stable, and recovery-supportive residential housing for uninsured and underinsured adult women recovering from opioid and substance use disorders in Kent County. Operating on a 12-month timeline with immediate post-award implementation, the project allocates grant funds toward housing scholarships for room and board, recovery-focused case management, life skills training, and transportation assistance. The program integrates with existing local healthcare and behavioral health providers to coordinate direct substance use treatment referrals and clinical continuity. Residents typically stay for a 90-day stabilization window aimed at building employment readiness and establishing long-term self-sufficiency, with all participant intakes, housing utilization metrics, and financial scholarship data tracked monthly via internal digital spreadsheets and service logs.
- **FSARR Certification or Clinical Licensure Requirements:** Pursuant to Delaware state law, any organization receiving public remediation funds for the provision of recovery housing services must maintain appropriate institutional verification. Accordingly, the continuation of funding for this initiative is strictly contingent upon the following licensing criteria:

- **Licensure Status and Conditional Allowance:** Women of Value Inc. currently holds a provisional license issued by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) to
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provide clinical services. Funding for the House of Refuge Recovery Scholarship Program will be permitted to proceed under this clinical exception, provided that the organization actively maintains its valid DSAMH licensure/certification throughout the life of the grant cycle.

- **FSARR Certification Mandate:** In the event that the organization's DSAMH clinical licensure lapses, terminates, or fails to transition from provisional status, the project must immediately comply with standard state housing mandates. This requires formal certification by the First State Alliance of Recovery Residences (FSARR).
 - Please be advised that failure to maintain DSAMH clinical licensure prior to achieving active FSARR certification will result in an immediate administrative suspension of grant disbursements, which may delay project funding until full regulatory compliance is verified.
- **Recommendation:** Approved



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EXHIBIT E List of Opioid Remediation Uses Schedule A Core Strategies
Schedule A

<file:///C:/Users/Roysu/OneDrive/Documents/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-8-11-21.pdf>

- A. NALOXONE OR OTHER FDA-APPROVED DRUG TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES
 - B. MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (“MAT”) DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER OPIOID-RELATED TREATMENT
 - C. PREGNANT & POSTPARTUM WOMEN
 - D. EXPANDING TREATMENT FOR NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (“NAS”)
 - E. EXPANSION OF WARM HAND-OFF PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY SERVICES
 - F. TREATMENT FOR INCARCERATED POPULATION
 - G. PREVENTION PROGRAMS
 - H. EXPANDING SYRINGE SERVICE PROGRAMS
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Schedule B

PART ONE: TREATMENT

- A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)
- B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY
- C. CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED (CONNECTIONS TO CARE)
- D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS
- E. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT OR PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING BABIES WITH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

PART TWO: PREVENTION

- F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS
- G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS
- H. PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS AND OTHER HARMS (HARM REDUCTION)

PART THREE: OTHER STRATEGIES

- I. FIRST RESPONDERS
- J. LEADERSHIP, PLANNING AND COORDINATION

CONSTITUENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

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