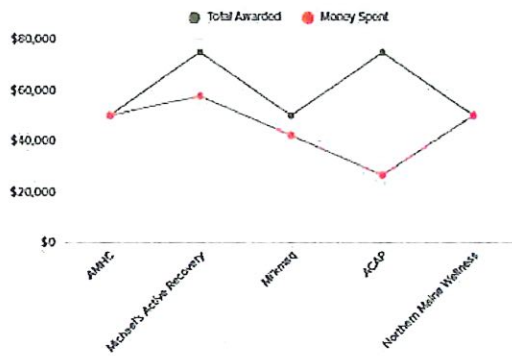


OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS



Awardees	Total Awarded	Money Spent	Difference	% of award left
AMHC	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Michael's Active Recovery	\$75,000.00	\$57,705.83	-\$17,294.17	-23.06%
Mi'kmaq	\$50,000.00	\$42,177.89	-\$7,822.11	-15.64%
ACAP	\$75,000.00	\$26,518.22	-\$48,481.78	-64.64%
Northern Maine Wellness	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	\$300,000.00	\$226,401.94	-\$73,598.06	-24.53%

Summary	
Total Money Disbursed	\$226,401.94

SCORING COMMITTEE

Aroostook County Opioid Task Force
December 5, 2026 @ 11:00am
Administrative Hearing Room – Caribou Courthouse

Present:

Dana Gendreau, Finance Director
Brooke Nadeau, Committee Member
Michael Greenlaw, Committee Member
Steve Pelletier – Committee Member
Amy Ward, Committee Member
April Duffy, Policy & Treatment Recovery Coordinator
Tammy Pelletier, Operations Assistant

1. Called to order at 10:57 AM.
2. Reviewed applications – ACAP (99) ~~AMHC (81)~~ CARL (88) Homeless Services of Aroostook (91) Michael's Active Recovery (91) Mi'kmaq (89) ~~Northern Maine Wellness (78)~~
3. \$100,000 Prevention Pillar reallocated. 4 in favor.
4. Concerns and questions to bring to the table at the next meeting – construction projects, and should there be a structure to the limit of what can be awarded for construction? Should incomplete applications be tossed? Or points taken away? Review and revamp the scoring rubric, focus more on eligibility. Someone suggested having an entire cycle focused on prevention.
5. Adjourned 12:39pm.

Next meeting Aroostook County Opioid Task Force TBD

Score			\$ 75,000	Treatment
91	\$ 55,875.00	45%	34,105	Michael's Active Recovery
88	\$ 67,000.00	55%	40,895	CARL Center of the Advancement of Rural Living
	\$ 122,875.00	100%	75,000	

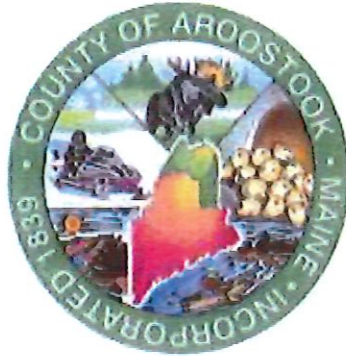
Score			75,000	Ham Reduction
89	\$ 50,000.00	100%	50,000	MicMaq
		0%	-	
	\$ 50,000.00	100%	50,000	

Score			75,000	Recovery
91	\$ 125,659.00	63%	46,967	Homeless of Aroostook
99	\$ 75,000.00	37%	28,033	ACAP
	\$ 200,659.00	100%	75,000	

200,000 Grand Total Award

AMHC – Score of 81 (REMOVED)

Northern Maine Wellness – Score of 78 (REMOVED)



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**AROOSTOOK COUNTY
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND
APPLICATION**

Aroostook County is projected to receive a total settlement of approximately \$2.5 million dollars over the next 12.5 years from various Opioid Settlements. These are estimations only and actual payments may be more or less as settlements are finalized over the years to come. In this second round of funding, the County will make available a total of \$300,000 to be distributed equally across the 4 pillars (Treatment, Recovery, Prevention, and Harm Reduction). *It is very important to read the complete Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds to ensure all required information for the application is provided for maximum application scoring potential.*

Applicants must choose from eligible Opioid Settlement Fund Categories listed in the Memorandum of Understanding. All applications must be received via postal service or electronically by **4 p.m., Friday, November 21, 2025.**

Applications and other documents must be sent to County Commissioners' Office, 144 Sweden, St, Suite 1, Caribou, ME, 04736 or via email to april@aroostook.me.us.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

Note: This form must be completed as part of the application; additional information may be required upon assessment of the application. For further information: 207-493-0461.

Opioid Settlement Funding Application Overview

1. Introduction

Aroostook County Opioid Settlement Funds will provide funds to implement proposed programs/projects that deal with opioid related issues and meet the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds.

Allowable Uses of Funds and Funding Restrictions: Specific to the J&J, Distributor, CVS, Teva, Allergan and Walmart settlements, funds must be spent on opioid remediation. Opioid Remediation is defined as: *Care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to address the misuse and abuse of opioid products, treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic.*

Activities MUST meet the definition of opioid remediation, be an evidence-based strategy or promising practice and align with allowable uses outlined by [Exhibit E](#). These strategies include:

- **Core Strategies**
 - Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
 - Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) distribution and other opioid-related treatment
 - Address the needs of pregnant and postpartum women
 - Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
 - Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
 - Treatment for incarcerated population
 - Prevention programs
 - Expanding syringe service programs
 - Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state
- **Approved Uses - Prevention**
 - Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
 - Prevent misuse of opioids
 - Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)
- **Approved Uses - Treatment**
 - Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
 - Support people in treatment and recovery
 - Connect people who need help to the help they need (connections to care)
 - Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons
 - Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with NAS
- **Approved Uses – Other Strategies**
 - Supporting first responders
 - Leadership, planning and coordination
 - Training
 - Research

All approved funding awards are at the discretion of the Aroostook County Commissioners.

2. **Letter of Intent as Opioid Settlement Funds Eligibility Requirement**
Eligible applicants for Opioid Settlement funding are required to submit a Letter of Intent to Apply. Applicants submitting an Opioid Settlement Fund application without first submitting a Letter of Intent and receiving a Notification Eligibility Email from the County will have the application un-scored.
3. **Matching Funds Recommendation**
Applicants for Opioid Settlement funds are recommended to demonstrate they will provide a direct cash match of at least 25% of the total Opioid Settlement award. The match amount may come from any source public and/or private. This must be reflected on the Matching Funds Table contained on Page 5 of this Application Package. Firm letters of commitment for all cash matching funds must be attached to the table, if applicable.
4. **Financial Commitments as a Scoring Requirement**
Applications for projects not demonstrating a firm financial commitment as required in the application materials will be removed from the scoring process.
5. **Maximum Opioid Settlement Fund Award Amounts:**
 - Treatment - \$75,000
 - Recovery - \$75,000
 - Prevention - \$100,000
 - Harm Reduction - \$75,000
6. **Application Limit**
One application per applicant. Multiple applications will not be accepted. We recommend that all applicants submit applications for their priority category only.
7. **Application Process**
Step 1
 - A. **Letter of Intent** – see Number 2.
 - B. **Completed Application**
The application must provide a narrative description of the Strategy, Impact, and Sustainability relating to opioid remediation in the application. The applicant must complete the Application form and may only attach additional information if specifically requested. Please remember to answer briefly and as completely as possible within the allotted space. Each application will be rated on its own merit and in relation to all other applications.
 - C. **Project Implementation**
Following contract execution, the applicant will be awarded Opioid Settlement funds and will begin to implement their project.
8. **Application Scoring**
Members of the Opioid Task Force will assign a Point Total for each application reviewed. Review Point Totals will consist of the sum of the three scoring areas below and be determined by the total of each sub-scoring area.
 - A. **Strategy – 35 points**
 - B. **Impact – 40 points**
 - C. **Sustainability – 25 points**

APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Name of Applicant/Organization/Entity:	
Non-Profit 501©(3) determination date: (provide letter, if applicable and available)	
Authorized Person/Title:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Address:	
Contact Title:	
Contact Email:	
Contact Phone Number(s):	

**Opioid Settlement Funds
Project Cost Breakdown**

Project Name	Opioid Settlement Funds Requested	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost

Matching Funds Table

Funding Source	Grant/Loan	Amount

Opioid Settlement Related Funds Already Awarded (State/County)

Funding Source	Grant/Loan	Year	Amount

DETAILS OF THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND REQUEST

Name of Project/Request:	
Eligible Opioid Settlement Funding Category:	
Dollar Amount of Settlement Funds Requested from County of Aroostook:	
Other Funds Invested in this Project and the Source of those funds:	
Period that the Funds will Cover and be Spent (from and to):	
Proposed Job Creation/Retention: (# jobs)	

Project Strategy

Project Strategy and Funding Eligibility Explanation

Explain your organization's opioid crisis remediation project and proposed description of how Opioid Settlement funding will impact your remediation efforts and outcomes within Aroostook County.

Maximum 1000 words.

Project Strategy and Funding Eligibility Explanation-Continued

Project Impact

Target Demographic: _____

Number of People the project is expected to impact: _____

Project Impact Explanation

Explain in detail the purpose of the funds, how they will be expended, who will benefit, what demographic will be covered, what impact the funds are intended to have, the number of jobs created and/or retained, and how you will evaluate and measure success. Maximum 1000 words.

Project Impact Explanation-Continued

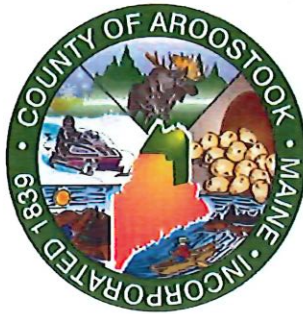
Sustainability

Will the project create or retain additional jobs after the initial project implementation and funding is expended? (Note: this is in addition to those jobs required to successfully implement the project). If YES, how many jobs will be projected to be created/retained in the future? _____

Sustainability Explanation

Explain in detail how the project will be sustained moving forward, future funding sources, and how additional jobs will be created/retained. Maximum 1000 words.

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AROOSTOOK COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND LETTER OF INTENT

**All Letters of Intent must be received by mail or electronically
by 4 p.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2025.**

Letters of Intent can be sent via postal service to County of Aroostook, 144 Sweden St, Suite 1, Caribou, ME 04736 or via email to the Policy and Treatment Recovery Coordinator, April Duffy at april@aroostook.me.us.

If you would like to be considered for Opioid Settlement funding you are required to submit a **Letter of Intent (LOI)** as part of the application submission. By submitting this form, you are notifying the County that you intend to apply for Opioid Settlement funds for an eligible project before the application deadline. If you choose not to apply after submitting the LOI, you do not need to notify the County.

Eligibility to submit an application does not imply final project approval or funding. It will be used to assess eligibility and identify a potential project. You will receive a Notification Eligibility Email from the County if your proposed project is determined to be eligible. If awarded, funds will not be available until after January 1, 2026. If the County Administration has any questions, they will contact you via email.

Limit of one LOI/Application per applying entity.

If approved, the project priority area chosen on the LOI, must be the same as the subsequently submitted Application for funding.

Opioid Settlement Funding Letter of Intent

1. Applicant Information

Agency/Organization:		Phone:	
Address:		Fax:	
City/Zip:		Email:	
Contact Person:		Title:	

Type of Agency/Organization (Select One):

<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit	
Number of Years in Operation:		<input type="text"/>

2. Eligibility Categories (Select One)

<input type="checkbox"/> Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> Recovery
<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Harm Reduction

3. Priority Area (Select One)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Workforce Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recovery Services Expansion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stigma Reduction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Naloxone Training & Education

4. Population(s) Served (Select All)

<input type="checkbox"/> Children 0-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults 19-25
<input type="checkbox"/> Children 4-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Adults 25-62
<input type="checkbox"/> Teens 13-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Seniors 63+

5. Cost Estimates and Program Funding

Provide an estimated program cost, amount of Opioid Settlement funds to be requested and sources, amounts and dates secured for all anticipated cash matching funds. ***A 25% cash match of the total funding award is recommended. Match amounts may come from any public or private source dependent upon Federal Funding requirements.***

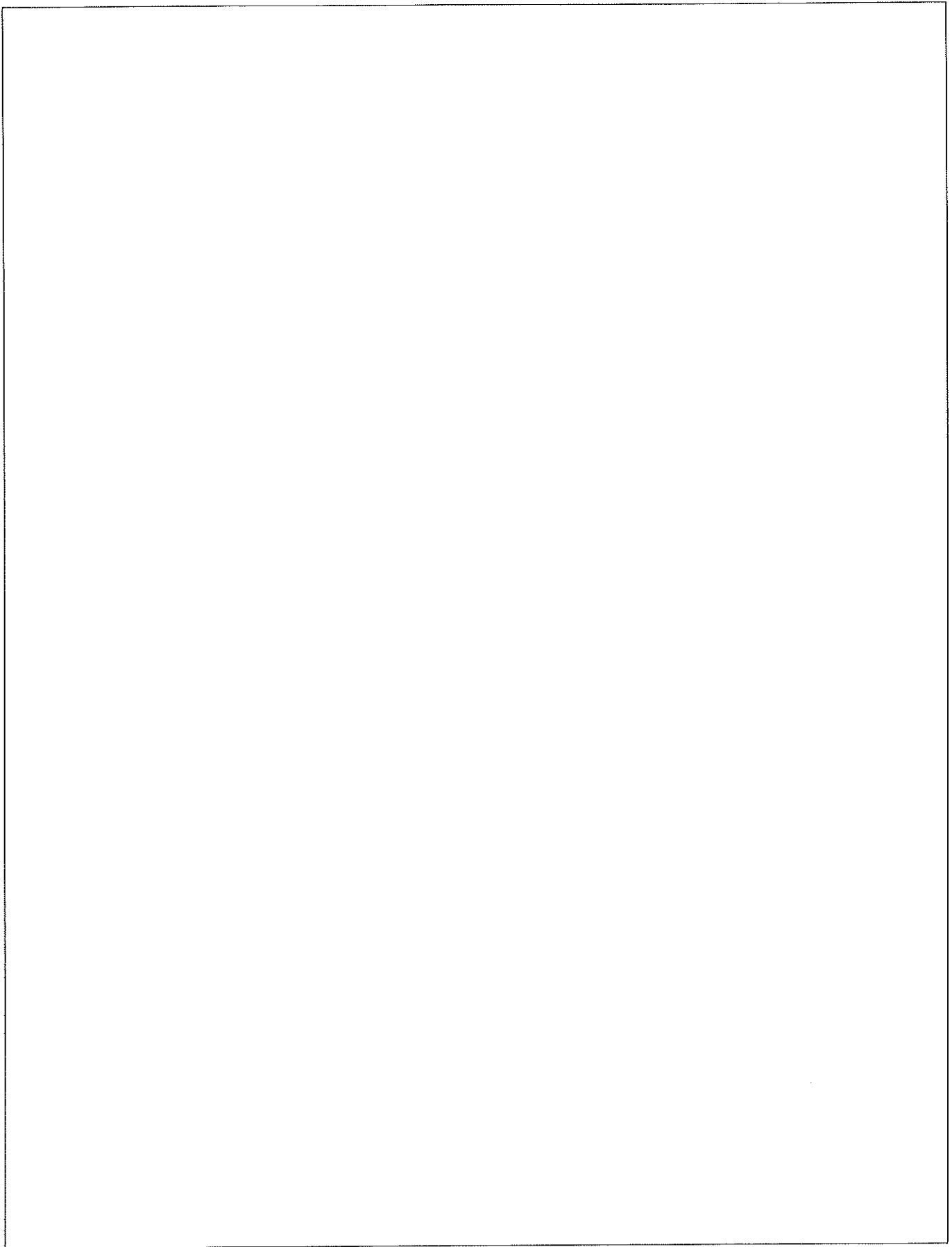
Total Estimated Program Cost:	\$	Opioid Settlement Fund Request:	\$
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Funding Source	Amount	Date Secured

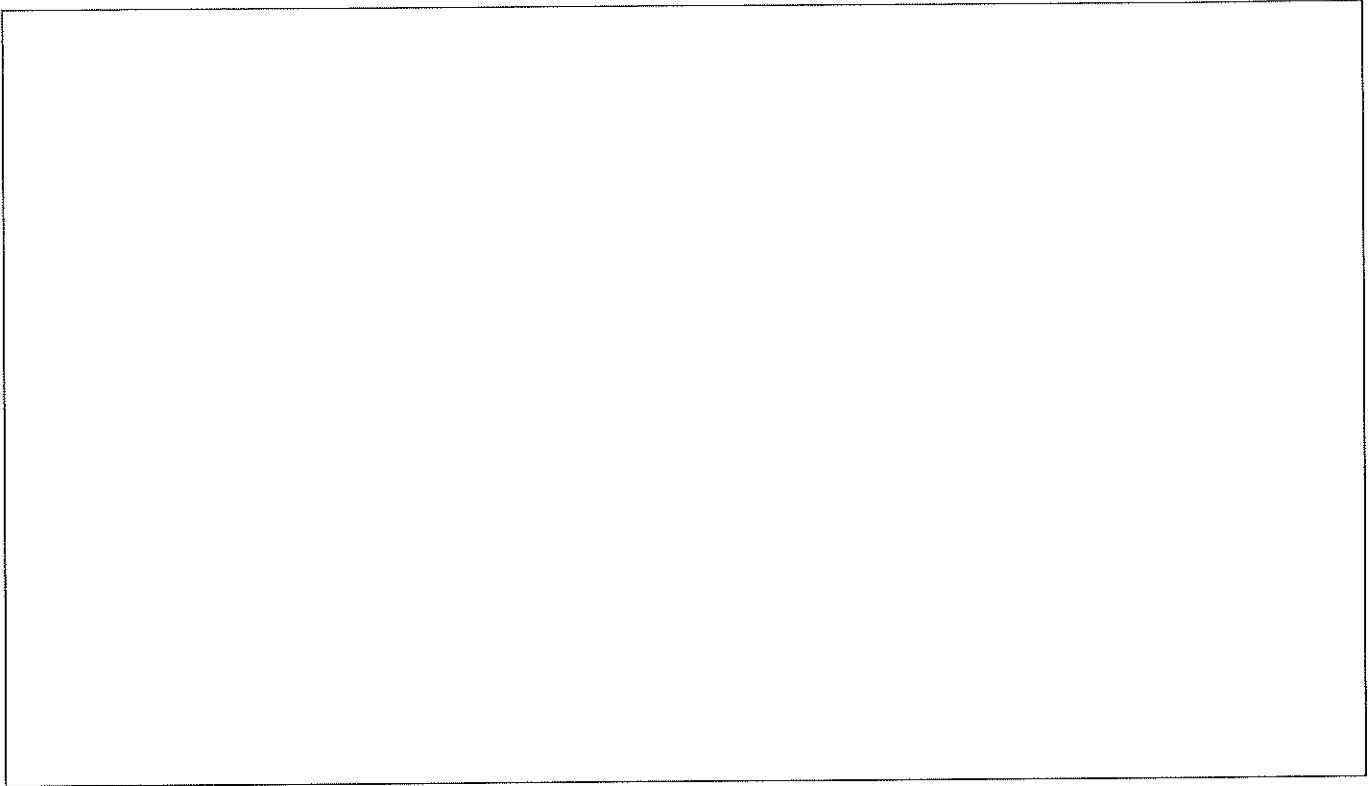
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6. Program Information

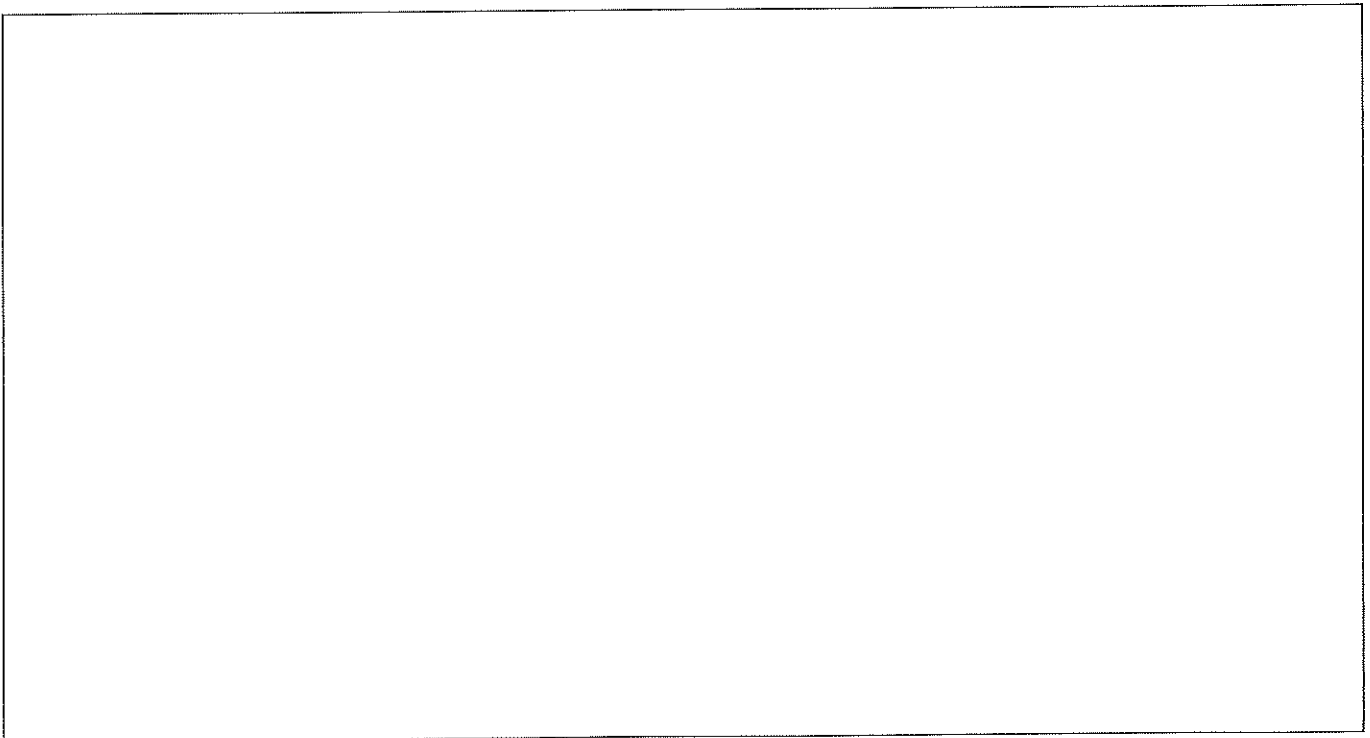
Provide a clear, concise description of the proposed program using the space below. The scope of work should be very specific in identifying how the funds will be used to meet the Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds within eligible activity categories. For existing programs, describe the service, how it has been financed thus far, and why these funds are needed now. For new programs, describe the intent of the service, how the funds will be used, and how the program will be sustained. **Maximum of 1000 words.**



What barriers currently hinder program development and implementation and how will these barriers be overcome?



How will the effectiveness of the program be determined?



Applicant Certifications

- a. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information in this Letter of Intent and all attached documentation is true and correct; and
- b. This Letter of Intent complies with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations; and
- c. Approval of this Letter of Intent by the County to submit a final application does not imply final project approval or funding.

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Signature of Authorized Person

Name of Organization

Date

2026 Opioid Settlement Funding Application Scoring Sheet

Must Score Minimum of 85 Points to be Considered for Funding.

BONUS/DEDUCTION POINTS		
Matching Funds - 25% Recommendation		Score
	25% = +2 points	0
	25%+ = +4 points	0
Total		0
Sub-Total		0
Other Opioid Settlement Funds Already Received		
	Zero (0) dollars = +10 points	0
	\$1 to \$100,000 = Zero (0) points	0
	\$100,001 to \$250,000 = minus 3 point	0
	\$250,001 to \$500,000 = minus 7 points	0
	\$500,001 and higher = minus 10 points	0
Total		0
Sub-Total		0
Job Creation/Retention		
	1-2 jobs = +2 point	0
	3 jobs = +4 points	0
	3+ jobs = +6 points	0
Total		0
Sub-Total		0
APPLICATION POINTS		
Strategy - 35 Max Points		
	Is the proposed project a high needs area for Aroostook County? 12 pts max	0
	Does the proposed project include job creation/retention for direct service providers versus administration? 7 pts max	0
	Is the proposed project plan complete and able to be successfully implemented with the funds being requested? 8 pts max	0
	Does the proposed project have measurable outcomes and how will the outcomes be measured? 8 pts max	0
Total		0
Sub-Total		0

Impact - 40 Max Points		
	A description of why the proposed Opioid Crisis remediation project is necessary and any previous efforts to address the needs. 10 pts max	0
	Why Opioid Settlement funds are necessary for the project and what other state, federal, or local funds are included, how the funding will address the identified need or impact, and how other funding will work with Opioid Settlement funds to implement the project - 10 max. points	0
	What is the target demographic of the projected Opioid Crisis remediation project and how many people is the project expected to impact within Aroostook County? 10 pts max (highest points will go to XXXX Demographic)	0
	Is the proposed project a proven, evidence based strategy with high success rates in opioid remediation? Are high success rates projected for the unique needs of Aroostook County? 10 pts max	0
Total		0
Sub-Total		0
Sustainability - 25 Max Points		
	Will additional jobs be created/retained in the future? 5 points max	0
	Do current funding sources and the Opioid Settlement funding being requested meet the financial needs of the proposed project? 10 pts max	0
	Will the project be able to continue without future outside funding sources? 10 pts max	0
Total		0
Total Application Points		0

OTF 2027 TIMELINE

LOI/Application Updates Due – August 4th
LOI Release Date - August 18th (Website/The County/BDN)
LOI Due – September 18th
LOI Review – September 29th
Application Invites – October 6th
Applications Due – November 16th
Scoring Meeting – December 1st
Commissioner Approval – CC Meeting on December 16th
Notices Sent – December 22nd
Contracts Due - January 5th