

Below you will find a table outlining each applicant, the amount of funds they requested, and the score the regional council has given the application. This document contains a page for each applicant listed here which outlines details of the funding request, a high level overview of the project for which they are requesting funds, the score the council has given the applicant, and a brief rationale for that score.

It should be noted that for the sake of fairness each of the rationales provided on subsequent pages reflect the feelings and thoughts of the council upon first review. The applicants have all been given the opportunity to answer any clarifying questions the council may have had and/or provide further information regarding their application and as such, some of these scores may change moving forward.

Applying Organization	Amount Requested	Council Score
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	\$893,640	3.259090909
Adams County Health Department	\$747,661	3.072727273
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc d/b/a Aurora Mental Health and Recovery	\$191,406	3.545454545
Creative Treatment Options	\$92,664	2.873684211
Klare Recovery	\$780,000	2.614035088
NarcX Solutions	\$200,000	1.447368421
Npsire Today	\$190,000	1.333333333
Red Sea Crossing	\$253,619	2.053030303
The Link, A Community Assessment & Resource Center	\$23,118	3.75
Thornton Police Department	\$260,000	2.745454546
University of Colorado School of Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine	\$26,603	3.136363636
University of Colorado Hospital (UCHealth)	\$233,847	3.818181818
Young People in Recovery	\$66,470	4

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Adams 12 Five Star Schools
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Existing
Total Amount Requested	\$893,640
Treatment	\$255,000
Recovery	\$100,000
Prevention/Education	\$200,000
Harm Reduction	\$250,000
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	\$118,640

What are they applying for?

Adams 12 Five Star Schools proposes to continue work with students who are highly impacted by homelessness and poverty as well as at increased risk of substance use and behavioral health challenges. Thus far this work has been done by leveraging two connected efforts: Expelled and At-Risk Student Services (EARSS) and Wraparound Facilitation.

These programs include service such as:

- Preventative programming/instruction in drug and alcohol education
- Targeted support and intervention services to help expelled students and those struggling with substance use
- Structured mentorship programming that connects highly impacted students with a trusted adult within their school building
- Tutoring
- Partnerships between the school district and community-based organizations that address youth substance use
- Coordination of care for students with substance use concerns

- Navigation for caregivers of historically complex community-based substance use treatment
- Education around substance use for school staff
- Collaboration with various departments in order to effectively match student and family needs to appropriate district supports

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	3.3
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Rationale for Score

This is a strong application from a stable and highly competent organization. In addition to a robust history of running similar programs, this specific program is pre-existing with strong testimony in their letters of support.

While a pre-existing program with a good track record is a safe use of funds, it was noted that there could be an opportunity to expand the program in a more meaningful way rather than simply sustaining it. Based on language in the application, it seems as though they are primarily sustaining their high school programming (which is the highest risk group amongst school aged kids) and expanding for elementary school age kids which raises questions around the efficiency of this application. Additionally, there could have been stronger language in the application around how this program intends to directly confront the opioid crisis.

Ultimately, because youth are dying from opioids and early prevention is effective, it is imperative that we get money in the hands of our schools who already struggle because they lack the counselors necessary to properly confront this crisis.

The council has asked Adams 12 to clarify the specific uses of the funds going to treatment as it constitutes a significant proportion of the funding ask but there are no budget items which are clearly treatment related in the application.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Adams County Health Department
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Existing
Total Amount Requested	\$747,661
Treatment	\$74,766
Recovery	\$635,512
Prevention/Education	\$37,383
Harm Reduction	0
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	0

What are they applying for?

Adams County Health Department recognizes the community’s need for more accessible harm reduction services, including increased availability and access to syringe exchange services, Narcan, and fentanyl test strips.

Our proposal would fund expanded community partnerships to build local capacity, knowledge, and increase ability to provide access and information to community members in their neighborhoods with trusted partners (as well as connection and referral to additional services and resources).

We will work closely with partners, colleagues, and community to identify areas of highest need throughout the county – including rural Adams County. To be most successful, these activities would be complemented by prevention techniques, including outreach and education on prescribing best practices and pain management, effective

use of the Prescription Opioid Monitoring Program (PDMP), safe disposal of used syringes, and correct use of Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and syringes.

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Rationale for Score

This is a strong application across the board and thus did not elicit a long conversation as there was consensus amongst the committee.

The committee did however emphasize the importance of this work as syringe services are a notable gap in Adams County.

Other advantages of this program include the propensity for making connections with other health departments and the [Colorado Consortium Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse](#) as a whole and the lack of regulatory barriers to manifesting the effort.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc d/b/a Aurora Mental Health and Recovery
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Both
Total Amount Requested	\$182,934
Treatment	\$107,084
Recovery	0
Prevention/Education	0
Harm Reduction	\$75,850
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	0

What are they applying for?

Through this project, we will increase the number of clients who receive MAT for OUD by adding a new prescriber, taking the services to the clients to eliminate access barriers, enhancing referral partnerships, and developing innovative harm reduction options to improve the quality and experience of services.

The Treatment Component will be specifically the increased prescriber and support staff capacity to provide direct MAT care within the homeless services drop-in location. The Harm Reduction Component will be specifically the establishment of a harm reduction vending machine to provide items such as fentanyl testing strips and Narcan to any client or community member as needed.

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Rationale for Score

Another very strong application which did not elicit robust conversation due to consensus. The "vending machine" harm reduction approach is already being done elsewhere in the state to great success.

The only notable detractor is the location of the center which would not easily directly service Adams County residents. Adding mobile services, which are mentioned in the project description, could mitigate this issue but they do not appear to be in the budget which should be clarified.

Lastly, it should be noted that CDPHE is happy to provide test strips and narcan at no cost which constitute a small part of the budget for this project and as such, this project could also be considered for partial funding.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Creative Treatment Options
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Both. New program at their adams county office but they have experience with it at other locations and it fits within their existing infrastructure
Total Amount Requested	\$92,664
Treatment	\$68,664
Recovery	\$15,600
Prevention/Education	0
Harm Reduction	0
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	\$8,424

What are they applying for?

Creative Treatment Options, Inc. has provided an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) in our other locations for 25 years.

We plan on beginning an eight-week ASAM Level 2.1 (The ASAM Criteria, 2016) Intensive Outpatient Program in Adams County, followed by 18 weeks of a step-down aftercare program. This IOP program is the highest level of outpatient treatment that can be offered outside of an ASAM Level 3 residential/inpatient setting.

This program will consist of a minimum of nine contact hours per week with each client.

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Rationale for Score

This application generally had less support from the vetting committee due to its lack of clarity around outcomes, evidence of historical success, and a lack of effort put into effective collaboration with wraparound services.

Measuring success based on how many individuals are enrolled in the program itself seems tenuous at best and does not directly tie to high level outcomes in the dashboard. Additionally, with so many locations and history doing work to abate this crisis there was a notable lack of quantitative information regarding their historical successes and impact.

Lastly, there is no mention of specific populations being served and given its for profit model, it is unclear that they are serving those populations which historically face the greatest barriers to care.

Conversely, it was noted by the committee that this type of care is very difficult to find in Adams County so there is a need for this type of service.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Klare Recovery
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Existing
Total Amount Requested	\$780,000
Treatment	\$250,000
Recovery	\$150,000
Prevention/Education	\$120,000
Harm Reduction	\$100,000
Criminal Justice	\$50,000
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	\$50,000
Other	\$60,000

What are they applying for?

Klare Recovery is applying for funds to provide nonclinical assistance, recovery supports and appropriate referrals for assessment and substance use disorder treatment among individuals. Klare Recovery is to provide tools necessary to reverse an opioid overdose and link individuals to substance Opioid Overdose Recovery Program. Individuals who survive an opioid overdose are at significant risk to overdose again if they do not get connected to treatment for their addiction and continue to use opiates.

We will adopt Evidence-based approaches in treating opioid addiction including medications and combining medications with behavioral therapy. Our recovery plan includes medication for opioid addiction which increases the chance of success. The medications we use in the treatment of opioid addiction support a person's recovery by helping to normalize brain chemistry, relieving cravings, and in some cases preventing withdrawal symptoms. At Klare Recovery, the choice to include medication as part of

recovery is a personal medical decision, but the evidence for medications to support successful recovery is strong.

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	2.6
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Rationale for Score

While this application had some shortcomings, the general sentiment was relatively positive. We know Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to be a highly effective treatment method but its implementation here is somewhat unclear. The committee would have liked to have seen MAT treatment reflected in the KPI's (key performance metrics) as it is a new service they intend to offer. Additionally, it is unclear which MAT drug they intend to administer (and which ones they are qualified to administer) which would be vital information to have as there are key differences between them. There were also questions raised around the runway for this project as they don't yet have the personnel or infrastructure to implement these services. At the same time, MAT treatment is one of the most appealing aspects of the application.

The council did express a concern that the organization's application is too broad with funding being requested in every bucket. Given their nascency as an organization, it seems they should be specializing in something rather than doing everything. Conversely, the application was strong in other areas even considering their recency as an organization. They have been very cooperative with law enforcement and offer same day services which are very difficult to come by in Adams County.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	NarcX Solutions
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Existing
Total Amount Requested	\$200,000
Treatment	0
Recovery	0
Prevention/Education	\$200,000
Harm Reduction	0
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	0

What are they applying for?

Controlled substances placed into NarcX are immediately non-divertible and ultimately non-retrievable per the DEA strict standard. In essence, NarcX is a safe disposal product for the home. NarcX would like to be able to at minimum place 50,000 of our NarcX 6 oz. bottles in homes for the residents/consumers/ultimate users of controlled substances. Focus can also take place in residential areas where transportation and/or access to collection receptacles is not desired or impossible because of lack of transport.

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Rationale for Score

Both the Vetting Committee and the Council did not have an extended conversation around this application as it was not thorough enough in general and seemed to be unaligned with the issues facing Adams County.

Most overdoses are coming from illicit substances which this does not address and the application does not expound upon how they intend to address the barriers like transportation that it claims to ameliorate. Are they distributed to houses or are they available for pickup? There is simply a lack of information in this application.

The committee did elect to follow up with this applicant for more detail and may choose to update the score moving forward.

**Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023
Vetting Committee Input**

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Nspire Today
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Existing (The e-learning component is new)
Total Amount Requested	\$190,000
Treatment	0
Recovery	0
Prevention/Education	0
Harm Reduction	0
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	\$190,000
Note from Applicant on Category of funds	The funds requested initially fall within the category of Other as Professional development. However, once the project is completed, it will be able to affect multiple categories, including treatment, criminal justice, and Opioid abatement in rural Colorado.

What are they applying for?

Nspire Today, LLC seeks to convert existing instructor-led training (ILT) to an effective eLearning format. The existing curriculum consists of 19 classes. The classes are 14-21 hours (2 or 3 days each). The resulting eLearning courses are to be engaging, available anytime/anywhere and offered at a reduced cost to make the courses accessible. In essence, this project would seek to make training to become a certified addiction counselor more accessible.

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	1.3
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Vetting Committee Input on Application

Similar to the NarcX application, there is a significant lack of information available here. The strength of this application will likely depend on the responses to the clarifying questions the council has elected to ask.

The council noted the competency of this organization on the whole and the desperate need for staffing in this space. However, questions that remain unanswered include the runway to get this project up and running, how many people they intend to put through the program, and if this funding is for project development or to help underserved individuals access the trainings with financial supports.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Red Sea Crossing
New Approach, Existing, or Both	New approach but replicating existing model
Total Amount Requested	\$253,619
Treatment	
Recovery	
Prevention/Education	
Harm Reduction	
Criminal Justice	
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	\$253,619
Other	

What are they applying for?

Red Sea Crossing (RSC) seeks to address the Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) crisis in Adams County by opening a new faith-based, recovery residence in rural Keenesburg, Colorado for men paroling to or entering probation. To do this they will be implementing a peer-led, Therapeutic Community Model, with on-site programming, and vocational training; factors well-known to positively influence sobriety and re-entry success. Residents will participate in daily Therapeutic Community activities, support groups, conflict management, life-skills training, career/vocational development, Celebrate Recovery (a 12-step program), chores and activities to participate in residence and land maintenance and development of life skills and sober community activities. RSC will offer long-term housing and support at no charge to participants, with the expectation that a proportion of residents will transition to peer specialists, continuing to participate in a community of recovery,

which as aptly noted, is a life-long endeavor, as well as paying rent when they become employed off the farm in their 2nd year of residence.

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	2.1
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Rationale for Score

While the application was thorough, there are some issues with the effectiveness of this method. For one, we know Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) to be the most effective treatment method for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) so it would have been nice to see here. Furthermore, individuals who do not seek out faith based programs but are forced into them due to limited options tend to fail in them and repeated failures in these programs have been shown to lead to heightened risk of overdose.

The program has some key limitations from a logistical perspective as well. The location is not necessarily efficient for Adams County residents, they do not intend to pay a liveable wage to their peer specialists, and there could be bureaucratic limitations such as lengthy timelines for permits for septic tank expansion along with other extraneous items in the budget.

This applicant has however provided thorough feedback and clarification around their application which will be reviewed before final awards are given.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	The Link, A Community Assessment & Resource Center
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Existing
Total Amount Requested	\$23,118
Treatment	0
Recovery	0
Prevention/Education	0
Harm Reduction	0
Criminal Justice	\$23,118
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	0

What are they applying for?

The Link will be using the Opioid Abatement Grant money to partner with Judi's House in Aurora, CO and utilize their Pathfinder model of bereavement support for young people who have lost someone to opioids. This would involve 2 small groups of young people participating in an 8-10 week group therapy program with accompanying psychoeducational support.

The Pathfinder model is an accessible, grief-focused and trauma-informed family systems model that is theory-driven, research-informed, and grounded in practice-based evidence promoting healthy adjustment in bereaved children and families.

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	3.8
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Vetting Committee Input on Application

Strong consensus on this as one of the strongest grants. Anything dealing with youth is highly efficient and pays dividends in the future. They also have Adams 12 Five Star Schools listed as a partner so this could prove to be a great resource for districts in the area. The council has elected to consider this application for additional funding so long as they have the infrastructure in place to expand the service even further.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Thornton Police Department
New Approach, Existing, or Both	New
Total Amount Requested	\$260,000
Treatment	0
Recovery	0
Prevention/Education	\$117,000
Harm Reduction	\$78,000
Criminal Justice	\$26,000
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	\$39,000

What are they applying for?

Critical Program Components:

- Rapid identification
- Rapid engagement
- Rapid referral to treatment
- Screening, case management, clinical assessment
- Follow-up and integration of non-treatment services (e.g., job training, education, housing, etc.)
- Community education and engagement
- Eventual development of a survivors mentoring group to promote healthy relationships and increase participants' community support

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	2.7
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Vetting Committee Input on Application

This application caused a fair amount of discussion as the committee felt conflicted about the strength of the application relative to the competence and importance of the entity itself. The application felt incomplete and lacked important details in virtually every facet. While multiple individual members of the committee voiced the need for a program like this and vouched for the integrity and collaborative spirit of the department on the whole, there simply wasn't enough information in the application to rate it highly.

There are no community partners listed or specific descriptions of how trainings might take place to implement this program. Additionally, there seem to be ample funding opportunities for this work outside of this grant namely COSAP so other avenues should be explored before committing funds to this effort.

This is another applicant who has been asked a number of clarifying questions and depending on responses, may earn an updated score before final awards are given.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	University of Colorado School of Medicine, Division of Hospital Medicine
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Both. Setting up a new program within the framework of an existing program. We would like to offer harm reduction supplies through our Addiction Consultation Service at the University of Colorado Hospital.
Total Amount Requested	\$26,603
Treatment	0
Recovery	0
Prevention/Education	0
Harm Reduction	\$26,603
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	0

What are they applying for?

We propose the development and implementation of a harm reduction education and equipment provision intervention at the University of Colorado Hospital, located in Aurora, Colorado. We would like to offer our patients harm reduction education, resources, and kits that meet their reported needs. Harm supplies include syringes and needles, individual size sharps container, fentanyl test strips, wound care dressings, Chapstick, condoms, and antibiotic ointment. It is notable that we are able to prescribe naloxone at hospital discharge and have it billed through the patient's insurance,

however we will investigate opportunities to provide in-hand, free naloxone to patients who are uninsured.

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	3.1
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Vetting Committee Input on Application

While this application was strong in every category there was a notable lack of collaboration especially given the location on Colfax in close proximity to many other services. Otherwise there was consensus without much discussion on each of the other criteria.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	University of Colorado Hospital (UCHealth)
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Existing
Total Amount Requested	\$233,847
Treatment	\$233,847
Recovery	0
Prevention/Education	0
Harm Reduction	0
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	0

What are they applying for?

This proposal will expand on our existing program experience and resources to improve Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) access and follow up in our community by expanding patient follow up, improving communication between partners, increasing knowledge about community resources, improving data collection, and systematically following patient outcomes. The overall goal of our program is to prevent opioid overdoses by increasing the number of people in our community initiating MOUD and remaining in treatment for at least 30 to 90 days. In summary, expansion of our existing MOUD program at Anschutz will increase the number of individuals: 1) accessing care during and after ED visits, 2) attending the first intake appointment post-discharge, and 3) participating in MOUD treatment for 30 and 90 days, reducing rates of opioid misuse and overdose rates across the Adams County community.

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	3.8
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Vetting Committee Input on Application

High degree of consensus amongst the vetting committee. Emphasized that connecting individuals to MAT is the most effective treatment we have and this does that effectively through a stable and highly competent organization. No follow up discussion or disagreement amongst the council.

Adams County Opioid Grant Round 1, 2023 Vetting Committee Input

Date Reviewed by Vetting Committee:	2/3/23
Applicant	Young People in Recovery
New Approach, Existing, or Both	Both. YPR is seeking ongoing support for its existing chapter and life-skills curriculum program work in Adams County as well as funding for new activities regarding harm reduction
Total Amount Requested	\$66,470
Treatment	0
Recovery	\$60,010
Prevention/Education	0
Harm Reduction	\$6,460
Criminal Justice	0
Opioid Abatement in Rural Colorado	0
Other	0

What are they applying for?

Young People in Recovery (YPR) is seeking funding to sustain its peer recovery support services for youth and young adults (defined as under age 30) who are in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD) including opioid use disorder (OUD)—or who are seeking recovery from a substance use disorder—in Adams County. Additionally, YPR-Adams County wishes to distribute naloxone kits and fentanyl test strips to youth and young adults who use drugs to reduce opioid overdoses and deaths.

Total Weighted Score	<i>Will be on a scale from 1-4, based on an average of criteria scores. In the event that a criteria is not relevant to a proposal it will be removed and will not impact the average score</i>	4
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Vetting Committee Input on Application

There was overwhelming consensus from committee that this proposal scored as 4's across the board and was a strong application they were in support of. As a result, there was not significant conversation around the specifics of the proposal. The council also unanimously agreed that this proposal was strong and even elected to ask if the service could be easily expanded given additional funding on top of the dollars requested.