

# SUMMIT COUNTY OPIOID HEALING FUND

**The Summit County Opioid Healing Fund** provides grants of up to \$25,000 to nonprofits supporting Summit County residents directly impacted by the opioid epidemic. This fund was developed to recognize and aid the work of the organizations tirelessly working with limited resources and institutional support to respond, rebuild and recover from the opioid epidemic. Over the next 12 months, Akron Community Foundation will award a total of \$500,000 in Summit County Opioid Settlement Funds. The foundation will facilitate this funding through two grant processes. The first grant application process will open July 15 and close Aug. 9, with grants announced in September 2021. The second grant application process\*\*\* will open Nov. 15 and close Dec. 10, with grants announced in March 2022. Funds awarded are expected to be used within the next 12 months. Organizations can apply for funding in both grant cycles if they seek funding for more than one program or project.

**\*\*\*if funds remain after the first round**

## Funding Priorities

The foundation has established grantmaking priorities for the Summit County Opioid Healing Fund. Grant applications must address at least one of the following priorities to be considered (see examples on reverse):

- Community-based strategies that support the priorities of the Summit County Opiate Abatement Plan:
  - Education
  - Prevention
  - Harm Reduction
  - Treatment
- Programs, projects or events that offer increased opportunities for:
  - Peer support services
  - Recovery-oriented services
  - Community-based recovery events

## Funding Restrictions

- Any funded programs/projects must benefit Summit County residents and be conducted in Summit County by a Summit County organization.
- Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or must use a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)(3) organization.
- Grantees will be required to submit a grant report on how the funds were allocated and provide an update on deliverables, including goals and objectives of the program, project or event.
- Funding is one-time only.
- Preference will be given to organizations and proposals that agree to work collaboratively with others in our community to make a long-term impact.
- Priority will be given to organizations that are meeting the needs of minority/diverse populations.
- Priority will be given to projects that are currently not being funded by the Summit County ADM Board.
- Priority will be given to smaller, more grassroot type organizations who are not able to secure support from other, larger funders.

## GRANT PROCESSES

### First Round

July 15 – Aug. 9, 2021

Grants announced September 2021.

### Second Round \*\*\*

Nov. 15 – Dec. 10, 2021.

Grants announced March 2022.

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APPLY ONLINE AT:

[WWW.AKRONCF.ORG/SCOHGRANTAPP](http://WWW.AKRONCF.ORG/SCOHGRANTAPP)

## GRANTMAKING DECISIONS

Grant decisions will be made by Akron Community Foundation staff with support from the Summit County Health Department. Final grantmaking approval will be determined by Akron Community Foundation's board of directors.

## Funding Priority Examples

### Programs that offer increased community-based recovery supports

To increase the capacity of peer support services, recovery-oriented services, and community-based recovery events in Summit County. Successful outcomes can often be directly related to a client's support network in their community. Funding could be used to increase services, cover operational costs, hold annual events, or support other innovative strategies to increase peer recovery supports. However, capital improvements will not be approved.

### Advancing programs and services supported by grassroots organizations in Summit County that directly impact recovery from the opioid and addiction crisis

In Summit County, there are numerous organizations committed to reducing the tragic consequences of opioid abuse through education, collaboration, advocacy, and the wise use of available resources. As an increasing public health problem, the opioid/heroin epidemic has resulted in a dramatic rise in accidental deaths and immeasurable heartache. Working together, we all can play a role in helping to end this lethal epidemic. Proposals will be accepted for programs/organizations that have proven success (are not brand new) in alleviating this issue and where obtaining additional support would allow them to reach more individuals.

### Questions?

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