



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 past 4 years, Akron Community Foundation has awarded nearly \$1,250,000 in Summit County Opioid Settlement Funds. The fund has supported 40 organizations with 78 grants totaling \$1,236,485. Many of the organizations have been very impactful in their work and are requesting additional funds.

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 detailed grant report on how the funds were dispersed and provide an update on deliverables, including goals and objectives of the program, project, or event.
- Preference will be given to organizations and proposals that agree to work collaboratively with others in our community to make a short and 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 organizations that have not received a previous grant from the fund. Organizations that have received grant awards in rounds 1, 2 and 3 are eligible if they have expended all the funds awarded in previous cycles.
- Priority will be given to smaller, grassroots organizations that are not able to secure support from other/larger funders.

GRANT TIMELINE

Application Period

November 1 – December 1, 2025

Awards

Grants announced March 6, 2026

APPLY ONLINE AT:

WWW.AKRONCF.ORG/SCOHGRANTAPP

GRANT DECISIONS

Grant decisions will be made by Akron Community Foundation community investment staff with support from the Summit County Health Department and the ADM Board staff. 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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