



2023-2025

Escambia County Opioid Abatement Funding Report

Escambia County

2023-2025 Opioid Abatement Funding Report

Escambia County

2023-2025 Opioid Abatement Funding Report

Table of Contents

Opioid Abatement Funding Overview	3
Executive Summary	3
Use of Funds	3
Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board	4
Opioid Abatement Funding Summary	4
FY24-25 Funding Summary	4
Harm Reduction Funding Summary	4
2023 Escambia County Opioid Addiction Statistics	5
Opioid Abatement Funding Awards & Impacts	6
FY24-25 Funded Programs	6
CORE – Escambia County EMS	6
CORE – Community Health of Northwest Florida (CHNWF)	8
CAT/AIM – Lakeview Center	9
OPUS – Lakeview Center	11
Charis House – Ministry Village at Olive	13
LifeBuilder Recovery – Waterfront Rescue Mission	15
FY23-24 Harm Reduction Funding	17
Escambia County Sheriff’s Office	17
Pensacola Police Department	17
Escambia County Corrections	17
Opioid Abatement Funding Impact Summary	18

Opioid Abatement Funding Overview

Executive Summary

Florida was the epicenter of the nation’s ongoing prescription drug epidemic, particularly the unregulated pain clinics that are cited as significant contributors to the opioid problem. To reduce the opioid abuse, the state adopted legislation regulating pain clinics and instituted a prescription drug-monitoring program. Efforts to reduce the demand for opioids have shifted local government’s focus from punishing drug users to spending millions on treatment and prevention programs.

On May 15, 2018, the Florida Attorney General’s Office filed action in state court against some of the nation’s largest opioid manufacturers and distributors for their role in the opioid crisis.

On July 8, 2021, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners voted to enter into the Florida Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement.

In January 2022, County Administration submitted the Florida Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement to the Florida Office of the Attorney General and designated CDAC Behavioral Health, Inc. as the local task force to address the opioid epidemic. County staff also finalized the abatement plan and interlocal agreement with the City of Pensacola to ensure adequate infrastructure was in place to effectively implement core abatement strategies upon the allocation of settlement funds. Funding was awarded to qualifying counties in June of 2022.

Use of Funds

Under the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement, Escambia County is responsible for ensuring that all resources are made available to the community to assist those experiencing mental health and substance use disorders. The Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement allows for the provision of wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with emergency events.

On June 13, 2024, Escambia County issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit community-partner (501(c)3) applications for programs supporting strategies outlined in Escambia County’s 2024 Opioid Abatement Implementation Plan. All public and private nonprofit agencies that currently provide services, and those that want to expand to provide services, for people experiencing mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders were eligible to apply. Eligible activities under the Escambia County 2024 Opioid Abatement Implementation Plan include:

- A. Treatment and Recovery**
 - a. Treatment Expansion
 - b. Recovery Support
- B. Prevention**
 - a. Primary Prevention
 - b. Community
- C. Criminal Justice**
 - a. Law Enforcement
 - b. Community Corrections
 - c. Post Incarceration Social Programs

Applications were evaluated based on priorities including performance measures, innovation and evidence-based programs, and strategic partnerships. Funds were awarded to projects that demonstrated achievement of the strategies outlined in the plan to ensure alignment of resources with community needs and appropriate target populations.

Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board

The Board makes annual recommendations on funding, programs, services, and location priorities for the upcoming year(s) and the County Commission has final approval of the Abatement Plan and any amendments thereto.

- **Board Members**
 - Catherine White - Chair, County Administrator Appointee
 - Tommy White - Vice Chair, City Council Appointee
 - John Mathis - Mayor Appointee
 - Adrienne Chel Rodriguez - CDAC Appointee
 - Matthew Infinger - BCC Appointee
- **Escambia County Support Staff**
 - Elizabeth Kissel – Government Liaison, Escambia County
 - Phillip Miller – Program Coordinator, Escambia County
 - Misty Pardue – Staff Liaison, Escambia County

Opioid Abatement Funding Summary

FY23-25 Funding Summary

Escambia County was allocated \$2,489,263.51 under the Opioid Abatement Funding in July 2023 and an additional \$1,546,004 in February 2024. Under the 2024 NOFA issued in June 2024, Opioid Abatement funding was available in the amount of \$2,489,263. On December 12, 2024, the BCC received recommendations from the Advisory Board and approved an allocation in the total amount of \$2,221,219. Notice to Proceeds were issued to the awarded applicants in April 2025. NOFA applications for project funding were received from 7 public and/or private nonprofit agencies, and 5 projects were awarded funding. The Escambia County Emergency Management Services CORE program was also awarded \$248,733 for FY24-25:

Awarded Agency	Amount
Escambia Community Clinics, Inc. D/B/A Community Health of Northwest Florida CORE	\$500,000
Lakeview Center CAT/AIM	\$258,264
Lakeview Center OPUS	\$349,077
Ministry Village	\$775,000
Waterfront Mission	\$338,878
Escambia County Emergency Management Services CORE	\$248,733
Total Awarded	\$2,469,952

Harm Reduction Funding Summary

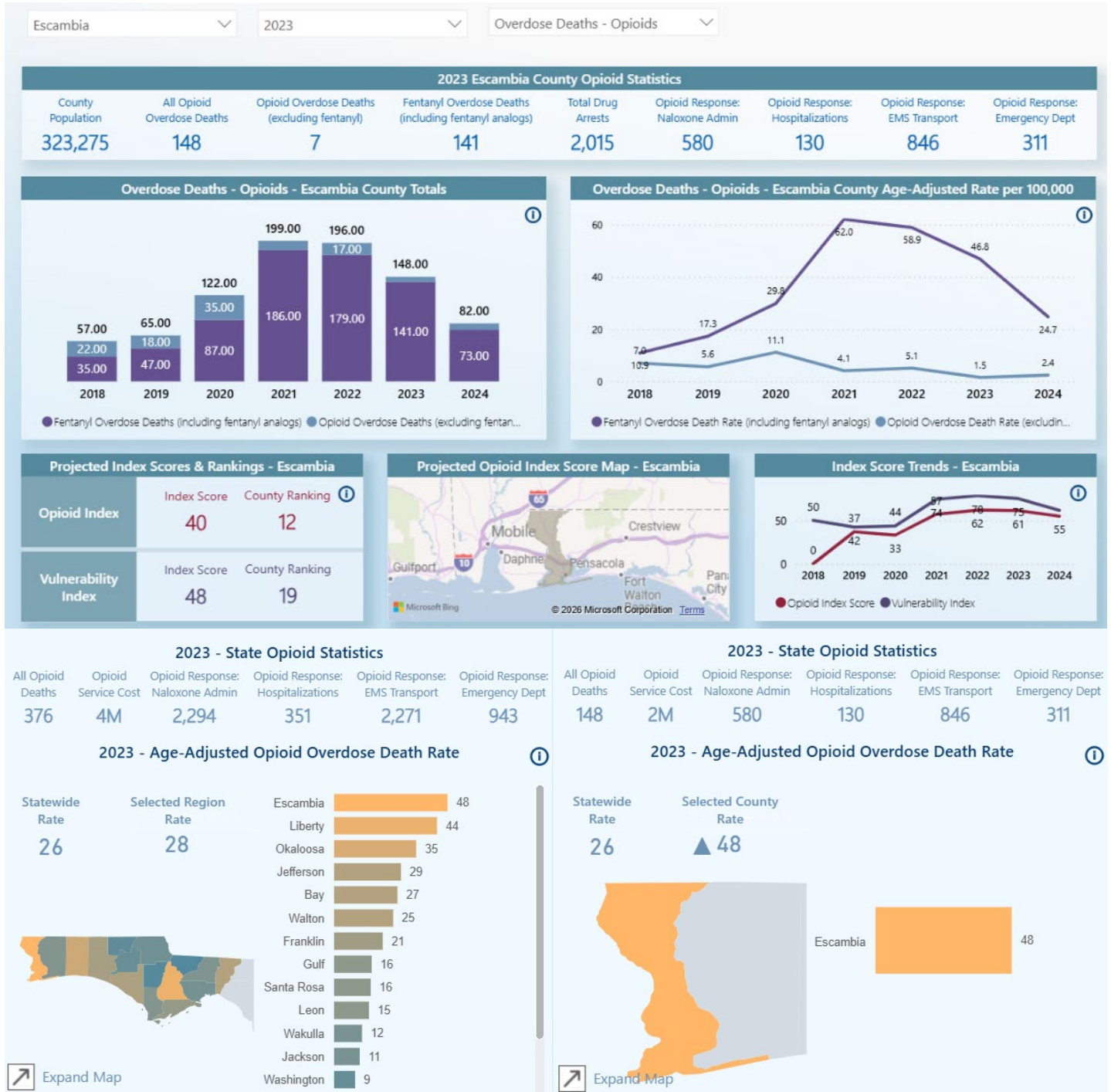
The Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement allows for the use of Opioid Abatement Funds for first Responders to educate law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs. From 2023-2024, the Advisory Board recommended approving \$690,220.40 in funding requested by the Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, and Escambia County Corrections for this purpose:

Awarded Agency	Amount
Escambia County Sheriff's Office	\$484,348
Pensacola Police Department	\$152,445
Escambia County Corrections	\$53,427.40
Total Awarded	\$690,220.40

2023 Escambia County Opioid Addiction Statistics

A local, state, and national crisis arose as a result of the manufacture, distribution, and over-prescribing of opioids. Escambia County has been disproportionately impacted by opioid-related overdose deaths. In 2023, Escambia County had the most opioid overdose deaths in the Northwest Florida region- of the recorded opioid-related deaths, around 39% (148 of 376) were in Escambia County.

2023 Opioid Index County Profile, Overdose Deaths – Opioids – Escambia County, Florida DCF State Opioid Dashboard



2023 State Opioid Statistics - Northwest Florida Region v Escambia County, Florida DCF State Opioid Dashboard

Opioid Abatement Funding Awards & Impacts

FY24-25 Funded Programs

During FY24-25, six (6) agencies received Opioid Abatement Funding to support their programs.

CORE – Escambia County EMS

- **Award Amount:** \$248,733.95
- **Project Overview:** EMS CORE (Coordinated Opioid Recovery Effort)
 - The CORE program is funded by both the State of Florida and the Opioid Abatement Fund. The program is intended to combat opioid use disorder in Florida by establishing a recovery-oriented continuum of care and support for those seeking treatment and recovery support services for opioid use disorder.
 - The comprehensive approach expands all aspects of overdose response and treats all primary and secondary impacts of substance use disorder.
 - The CORE model disrupts the revolving door of addiction and overdose by providing primary care and peer navigators within EMS and immediately connects individuals to sustainable overall healthcare. The model includes a tiered approach:
 - 1) Rescue Response
 - 2) Stabilization/Assessment
 - 3) Long-term Treatment
 - 4) Recovery Supports
 - The model prioritizes adults age 18+ who experience a confirmed or suspected overdose requiring naloxone administration, signs and symptoms of severe opioid withdrawal, acute opioid withdrawal as chief complaint, or individuals seeking support for opioid use disorder.
 - Escambia County EMS was chosen as a pilot county for the CORE program during FY22-23. As the program expanded to other counties, funding was reallocated. Escambia County EMS requested funding from the Opioid Abatement Fund for FY24-25 to compensate for the resulting shortfall.
 - Escambia County EMS has implemented a system of care that uses specialized EMS protocols for overdose and acute withdrawal symptoms, providing affected patients with Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) to minimize precipitating symptoms.
 - Additionally, EMS continues to train new staff on protocols and the use of equipment to treat overdose/acute withdrawal symptoms.
- **Results and Community Impact**
 - *Program Activities*
 - The EMS CORE team has traveled to every Escambia County ZIP code, ensuring equitable access to care for all residents.
 - Beyond direct patient treatment, EMS CORE has partnered with the community to educate, train, and promote effective prevention strategies.
 - *Citizens Served*
 - Based on CORE reports from July 2024-December 2025, the CORE program has served over 1,700 patients.
 - 2,501 appointments
 - 715 referrals or calls
 - CORE successfully completed 406 warm hand-off transitions, demonstrating significant program growth and measurable impact on individuals struggling with addiction and their journey to break the cycle and move toward sustained recovery.
 - 28 patients referred to detox/OP service/Residential

- 12 patients bridged
 - While more recent state data is not yet available, internal tracking by Escambia County EMS indicates an approximate 68% reduction in overdose related deaths, along with a substantial decrease in overdose-related emergency calls.
- *Future Outlook*
 - Entering 2026, CORE anticipates continued growth and remains committed to providing low-barrier, nonjudgmental access to care throughout Escambia County.
- **Program Photos**



CORE – Community Health of Northwest Florida (CHNWF)

- **Award Amount:** \$500,000
- **Project Overview:** CORE (Coordinated Opioid Recovery Effort)
 - Community Health of Northwest Florida submitted an application in response to the FY24-25 NOFA for their CORE program to expand outpatient substance use disorder medication-assisted treatment to manage opioid dependency.
 - The CORE program directly aligns with the Escambia County Opioid Abatement Implementation Plan, targeting critical areas outlined in the strategy- Treatment and Recovery, Prevention, and Criminal Justice.
 - The program offers medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and emphasizes recovery support such as peer-led treatment, healthcare, housing, employment support, and job training services.
 - Peer support specialists facilitate handoffs to necessary services, ensuring a holistic approach to recovery and integration.
 - CHNWF operates two school-based health clinics where staff educate school-aged kids on substance abuse and misuse and supports pediatric healthcare providers in offering education and early intervention on substance-related issues. C
 - ORE staff also conduct Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Education classes on opioid use disorder. These courses are designed to prevent over-prescribing and resulting substance-related disorders.
 - CORE staff regularly present to criminal justice entities, maintaining partnerships with local re-entry service providers as well as state and county probation offices.
 - The programs integration from recovery to reintegration are essential for ongoing treatment.
 - CHNWF is a member of the Continuum of Care (CoC), holding a governance board position, and is committed to addressing homelessness and behavioral health challenges in the community.
 - CHNWF partners with organizations including Homelessness Task Force of NWFL, All In Local Plan to End Homelessness, and Lifeview Group to address homelessness and behavioral health challenges in the community.
- **Results and Community Impact**
 - *Program Activities*
 - A new certified peer support specialist/navigator has been fully integrated into the project as well as an MD.
 - The Waterfront Clinic is fully operational and seeing CORE patients- the clinic provides same day walk-in care for CORE patients that have missed appointments or as overflow capacity for new patients coming into the program.
 - This ensures that CHNWF meets contractual obligations of transitioning patients into care no more than ten (10) days post induction.
 - The Palafox Primary Care Clinic- the main site for CORE services- is fully staffed.
 - The staff includes a dedicated CORE provider with a CORE medical assistant, CORE Nurse Navigator/Peer Support, and Healthcare Navigator.
 - The majority of new CORE patients spend their first 90-days in the program receiving services at this site.
 - Behavioral health and wellness services including individual therapy, group therapy, and case management services continue to be provided to all CORE patients that request services.
 - Jackson Street Primary Care continues to operate and expand capacity.

- This site is the primary place of treatment for CORE patients that have been in the program for over 90 days or patients needing Hep-C/HIV care in conjunction with CORE services.
 - The Mobile Medical Unit is deployed monthly to various sites and partner agencies to provide primary medical care and walk-in care for core patients.
 - A Wellness & Peer Support professional has been hired to work full-time at CHNWF, bringing a wealth of experience with meditation, grounding, and breath work as well as appropriate licensure and training to provide the services.
 - Peer Support services are also incorporated into the care structure for the position.
 - CORE Santa Rosa was implemented as a service line in late 2025 and CHNWF undertook the task of splitting off all patients that did not reside in Escambia County, but received medical CORE care in the county, and preparing them to move to CORE Santa Rosa beginning in 2026.
 - Over 50 patients were set to move, opening capacity for new CORE patients in Escambia County and ensuring that patients receive services in the county that they reside. Escambia funds were not used to treat non-residents of Escambia County.
- *Citizens Served*
 - Over the course of the year, the CHNWF program had a retention rate of 83% after warm handoff- these are patients that entered care into CORE MAT program and still receive care across any CHNWF service line.
 - The national average retention rate is between 50-60%, proving the success of the program and the partnership with EMS CORE.
 - CHNWF has provided 1,000 lab services and filled over 4500 prescriptions with grant support.
 - During the grant period, CHNWF on-boarded 172 new Escambia County CORE patients.
 - CHNWF empanelment has grown to 433 active patients who reside in Escambia County.
- *Future Outlook*
 - CHNWF has emerged as a leader in MAT services in Escambia County with program size rivaling other non/for-profits in the county, however, CHNWF has not raised rates for services, nor do they turn away patients due to capacity constraints.
 - CHNWF did not apply to receive CORE funding from the Escambia County Opioid Abatement Fund for FY25-26, instead focusing their expertise and support behind other small agencies in an effort to build capacity within the community.
 - CHNWF intends to apply for Opioid Abatement Funding in FY26-27 as they look towards filling a data demonstrated gap in care in Century and continue to address challenges in providing MAT care at the lowest rate in the community.

CAT/AIM – Lakeview Center

- **Award Amount:** \$258,264
- **Project Overview:** Adolescents in Motion (AIM/CAT)
 - Lakeview Center, Inc. submitted an application in response to the FY24-25 NOFA to expand their AIM/CAT program to include a specialized team of adolescent substance abuse providers to address the increase in opiate overdose deaths in youth in the Panhandle region of Florida as well as the lack of available treatment resources in the region.
 - The team consists of a Master’s Level Counselor, a Case Manager and a Peer Specialist.
 - AIM is a program focused on care coordination and trauma-informed treatment for children and adolescents (ages 5-18) who need substance abuse treatment and those whose lives have been impacted by family substance abuse.

- The multi-systemic approach of the program aims to keep families together by reducing the impact that substance use and abuse/addiction has on the family and reducing sentinel events.
 - The program aligns with the Opioid Abatement Strategic Summary through the inclusion of core strategies- Narcan distribution to clients/family members, MAT/SUD treatment linkage, and the use of the “warm handoff” linkage strategy.
 - The program has strategic external collaborative partners including the Department of Juvenile Justice, DCF, Families First Network, Lutheran Services of Florida, Pace Center for Girls, CDAC Behavioral Healthcare, Camelot Academy, PSC, Gulf Coast Kids House, Opening Doors, UWF, judges and public defenders, probation agencies and sober houses, and numerous other local providers of mental health services and primary care.
 - **Results and Community Impact as of December 2025**
 - *Program Activities*
 - The program provides clinical mental health support in the home with youth and their family to teach conflict resolution and coping skills to assist with stabilization while the team coordinates the appropriate service within the community for ongoing treatment needs.
 - The team provides group services to offer education and harm reduction around substance abuse including dispersion of Naloxone.
 - In addition to education the team provides, local stakeholders are invited to present additional education such as Hope Above Fear, Narcan education, and Nicotine Vaping education.
 - The program has provided weekly group treatment to TASC clients for the Department of Juvenile Justice and clients from other referral sources.
 - Networking is ongoing to coordinate resources and presenters for the program.
 - Funds have been used to support payroll, travel, utilities, office supplies, and therapeutic group supplies.
 - A Team Lead/Counselor II and Case Manager have been hired and implemented for the program. A Peer Support specialist was hired and set to begin in January 2026.
 - The Case Manager and Peer Support help with accessing appropriate school/academic placements, potential employment, and other needs.
 - The program Case Manager is completing the application process for Targeted Case Management based on State Medicaid requirements. They have also completed multiple training courses around substance use and adolescents.
 - Ongoing collaboration across Lakeview internal teams including Community Action Teams (CAT), Family Crisis Care Team (FCAT), Children’s Case Management (CCM), Outpatient, Residential, Treatment Alternative for Safer Communities (TASC), and the new Adolescent Intensive Outpatient program.
 - Collaboration continues with Northwest Florida Health Network, SafeNet, NW FL Mental Health Task Force, Regional Behavioral Health Interagency Collaboration, schools, and other community stakeholders.
 - *Citizens Served*
 - AIM had thirteen clients with six successful discharges and two who dropped from services before completion.
 - Nine (9) patients were on the waitlist that either went to outpatient to get individual substance abuse treatment, declined services, or did not respond to our outreach efforts.
 - Referral Forms have been distributed, and a Client/Referral list is maintained. As of December 2025, there were 8 referrals being contacted for intake.

- The program serves more than thirty-five (35) families at any given time, translating to over one hundred (100) people or more per year that are impacted by the activities.
 - *Future Program Outlook*
 - Lakeview has applied for and received funding to continue the AIM/CAT for the year 2026.
 - Age criteria will be shifted to 13–21-year-olds based on current referrals- there have been no referrals under the age of 13 and several requests to serve the 18–21-year-old young adult population, who have historically been some of the most successful clients.
 - AIM began services in July 2025 with only a therapist hired. There have been challenges with hiring/maintaining the program team, impacting the number of clients Lakeview has been able to serve under the program.
 - State/DCF substance abuse guidelines for adolescents require no more than ten (10) clients per therapist and fifteen (15) clients per case manager.
 - As soon as new team members complete training, Lakeview CAT/AIM will be able to serve more clients.

OPUS – Lakeview Center

- **Award Amount:** \$349,077
- **Project Overview:** Overdose Prevention & Underlying Services (OPUS)
 - Lakeview Center, Inc. submitted an application in response to the FY24-25 NOFA to fund the Overdose Prevention & Underlying Services (OPUS) program for one (1) year.
 - SAMHSA Harm Reduction funding that supported the program for its previous three (3) years was eliminated from the SAMHSA budget.
 - The OPUS program provides free evidence-based practices, rapid HIV and Hepatitis C testing, and brief intervention services.
 - Evidence-based practices include OD prevention and education, distribution of Naloxone and Fentanyl testing strips, mobile outreach to persons at high risk for OD, and tracking OD outbreaks to best target street and mobile outreach services.
 - Marketing/social media campaigns are also utilized to raise community awareness.
 - The program provides two (2) risk-reduction vending machines with free risk-reduction supplies that serve Escambia County.
 - Lakeview Center linkage processes for SUD treatment programs are well established and will be utilized by the OPUS program
 - Clients are linked to residential SUD/mental health treatment, intensive outpatient, standard outpatient, COD treatment programs, MAT treatment, and/or recovery support services.
 - Clients in need of assistance to identify stable housing or workforce development are provided linkage to all local housing assistance programs for which they might be eligible or local social services.
 - Clients are assisted with completing/submitting required applications and/or paperwork, and transportation is provided as required for supportive services appointments.
 - The program goals and objectives include:
 - To prevent and reduce the onset of substance use disorder/overdose and infectious diseases transmission among racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ persons and rural populations.
 - To expand, maximize, maintain and leverage linkages with grassroots & community-based health, education and other human-services-oriented organizations anchored in the community.
 - To embed and sustain the culturally relevant service array of the project.
- **Results and Community Impact**
 - *Program Activities*

- Program Photos



Charis House – Ministry Village at Olive

- Award Amount: \$775,000
- Program Overview: Women’s Recovery Program Charis House

- Ministry Village submitted an application in response to the FY24-25 NOFA for a two-year program to build a new Charis House facility and support the expansion of the Women’s Recovery Program.
- The Charis House is a twelve-month residential recovery program for women in the Escambia County community. The program is the only one in the area that does not require an intake fee, which is a crucial factor in providing support to the most vulnerable women.
 - The program has a success rate of 86% sustained sobriety rate (aligning with national and state averages) and a 100% success rate in family reconnection- a testament to its effectiveness and ability to rebound families.
 - Ministry Village actively participates in the Continuum of Care program within the community and with other organizations that participate in substance recovery, mental health needs, and pharmaceutical care needs for participants in the program.
- With the current rising rates of substance abuse, the program is in high demand, operating at total capacity with a waitlist. Additionally, the current Charis House facilities are insufficient, need costly repairs, and lack capacity availability- an expansion of the facilities is a desperate need.
 - Without the expansion, the facilities are at risk of affecting the programs ability to serve women, children, and other community members.
- The proposed new facility will expand the kitchen and common area to offer a sanctuary for community building, therapy meetings, additional bathrooms, and a new computer lab for vocational training. The expanded indoor space will also provide a stable environment for women with minor children to have designated visitation time, which are essential to the mental health of the child and mother.
- The facility will stand for years to come, provide generations of women with support, and provide generations of reconciliation through sobriety to mothers and their children.
- **Results and Community Impact**
 - *Program Activities*
 - In FY24-25, significant progress was made toward breaking ground on the new Charis House facility.
 - The property has been surveyed and cleared. Structural engineering and architecture design are being prepared. The new house will accommodate up to 30 women, increasing the house capacity to 50.
 - A general contractor was selected, and the county will complete the site work pending the development order.
 - *Citizens Served*
 - Charis House took 276 applications in F424-25.
 - As of December 2025, there were 18 girls in the Charis House program with 9 of them employed and 5 continuing their education.
 - In 2025, 8 ladies successfully completed and graduated from the program.
 - *Future Outlook*
 - Development of architectural plans continues, with the team meeting to review plans and select interior finishes.
 - Permit review is expected in mid-2026, with construction to be completed by October 2026.
- **Program Photos**



Charis House Exterior Architectural Rendering

LifeBuilder Recovery – Waterfront Rescue Mission

- **Award Amount:** \$338,878
- **Project Overview:** LifeBuilder Recovery Program
 - Waterfront Rescue Mission submitted an application in response to the FY24-25 NOFA to purchase and remodel an additional transitional house to expand and enhance the final phase of the LifeBuilder Recovery Program.
 - The LifeBuilder Recovery Program serves individuals struggling with life-dominating addictions, including opioid addictions. The goal is to reduce the number of opioid-related overdoses and deaths in Escambia County by providing comprehensive, long-term recovery solutions.
 - The nine-month program helps men dealing with life-dominating addictions in three phases: Recovery Readiness, LifeBuilder, and Career Development.
 - Throughout the phases, the men undergo intensive counseling and classes, receive proper job training, learn to create a budget, plan to pay family restitution and court fees if applicable, and eventually obtain the appropriate resources to live a sustainable, sober life.
 - The additional house will expand capacity to serve more individuals by 28% and provide participants with the space and time they need to complete their recovery process and transition back into society as transformed, tax-paying citizens.
 - A growing number of individuals are seeking aid at Waterfront and enrollment in the recovery program has surged nearing the housing capacity.
 - Adding an additional house to the Career Development Phase of the LifeBuilder Recovery Program is critical to addressing the urgent need for more comprehensive addiction recovery services in the County.
 - The Career Development Phase housing is nearing maximum capacity and renting additional housing is not economically sustainable- purchasing an additional house is necessary to increase long-term capacity.
- **Results and Community Impact**
 - *Program Activities*

- Through FY24-25, Waterfront Rescue Mission made significant progress in addressing opioid addiction in Escambia County by expanding and strengthening recovery services for men facing substance use disorders through the purchase of additional transitional homes.
- These homes have provided safe, structured housing that bridges the gap between active recovery and full community reintegration, supporting residents as they obtain employment, save toward permanent housing, secure transportation, and achieve other personal goals.
- As a result of the additional houses and observing that the longer an individual is in recovery, the more successful they will be- Waterfront was able to introduce an optional fourth phase to the program called Aftercare.
 - The Aftercare phase is for men who have completed the nine-month program but require additional support to reach long-term stability.
 - During the phase, a designated chaplain offers assistance with case management and advocacy, employment, housing, and the resolution of legal barriers.
- *Citizens Served*
 - In 2025, Waterfront served 98 individuals through the LifeBuilder Recovery Program, with 27 men graduating from the full program.
 - While the ultimate goal of the LifeBuilder Recovery Program is to see individuals graduate from the full nine-month program, invaluable impacts are made on the individual no matter how long they stay in the program.
 - The two (2) additional houses intended for men in the final phase of recovery increased capacity to serve up to eight (8) more men at a time and an additional 32 men annually.
 - Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 4, 2025, men were moved into the homes, with eleven (11) individuals served thus far.
- *Future Outlook*
 - Waterfront Rescue Mission is incredibly grateful to have been a recipient of the FY24-25 Escambia County Opioid Abatement funding and looks forward to continuing the partnership to address opioid addiction and bring lasting hope and recovery to our community.

● **Program Photos**



FY23-24 Harm Reduction Funding

During the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, three (3) local agencies received Opioid Abatement Funding to support Harm Reduction measures.

Escambia County Sheriff's Office

- **Award Amount:** \$484,348
- **Project Overview:** Narcotic Analyzers
 - In June 2023, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office requested funding for fourteen (14) handheld narcotics analyzers.
 - The devices enable their deputies and personnel to scan for more than 498 suspected controlled substances in a single test. This enhances the health and safety of their deputies from accidental exposure, as it allows personnel to analyze key drugs of abuse and other common cutting agents, precursors, and threats through plastic or glass for most samples, minimizing accidental exposure.
 - The Opioid Abatement Funding Advisory Board approved the purchase to be funded from the Opioid Abatement Fund.
 - 14 True Narc analyzers and 14 True Narc Solution Kits were purchased for a total of \$484,348.

Pensacola Police Department

- **Award Amount:** \$152,445
- **Project Overview:** Narcotic Analyzers
 - In July 2023, the Pensacola Police Department requested funding for the purchase of three (3) handheld narcotics analyzers for the identification of special narcotics in the field in order to protect officers from toxic/deadly exposure and provide immediate assistance with drug investigations.
 - The Funding Advisory Board approved the reimbursement of five (5) analyzers and an interlocal agreement was executed in February 2024 with a total payment of \$152,445.

Escambia County Corrections

- **Award Amount:** \$53,427.40
- **Project Overview:** Handheld Narcotics Mobile Trace Units
 - In February 2024, Escambia County Corrections requested funding for the purchase of two (2) Rapiscan Mobile Trace Narcotics Units to assist, prevent, detect, and seize the use of contraband of illicit drugs within correctional facilities. The presence of mobile trace devices was intended to reduce contraband trafficking, while serving as a general deterrent to unwanted behaviors.
 - The Funding Advisory Board approved the request and an Invitation to Bid was posted in March 2024 for the two (2) units, resulting in three (3) submissions for review. Rapiscan Systems, Inc. was determined to be the lowest, most responsive, and most responsible bidder.
 - Two (2) mobile trace narcotic units were purchased from Rapiscan Systems, Inc. for a total of \$53,427.40.

Opioid Abatement Funding Impact Summary

The projects funded in FY24-25 have demonstrated a coordinated and effective approach to addressing the opioid abatement crisis through prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction. The projects have expanded access to care and improved outcomes for those impacted by substance use disorder. Measurable outcomes highlighted throughout this report including increased services, high retention rates, expanded outreach, and reduction in overdose-related deaths and incidents demonstrate the effectiveness of the funded projects. Investments in infrastructure and capacity position the County for sustained change over the course of the Opioid Abatement Funding distribution and in future years. Many of these programs intersect with and refer to one another- this collaboration is critical to maintain progress and further reduce the impacts of opioid addiction in Escambia County.

Across the FY24-25 funded programs, over 2,000 individuals were provided with opioid-related treatment and recovery services. Overall, Opioid Abatement Funding has enhanced immediate response efforts and laid a strong foundation for long-term recovery and resilience in the Community. Escambia County looks forward to the results and continued positive impact of the programs funded for the FY25-26 year



**Opioid 2024 - 2025 Implementation Plan
Qualified County— Escambia County**

Current Funding Amount: \$ 2,489,263.51

Counties of service: Escambia County

2024 - 2025 Opioid Funding Strategies:

- A. Treatment and Recovery**
 - a. Treatment Expansion
 - b. Recovery Support
- B. Prevention**
 - a. Primary Prevention
 - b. Community
- C. Criminal Justice**
 - a. Law Enforcement
 - b. Community Corrections
 - c. Post Incarceration Social Programs

Treatment and Recovery

Sub-Categories	Description	Core Strategy (From Schedule A)	Allowable Use (From Schedule B)
Treatment Expansion	Expand substance use disorder treatment, i.e., detox, inpatient/residential and outpatient treatment, and medications for opioid use disorder.	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. F. Treatment for Incarcerated Population. H. Expanding Syringe Service Programs	A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD) E. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT OR PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING BABIES WITH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

Recovery Support	Programs that promote recovery, like access to housing and health care, employment and job training, and peer support programs.	E. Expansion of Warm Hand-off Programs and Recovery Services	B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT AND RECOVERY C. CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED (CONNECTIONS TO CARE) E. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT OR PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING BABIES WITH NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME
-------------------------	---	--	---

Prevention

Sub-Categories	Description	Core Strategy (From Schedule A)	Allowable Use (From Schedule B)
Primary Prevention	Programs and strategies shown to prevent drug use, including family and youth programs, that promote healthy behavior and relationships and reduce risk factors, as well as adult education programs and public education campaigns.	G. Prevention Programs B. Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) Distribution and other opioid-related treatment.	F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS
Community	Funding for schools, childcare, family services, and job training to prevent drug use	G. Prevention Programs B. Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) Distribution and other opioid-related treatment.	G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS

Criminal Justice

Sub-Categories	Description	Core Strategy (From Schedule A)	Allowable Use (From Schedule B)
Law Enforcement	Funding and training for local police, drug task force, and efforts that prevent illegal drugs from getting to their destination.	G. Prevention Programs	D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL-JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS I. FIRST RESPONDERS
Community Corrections	Develop or expand drug or family courts and other law enforcement programs that help people using drugs find treatment and stay in the community.	B. Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) Distribution and other opioid-related treatment. E. Expansion of Warm Hand-off Programs and Recovery Services F. Treatment for Incarcerated Population. G. Prevention Programs	C. CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED (CONNECTIONS TO CARE) D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL-JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS

<p>Post-Incarceration Social Programs</p>	<p>Programs that help people recovering from substance use disorders reunite with their communities following jail/prison time.</p>	<p>E. Expansion of Warm Hand-off Programs and Recovery Services F. Treatment for Incarcerated Population. G. Prevention Programs</p>	<p>C. CONNECT PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP TO THE HELP THEY NEED (CONNECTIONS TO CARE) D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL-JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS</p>
--	---	---	---