

Two-Year Plan Template

Region: 13, Mesa County
1st Year Allocation Amt:
2nd Year Allocation Amt:
Submission Date:

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Goals and Objectives

1. *Please outline your Region's goals and objectives for how you plan to utilize the first two years of opioid settlement funding.*

Goals	Objectives
Decrease the number of young people in Mesa County interested in, or already using, substances and provide opportunities for youth with developed substance use disorders (SUDs) D51 survey could be used.	Increase youth mentoring opportunities for young people at risk of SUD.
	Implement a youth diversion program to provide alternative pathways to treatment and recovery for young people with behavioral issues.
	Disseminate a tailored prevention education campaign geared towards young people in Mesa County.
Increase the number of health care professionals in Mesa County who are educated and qualified to treat people with SUDs.	Fund Certified Addiction Specialist (CAS) trainings for clinical professionals through Colorado Mesa University.
Reduce relapse and recidivism rates among people with SUDs in Mesa County.	Ensure SUD treatment and wrap around services are immediately accessible for individuals reentering the community from incarceration, homelessness, or residential treatment settings.
Establish a thriving recovery community in Mesa County with the infrastructure, resources and staff needed to support those seeking recovery.	Develop or expand upon an existing Recovery Community Organization (RCO) to increase visibility of and support for people in recovery in Mesa County.
	Increase peer delivered care coordination of people with SUD in Mesa County.
	Provide peer recovery specialist trainings and other peer specific trainings and supervision to advance the peer workforce in Mesa County.
Evaluate region 13 settlement spending	Ensure responsible spending of governance committee by evaluating the quality of funded programs annually.

Resource Allocation

2. *What percent of funding will you allocate to each primary service area?*

- Prevention and Education: 13%
- Treatment: 33%
- Recovery: 50%
- Harm Reduction: 0%
- Criminal Justice: 0%

3. *How did your region determine these allocations?*

The regional governance committee worked with behavioral health consulting firm, The Steadman Group, to discuss and prioritize spending for the first two years of settlement funding. The governance committee divided into three small groups. Each individual was given 10 minutes to allocate a portion of \$500,000 to the spending buckets of prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction and criminal justice. Each group member was given the opportunity to share their dollar allocations and provide an explanation of their thinking. Groups then had to come to consensus on spending and provide facilitators with their final dollar allocations. Following this all day facilitated discussion, the group met monthly for 4 months to dig deeper into the actual demand for services, allowing us to determine the best ROI.

4. *If any of the primary service areas have no funding allocated to them, please explain why*

For the first two years of settlement funding, we have chosen not to include funding towards Harm Reduction or Criminal Justice. Both voting and non-voting committee members agreed that funding should be prioritized for prevention, treatment and recovery, as these are the categories with the greatest need and where committee members believe we can make the greatest impact on the opioid epidemic in our community. However, many of the programs we have outlined below overlap with harm reduction and criminal justice needs. For example, a youth mentoring and truancy diversion program seeks to reduce the number of students entering the formal juvenile justice system.

5. *Explain how funds will be spent in each service area. Please include the specific activity, the lead organization or agency, whether the program is new or existing, and the total funds you have decided to allocate.*

Prevention and Education:

Activity	Lead Org	New or Existing	Total Funds Year One	Total Funds for Year Two	Total Funds for Both Years
Youth Mentoring/Truancy Diversion Program	21 st Judicial District Attorney	New	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Youth prevention campaign (Hold for future years)		New			
Total			\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000

Treatment:

Activity	Lead Org	New or Existing	Total Funds Year One	Total Funds for Year Two	Total Funds for Both Years
Treatment & wrap around services during major transitions including community reentry from incarceration, homelessness, residential	TBD through RFP	New	\$90,000	\$200,000	\$300,000
SUD education for health professionals	Colorado Mesa University (CAS)	New	\$10,000	\$0	
Total			\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000

Recovery:

Activity	Lead Org	New or Existing	Total Funds Year One	Total Funds for Year Two	Total Funds for Both Years
Recovery Community Organization development to include peer care coordination; peer training and retention; and the technology to track referrals, outcomes and manage clients	TBD through RFP	Existing/ New	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
Total			\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000

Harm Reduction:

Activity	Lead Org	New or Existing	Total Funds Year One	Total Funds for Year Two	Total Funds for Both Years
			\$0	\$0	
Total			\$0	\$0	

Criminal Justice:

Activity	Lead Org	New or Existing	Total Funds Allocated	Total Funds for Year Two	Total Funds for Both Years
			\$0	\$0	
Total			\$0	\$0	

6. *How will your two-year plan address the diverse needs of populations that are specific to your region: (LGBTQ+, BIPOC, immigrants, rural communities, low income, etc.)*

Although much of our population resides in urban Grand Junction, Mesa County includes many rural communities with unique substance use needs. We also have a robust Hispanic community (14.8% of residents identified as Hispanic/Latino in the 2019 Census) who require linguistically and culturally relevant SUD interventions. We will include a section in the request for proposals (RFPs) to ensure each leading organization has a tailored plan to address these needs. Proposals will be partially evaluated on the organization's plan to support these populations.

7. *Describe any new initiatives your region will be launching:*

8. *For existing programs, please explain how you intend to expand these programs and why they require additional funding to do so.*

The primary activity we included in the recovery spend is the development of a Recovery Community Organization (RCO) with peer delivered care coordination; peer training and retention efforts; and the technology to track referrals and outcomes and better manage clients. There is at least one RCO's serving Mesa County who is doing incredible work. However, they are currently functioning on limited funding and do not have the staff, infrastructure or resources necessary to establish the robust RCO we would like to see in Mesa County.

9. *Do you plan to collaborate with other regions? If you answered yes here, please explain how you collaborate and with which regions.*

10. *Explain the infrastructure needs of your region, if you have any, and tell us if these needs are funded as a part of your 2-year plan. If you have a need and it is not funded by the plan, please explain why.*

Infrastructure Need	Location	Funded Through 2-Year Plan	If not funded, please explain

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11. Please share if your region is utilizing "braided" funding streams (utilizing funds from other sources in conjunction with Opioid Settlement Funds):

12. What outcomes do you anticipate at the end of the first two years of settlement funding?

Given the funding decisions we have agreed upon, we expect to see the following overarching outcomes after the completion of the first two years of funding:

Goals	Outcomes
Decrease the number of young people in Mesa County interested in or already using substances and provide opportunities for youth with developed substance use disorders (SUDs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase in awareness and education surrounding substance use among young people and the general community in Mesa County ● Reduction in number of young people who enter the justice system due to substance use or mental health challenges
Increase the number of medical professionals in Mesa County who are educated and qualified to treat people with SUDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased number of clinical professionals in the CMU CAS program ● Increase in number of low-income people able to enter/afford the CAS program
Reduce relapse and recidivism rates among people with SUDs in Mesa County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase in peer engagement following acute care (ED visits/hospitalizations) ● Greater engagement with treatment following institutionalization
Establish a thriving recovery community in Mesa County with the infrastructure, resources and staff needed to support those seeking recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase in the number and qualifications of the peer workforce in Mesa County ● Increase in variety of recovery activities available
Evaluate region 13 settlement spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased understanding in the success of each program outlined above

13. How will outcomes be measured?

Outcomes will be measured differently depending upon the specific activity and lead organization. To deliver the activities laid out above, Mesa County will produce individual RFPs which will include an outcome and evaluation section. Organizational selection will be determined in part by how they propose to measure outcomes. Prior to program onset, the regional governance committee will work with the lead organization of each activity to confirm the feasibility of and protocols for measuring each outcome identified above.