



Media Release:

Town of Barnstable Announces Latest Opioid Abatement Fund Grant Recipients and Next Round Applications Information

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(IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 28, 2025) The Town of Barnstable is pleased to announce that it has awarded an additional \$132,827 in Opioid Abatement Funds to the following organizations:

Duffy Health Center \$50,000

Stephanie Wroten, CEO; Daniel Rodrigues, Director of Substance Use Disorder and Outreach Programs; Jane Kokernak, Senior Grants Officer
to support Basic Needs and Multiple Pathways programs.

Sharing Kindness \$37,587

Dr. Kim Mead-Walters, Executive Director
to support Virtual Family Groups and School Grief Groups programs.

WellStrong \$45,240

Alicia Conlin, CEO, and Gioia Persuitte, Development Director
to support Peer Support Navigator (PSN) program that will serve individuals in recovery from substance use disorder using evidence-based peer support services.

The checks were distributed at the February 27, 2025 Barnstable Town Council Meeting.

In November, the Town provided an opportunity for organizations to apply for matching grants through the RIZE Massachusetts Foundation. Those recipients, who each received \$50,000, were invited to provide an update to the Town at the same meeting.

AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod

Eliza Morrison, Director of Harm Reduction Services, and Brad Badgley, Senior Director of Harm Reduction & Sexual Health Services
to support their Overdose Awareness, Prevention and NARCAN Response Outreach Program, aimed at harm reduction services.

Behavioral Health Innovators, Inc.

Sheila House, Board President

to support their Positive Alternatives for Student Support and Alternative Peer Group programs, aimed at education and prevention services.

Hopeful Outreach of Cape Cod

Patrick Downey, Board President, and Amanda Jacob, Co-Founder and Treasurer

to support their Empowering Recovery Program, aimed at recovery services.

Parents Supporting Parents

Charles T. Passios, Treasurer, and Pat Dutra, Board Member

to support their Sober Living Scholarship Program and Support, aimed at prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

NEXT ROUND OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Town of Barnstable is pleased to announce the availability of Opioid Abatement Funds to support local initiatives that aim to make a positive impact on the community. Town of Barnstable based projects will be considered for grant awards from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. Projects must serve residents of the Town of Barnstable and deliver services in the areas of substance use prevention/education, harm reduction, treatment services, or recovery supports.

APPLICATION ROUND	Deadline
RIZE Grant Applicants	November 12, 2024 5:00 PM
Round One	December 31, 2024 12:00 PM
Round Two	March 31, 2025 5:00 PM
Round Three	June 30, 2025 5:00 PM
Round Four	September 30, 2025 5:00 PM

Organizations selected for funding will enter into a contract with the Town of Barnstable to deliver the programs and services outlined in the application.

More information and the 2025 Small Grant Application may be found on the Town of Barnstable’s website:

https://tobweb.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/TownManager/Opioid_Abatement_Funds/Opioid-Abatement-Funds.asp