

Local Response to Public Health Emergencies: Focus On the Opioid Epidemic

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) FY
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Project Overview

This Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded project aims to increase the capacity of local health departments (LHDs) to respond effectively to the opioid epidemic by working more closely with state and local partners (e.g., law enforcement, healthcare providers, local/state health departments) and rolling out evidence-based strategies at the local level.

With support and technical assistance from NACCHO, funded LHDs will be responsible for exploring, planning, and implementing innovative and collaborative approaches to support efforts to combat the opioid crisis within their communities.

The project strives to address issues arising from high rates of opioid-related fatal and non-fatal overdoses that are prevalent in many communities due to high prescribing rates and diversion of prescription opioids, heroin, and illicitly manufactured opioids, like fentanyl.

Goals and Activities

Project activities will focus on building local capacity to:

1. Establish new or enhance existing partnerships between the selected LHDs and key community stakeholders;
2. Engage community members in a collaborative action planning process to combat opioid overdoses in each of the selected pilot site communities;
3. Identify cooperative strategies to improve local opioid overdose outcomes;
4. Implement identified strategies to reduce fatal and non-fatal overdoses;
5. Address overprescribing through academic detailing (www.narcad.org).

Selected Pilot Sites

Bell County, KY

- ✓ **High prescribing, high overdose**
- ✓ KY is #4 for all drug overdose mortality (2015) and #9 for high opioid prescribing (2016)
- ✓ Bell County is #5 for all drug overdoses by county (2013-2015)

Hillsborough County (Manchester), NH

- ✓ **High overdose**
- ✓ NH is #2 for all drug overdose mortality (2015)

Montgomery County (Dayton), OH

- ✓ **High overdose**
- ✓ OH is #3 for all drug overdose mortality (2015)

Boone County, WV

- ✓ **High overdose**
- ✓ WV is #1 for all drug overdose mortality (2015)
- ✓ Boone County is #4 for all drug overdose by county (2013-2015)

Range of Funding and Timeline

Selected sites will receive up to **\$100,000** from NACCHO to support community activities from **December 2017 through August 2018**.

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