



HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



Opioid Related Harm, Treatment & Prevention Grantees

In partnership with the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Behavioral Health Division, we are pleased to award the following organizations grants for the efforts toward prevention, early intervention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery of opioid related disorders and harm.

We thank all who applied, and we look forward to the meaningful impact these funds will have on our community.

Round 2 (February 2026) - \$810,000 distributed with a grant performance period through June 2027

Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County (HIPSCC) - \$85,000

To build on the work of their program collaborative, expanding on the following areas: Medication for Addiction Treatment Advisory Group (MAT-AG), Perinatal MAT-AG Subgroup, the Annual Drug Trends convening, Adolescent & Young Adult (AYA) Learning Collaborative, and Community Outreach & Education.

Homeless Garden Project (HGP) - \$60,000

To support outreach and provide educational presentations and transitional employment opportunities to individuals enrolled in recovery care at partner programs.

Housing Matters (HM) - \$170,000

To hire a Substance Use Specialist (SUS) dedicated to supporting their Housing Care team with housing program enrollment and securing permanent housing for people with a history of OUD in Santa Cruz County.

New Life Community Services (NLCS) - \$201,358

To open a residential addiction treatment facility called New Life Watsonville (NLW), a 14-bed, co-ed program providing residential, bilingual addiction treatment services in South County, which will offer comprehensive case management.

Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos (SCBU) - \$30,000

To deepen their work via their youth-focused Opioid Treatment and Prevention Program. They are also developing a Youth Participatory Action Research project to engage with at-risk youth and addressing support needed at their food pantry program.

Santa Cruz Community Health (SCCH)- \$135,642

To adopt a non-pharmacological approach for treating newborns with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (the 'Eat-Sleep-Console' or 'E/S/C' model) and establish a multi-agency collaborative network to provide seamless support for high-risk families transitioning from hospital to home care.

Siena House - \$80,000

To expand therapy services for alumni of their residential program, including relapse prevention and emotional regulation sessions. They will also restore a full-time Case Manager to provide consistent support and resource navigation to those exiting the program.

Stepping Up Santa Cruz (SUSC) - \$48,000

To hire a Harm Reduction Case Manager who will perform outreach with the already-funded van and shower trailer. All clients and people who drop-in can get referrals for off-site programs including treatment and counseling.

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Round 1 (September 2024) - \$810,000 distributed with a grant performance period through June 2026

Encompass Community Services - \$97,448

To administer the *Zero Overdose program*: a comprehensive overdose safety planning approach and offer dedicated training for community-based organizations.

Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County (HIPSCC) - \$218,917

To support their Adolescent and Young Adult Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative, their Medication Assisted Therapy Advisory Group, and a Perinatal Subgroup. In partnership with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, they also used funds to support prevention, education and also providing training and technical assistance for community organization.

Homeless Garden Project (HGP) - \$47,341

To support outreach and provide educational presentations and transitional employment opportunities to individuals enrolled in recovery care at partner programs.

Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance (PVPSA) - \$50,000

To aid their Opioid Awareness Initiative, specifically the youth outreach and messaging work led by Empower Watsonville.

Santa Cruz Barrios Unidos (SCBU) - \$50,000

To support their youth-focused Opioid Treatment and Prevention Program, engaging with at-risk youth with weekly counseling, education, peer mentorship, and other resources.

Santa Cruz Community Health (SCCH) - \$286,294

To build the capacity of their three health centers to best assist with adolescent Opioid Use Disorder screening, prevention, treatment, and recovery and continue supporting the Substance Use Disorder Learning Collaborative.

Siena House - \$60,000

To expand residential and aftercare program capacity for women at risk of or experiencing Substance Abuse Disorders.