



Palm Beach County  
Board of County Commissioners

# OVERVIEW OF NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF)  
(OSF: August 1, 2025– September 30, 2028)  
&

Financially Assisted Agency Funds (FAA)  
Behavioral Health and Substance Use  
(FAA: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028)

FY 2026 – FY 2028



Palm Beach County  
**COMMUNITY  
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Helping People Build Better Communities





# Overview

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- NOFO Scoring and Ranking
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- Recommendations
- Discussion: Next Steps
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WHAT'S  
NEXT?



# Strategic Priorities

- Provide Services within a Resiliency and Recovery Ecosystem of Care
- Emphasis on Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)
- Build recovery-ready individuals and communities
- Clear system of care path that is person-centered and recovery-oriented
- Focused on improved long-term outcomes and increased resiliency rather than acute care and crisis-centric care
- SAMHSA: Recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential
- Dimensions that support a life in recovery: Health, Home, Community and Purpose



# Opioid Settlement Funds Strategic Priorities

## Recovery Supports

Replication/Expansion of COSSUP interventions inclusive of peer support, care coordination, peer navigation and financial support for situational-related factors

## Community Education and Engagement

Increase resilience and decrease risk at the community level by providing family supports that strengthen and build capacities of families experiencing a family member's substance use or co-occurring disorder. Build community-based resilient and recovery ready communities. Implement county-wide SBIRT. Expand and enhance community Drug Disposal programs and locations to accept expired, unwanted or unused medicines safely and responsibly.

## Deep End Treatment

Priority population: Women, Pregnant and Parenting Women





# Priority Populations

Marginalized communities within the following areas: Tri-city Glades, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Lake Worth Beach and Delray Beach

Substance use and behavioral health disorders are significant public health issues that impact people across all demographics. Marginalized groups including racial and ethnic communities, LGBTQIA+ individuals, those living in poverty, and people with disabilities face disproportionately high rates of substance use and behavioral health disorders; disproportionately lower access to treatment or healthcare services; higher rates of incarceration and recidivism; and unique cultural barriers and stigma

Women, pregnant women and parenting women





# Recovery Supports What the County Sought

- An agency and/or agencies to replicate and/or expand the interventions deployed in the COSSUP to populations beyond individuals involved with the criminal justice system. The interventions shall include peer support, care coordination as well as financial support for situational-related expenses.
- Proposals must place focus on SDoH, resilience and risk factors identified in the NOFO and other RCI data collected during the contract period.



# Responses Received

## Five (5) Proposals

01.

### Rebel Recovery

Proposal consisted of expansion of COSSUP project beyond criminal-justice involved population

02.

### The Lord's Place

Proposal consisted of peer led outreach, recovery support, and housing navigation for adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness with substance use disorder and/or co-occurring disorders

03.

### Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition/HUB

Proposal consisted of expanding its workforce and joining with grassroots organizations to expand its reach

04.

### Gulfstream Goodwill

Proposal consisted of delivery of a comprehensive outpatient behavioral health and substance use treatment program through a low-barrier recovery-focused drop-in center

05.

### Mental Health America

Proposal consisted of conducting trainings (Peer Career Readiness and Wellness, 8 Dimensions of Wellness) and Coaching





# Community Education and Engagement: Family Supports

## What the County Sought

An agency and/or agencies to provide community-based supports to families experiencing a family member's substance use or co-occurring disorder, particularly for parents or grandparents who face a variety of emotional, legal and daily living challenges as they unexpectedly find themselves in the position of raising a second family.





# Two (2) Proposals for Family Supports



**Hanley Center Foundation, Inc.:**

The Resilience, Equine-Assisted, and  
Caregiving for Healing (REACH) Program



**NAMI Palm Beach County, Inc.:**

NAMI Family Program





# Community Education and Engagement

## Recovery Ready Communities

The County sought an agency and/or agencies to lead community education and engagement activities that develop relationships, strategic partnerships and collaborative agreements which will enable diverse groups to work together to address substance use and co-occurring disorder-related issues.

### **Activities were to include, but not be limited to, utilizing environmental and other strategies to:**

- Establish, facilitate and support community-based resilient and recovery ready communities
- Assess community resilience and risk factors through resilience and recovery indexing and other appropriate source data, reports, statistics or other materials to carry out this function
- Educate community members, particularly parents and family members, to assist and support others who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge
- Educate employers to effectively address these challenges among employees, build workforces through hiring people in recovery, as well as develop resilient and recovery-supportive work environments and policies





# County Received Four (4) Proposals in this Sub-Category

## **Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence Community Innovation Center (FAU)LL**

The VR/AI Center is envisioned as an innovative hub that transforms traditional service delivery by integrating cutting-edge virtual reality (VR) simulations and artificial intelligence (AI) tools with a robust network of community partnerships. Designed to enhance recovery capital, foster resilience, and build recovery-ready communities

## **Rescue Ready Overdose Prevention (Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition)**

Project aims to reduce opioid-related fatalities in Palm Beach County by improving access to Naloxone and overdose prevention resources

## **Mental Health First Aid (Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service of PBC)**

Train 2,320 first responders, educators and citizens on the Mental Health First Aid curriculum

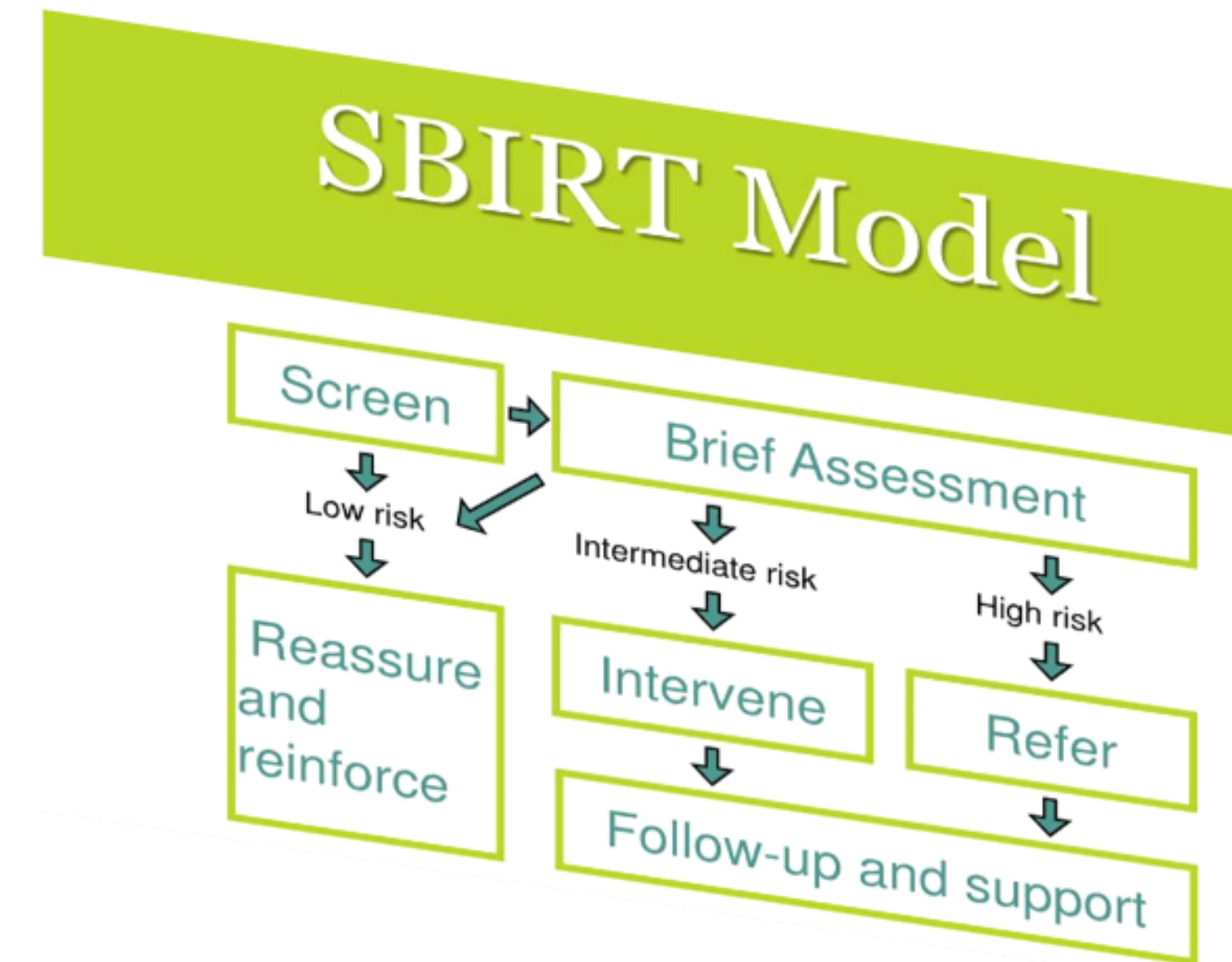
## **Integrating Physical Fitness for Holistic Recovery: Enhancing Mental Health, Cognitive Function and Resilience in Addiction Recovery (FTX Scholarship Fund, Corp.)**

Offers comprehensive, body-centered approach to addiction recovery, focusing on physical root causes of opioid addiction. By integrating physical fitness and complementary treatments (e.g., chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, massage, and nutrition) program seeks to address the underlying injuries or conditions that often lead individuals to opioid use

# Community Education and Engagement Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment

## What the County sought:

An agency to implement a county-level Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program to implement the SBIRT public health model for individuals in various primary and behavioral health settings to identify and treat those who use alcohol and other drugs at risky levels.





# Two (2) Proposals Submitted



## Genesis Community Health

Proposed to collaborate with multiple community partners and providers to implement a countywide Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) program. The agency will provide training, education, and technical assistance to collaborative partners to increase the number of primary and behavioral health providers utilizing SBIRT throughout the County and ensure that 90% of individuals screened through SBIRT that have been identified as having risky substance use behaviors are referred for further assessment



## Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition

Proposed a community-based initiative that uses the SBIRT model to identify and support individuals at risk for substance use disorders, through partnering with faith-based groups and RCOs.



# Community Education and Engagement Community Drug Disposal

Through this sub-category, the County sought to enhance and expand drug disposal programs in order to accept expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from designated users and dispose of them responsibly.





# One (1) Proposal Received from PBCBHC

- **PBCBHC Safe Disposal Initiative** will adopt a comprehensive approach by expanding resources, guiding community members to pill drop locations, repairing and adding new drop-off sites, and launching environmental strategy campaigns that promote safe disposal. The proposed initiative will also include hosting additional drug take-back days and implementing the “Safe Meds” training to further encourage proper medication disposal practices and lead media campaigns that promote public awareness and educate the community.

# Service Category: Deep-End Treatment

Proposals addressing Women, pregnant and parenting women shall be ranked as the highest priority.





# One (1) Proposal was Submitted from Hanley Center Foundation, Inc.

## The Casa Flores Home program

A specialized residential treatment program rooted in the principles of trauma-informed care, recovery-oriented systems of care (ROSC), and the preservation of the mother-infant bond. The program serves pregnant women, postpartum women (up to one year after delivery), and parenting women with children under the age of 5.

The program provides comprehensive, evidence-based treatment and wraparound services for pregnant and postpartum women with opioid use disorder (OUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and behavioral health disorders.

# NOFO SCORING AND RANKING GUIDE

OSF and FAA Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder

Categories	Points
Program Implementation and Design	40
Evaluation Approach	40
Organizational Capacity	15
Budget	5





# Program Implementation and Design (40 Points)

## COMPONENTS CONSIDERED:

Overarching Principles detailed in NOFO and each Category and subcategory

Alignment of system of service delivery in a ROSC ecosystem of care:

Program Implementation

Partnerships

Use of Resources in attachments

Evidence of conducting Crosswalk

## ADDITIONAL EXPECTATIONS:

- Scalable and Data-Driven
- Incorporation of SAMHSA's Recovery Definition and the four dimensions supporting recovery.
- Integration of Multisystemic Resilience Factors, such as:
  - o Sensitive caregiving and social support
  - o Sense of belonging and cohesion
  - o Self-regulation and leadership
  - o Agency and active coping
  - o Problem-solving and planning
  - o Hope, optimism, and motivation
  - o Purpose, meaning, and positive identity/habits for inclusion.



**Moderate score was  
equivalent to having less  
than half of the  
components in the  
proposal**

# Program Implementation and Design (40 Points)

**Excellent Response  
(30–40 pts)**



**Good Response  
(21–29 pts)**



**Moderate Response  
(11–20 pts)**



**Insufficient Response  
(0–10 pts)**



# Evaluation Approach (40 Points)

<b>Insufficient Response</b> (0 – 10 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Did not submit a logic model; uploaded the wrong logic model (uploaded a logic model from a different program than what is being proposed), or did not complete the logic model correctly. Method for evaluating is not organized and tools and strategies for data collection and utilization are not explained or connected to proposal.</li></ul>
<b>Moderate Response</b> (11 – 20 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Uploaded the correct logic model but pieces are not well connected. Evaluation methods are mentioned, but there is not enough detail about why the methods were selected or how data will be utilized throughout implementation.</li><li>•Agency currently uses data in a minimal way.</li></ul>
<b>Good Response</b> (21 – 29 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The logic model seems reasonable given the program design. Evaluation methods and tools make sense given the proposal.</li><li>•Agency has some experience with data, including collection and analysis, but data are not used or integrated in a systematic manner.</li></ul>
<b>Excellent Response</b> (30 – 40 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The logic model provides a detailed story of how the program will be managed and evaluated. Tools, strategies and intended use of data are clear and align well with the proposal.</li><li>•Agency currently uses data in an extensive way and/or articulates an excellent way to integrate data into every day decisions.</li></ul>

# Organizational Capacity (15 Points)

<b>Insufficient Response (0 –3 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Did not answer the questions completely.</li></ul>
<b>Moderate Response (4–7 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Questions are not answered in a way that demonstrates that the Agency and proposed sub award organization can effectively implement the proposal.</li><li>•The agency does not use resources that are applicable or relevant to their proposed program or does not use the resources in a way that would benefit their proposed program.</li></ul>
<b>Good Response (8–10 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Questions answered with adequate detail and explanation of how concepts will work within the proposal.</li><li>•Agency uses some resources that are applicable and relevant to the proposed program and uses these resources in a beneficial way for the community.</li></ul>
<b>Excellent Response (11–15 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Questions are answered with clear detail and includes a relatively comprehensive explanation demonstrating the depth of skill and knowledge the organization (or organizations if applying for OSF with a sub-awardee) has to implement the proposal.</li><li>•The agency uses reasonable, applicable, and relevant resources and clearly describes how they will utilize these resources to support programmatic decisions.</li></ul>



# Budget (5 Points)

<b>Insufficient Response (0 –1 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Did not provide a complete budget.</li></ul>
<b>Moderate Response (2–3 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The budget is provided but does not meet all of the requirements noted in the budget section</li><li>•There are calculation errors that are over-budget.</li></ul>
<b>Good Response (4 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The budget is provided and meets most of the requirements. The budget is accurate.</li></ul>
<b>Excellent Response (5 Points)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Budget is correct and addresses all of the requirements.</li></ul>

# Ranking Guide for Review Panelists

## All proposals must be scored and ranked

The distinction between scoring and ranking is that scoring is based on the competitiveness of the proposal, including whether it is responsive to the NOFO, how clearly it's written and how comprehensively it addresses what is being asked for and how well the questions in the narrative are addressed.

- The SCORE awarded to a proposal is reflective of how competitive the proposal is.
- Ranking is based on how critical the program is for the system of care and how imperative and critical the services are to ensure availability and access.





# Proposals that include the following shall be ranked highest if all elements are included:



Incorporate and demonstrate alignment with Palm Beach County’s Resilience and Recovery Ecosystem approach to Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Care.



Demonstrate that your organization conducted a crosswalk and mapping of the 2024 Plan’s overarching priority and opioid settlement recommendations; opioid settlement fund core strategies and approved uses; SDoH categories; and RCI indicators with standards, outcomes and measures as part of the preparation of your proposal for submission.



Demonstrate integration of SAMHSA’s best practice guides, including standards and evaluation of process and program outcomes. Proposals shall include what is being measured, the standards for measuring and short and long-term program outcomes.



Incorporate and demonstrate alignment with Palm Beach County’s Resilience and Recovery Ecosystem approach to Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Care.



Agree to participate in the County’s “Shaping A Healthier Palm Beach County” health campaign.



Agree to participate and cooperate in research related to initiatives.



Comply with State and Local reporting requirements.



Comply with Opioid Settlement State and County reporting requirements.

# Panel Review Score/Ranking Forms





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Recovery Supports  
Community Education and Engagement  
CE&E Subcategory: Family Supports

## Panel Members

Dr. Joanna Reid-Enoise  
Jill Singer  
David Whitesock

Agency	Program	Rank	Points out of 100	Score as %	Amount Recommended
REBEL RECOVERY FLORIDA INC	PBC Community Housing and Recovery Support (CHARS)	1	90.67	90.67%	\$457,850
THE LORD'S PLACE, INC.	Pathways to Stability: Addressing SDoH Through Peer Led Outreach, Recovery and Housing Support	2	68.33	68.33%	\$350,000
PALM BEACH COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION, INC.	PBCBHC OSF Recovery Support Proposal	3	55	55%	\$0
GULFSTREAM GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, INC.	Pathways at Gulfstream Goodwill	4	44.67	44.67%	\$0
MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.	Peer Career Readiness and Wellness Initiative	5	35.33	35.33%	\$0

Recovery Supports

Family Supports

HANLEY CENTER FOUNDATION, INC.	The Resilience, Equine-Assisted, and Caregiving for Healing (REACH) Program	1	82	82%	\$550,000
NAMI PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.	NAMI Family Program	2	60	60%	\$100,000



# Panel Review Score/Ranking Forms

## Community Education and Engagement

Subcategory: Resilient & Recovery Ready Communities, SBIRT, and Community Drug Disposal

### Panel Members

Jill Singer

Kenya Madison

Suzanne Spencer

David Whitesock

Agency	Program	Rank	Points out of 100	Score as %	Amount Recommended
GENESIS COMMUNITY HEALTH, INC	Genesis Community Health OSF and FAA BHSUD FY 2026-2028	1	84.5	84.50%	\$340,000
PALM BEACH COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION, INC.	PBCBHC OSF SBIRT Proposal (Screen. Talk. Act.—Your Health, Your Future)	2	62.5	62.50%	\$0
FAU FOUNDATION	The Virtual Reality and Artificial Intel Community Innovation Center	1	64.5	64.50%	\$150,000
PALM BEACH COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION, INC.	PBCBHC Rescue Ready: Overdose Prevention	2	52.75	52.75%	\$0
FERD AND GLADYS ALPERT JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.	Alpert JFS Mental Health First Aid	3	61	61%	\$150,000
FTX SCHOLARSHIP FUND, CORP	Integrating Physical Fitness for Holistic Recovery: Enhancing Mental Health, Cognitive Function, and Resilience in Addiction Recovery	4	46.5	46.50%	\$0
PALM BEACH COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION, INC.	PBCBHC Safe Disposal Initiative	1	60	60%	\$80,000

SBIRT

Recovery Ready Communities

Community Drug Disposal



# Panel Review Score/Ranking Forms

## OSF & FAA Deep End Treatment

Subcategory: Inpatient Residential, Crisis Stabilization,  
Medical Detox, Inpatient/Residential Services

Agency Funded	Program	Rank	Points out of 100	Score as %	Amount Recommended
HANLEY CENTER FOUNDATION, INC.	Casa Flores Home	1	77	77%	\$450,000



### Panel Members

Natalie Kenton  
Lauren Young-Work



# Which Proposals Addressed What We Were Looking For?



Category	What We Wanted	What Was Missed
Recovery Supports	Replication of COSSUP Project – housing, recovery supports, care navigation	One Agency addressed all aspects of what was asked for; others were more generic and relied on multiple referrals
Community Education and Engagement/Family Supports	Support for Families, Caretakers dealing with a loved one’s loss and/or addiction and recovery	Proposals focused on trainings, rather than taking a supportive and more individualized, holistic approach
Community Education and Engagement/Recovery Ready Communities	Increase resilience on a community level. Mentorship opportunity with Grassroots Orgs.	None of the proposals sought to partner or collaborate with smaller Grassroots organizations and mentor to build knowledge.
Community Education and Engagement/SBIRT	Detailing with physical and mental health providers	Medical personnel were hoped to take lead in training other docs in using protocol and helping others understand and move through perceived barriers



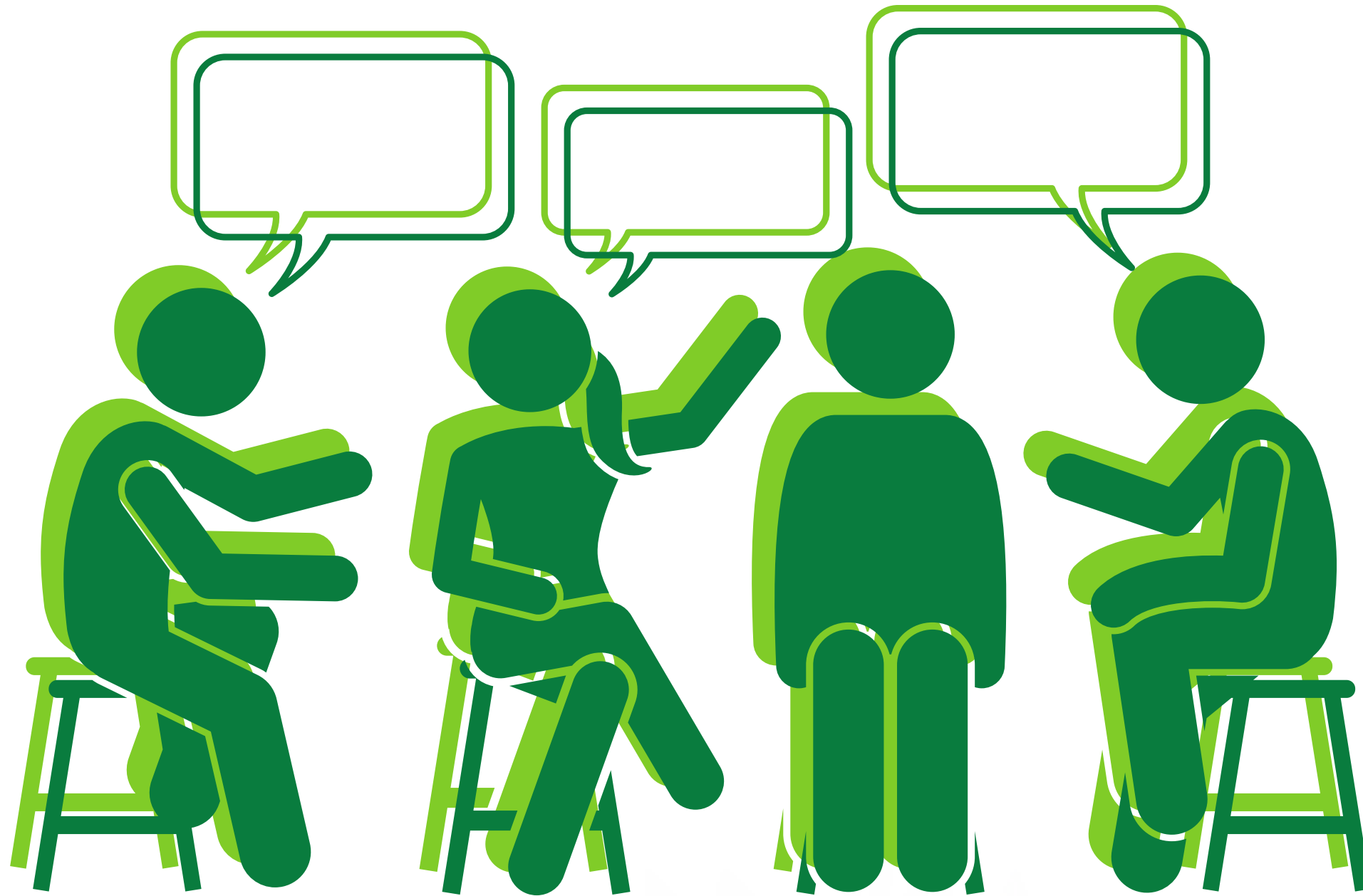
# Which Proposals Addressed What We Were Looking For? (Cont.)



Category	What We Wanted	What Was Missed
Community Education and Engagement/ Drug Disposal	Increase Access to Dispose of unwanted or unused medications	Heavy on National Campaigns that are already deployed
Deep-End treatment	Specialty care treatment for substance use disorder and/or co-occurring disorders for women, pregnant, and parenting women	Expectation was expanding access to treatment for more pregnant and parenting women



# Discussion: Next Steps







# Thank You!

Any Questions?

