

## **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Program Project Summaries**

### **Kings County - \$1,250,000**

Lead County Agency: Kings County Sheriff's Office

The Kings County Sheriff's Office is requesting grant funds to expand the services of the medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program at the Kings County Jail. The Kings County Sheriff's Office proposes to use grant funds to: 1) Increase the number of incarcerated persons receiving MAT services at the Kings County Jail, 2) Hire a substance use disorder counselor to provide necessary evidence-based services at the Kings County Jail and 3) Expand contracted services at the Kings County Jail. This proposal represents a critical investment in the health and well-being of the justice-involved individuals in the Kings County Jail, with significant public safety and community health benefits.

### **Mariposa County - \$1,250,000**

Lead County Agency: Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency

Mariposa County, a small rural county with over 17,000 residents, faces challenges in providing substance use disorder (SUD) and medication assisted treatment (MAT) treatment due to lack of facilities and limited transportation in a vast, widespread county. The Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency aims to expand justice-involved SUD and MAT services with an Outpatient Health Annex, located at the Adult Detention Facility and renovation of a service facility in the rural North County area of Mariposa. The project aims to bridge the gaps in treatment, enhance accessibility, and improve outcomes for justice-involved individuals struggling with SUDs and to reduce recidivism. The Outpatient Health Annex proposes to use MAT funding to build out dedicated treatment space for SUD and MAT services post-release.

### **Riverside County - \$1,250,000**

Lead County Agency: Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health

Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) proposes to improve re-entry/transition medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for individuals being released to the community after incarceration in the Riverside County Sheriff's Office detention facilities through Post-Release Medication and Community Based MAT and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services. RUHS-BH provides services, including MAT, in county detention facilities. Recognizing the high risk of overdose and recidivism of those with substance use disorders, RUHS-BH seeks to improve the re-entry and transition MAT services for released inmates on MAT. Currently, released inmates often fail to fill their prescriptions and/or attend community MAT or SUD Treatment appointments.

### **Sacramento County - \$1,250,000**

Lead County Agency: Sacramento County

Sacramento County proposes to use grant funds for a new discharge planning program. The program will utilize grant funding to hire two dedicated medication-assisted treatment (MAT) discharge planners to connect newly inducted patients to a MAT treatment provider upon release for continuity of care. The aim is to increase positive treatment outcomes, reduce overdoses, and lower recidivism rates following discharge.

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**San Luis Obispo County - \$1,250,000**

Lead County Agency: County of San Luis Obispo Health Agency

The County of San Luis Obispo Behavioral Health Department (BHD) is requesting funding for post release medication. This is a collaborative project between San Luis Obispo BHD, the lead agency, and the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department. The proposed project will offer long-acting injectable buprenorphine at discharge and a warm hand-off to outpatient treatment to reduce recidivism and increase successful abstinence in the community. The intention of long-acting medications and the warm hand off to outpatient medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services is to improve continuity of care, reduce crime and substance abuse among justice involved individuals.

**Santa Cruz County - \$1,250,000**

Lead County Agency: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

Santa Cruz County has experienced a significant increase in opioid-related deaths, with fentanyl becoming more prevalent. In 2020, a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program was introduced at the Santa Cruz County Jail. This collaborative approach has grown and continues to identify and resolve gaps in resources for incarcerated people during their time in jail and after their release. This proposal seeks to provide increased access to medications necessary to treat opioid and/or substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health needs, increased access to individual and group counseling sessions, and support participants to maintain their sobriety during release from custody through a tailored out of custody Release Aftercare Program (RAP). It is anticipated that the evolved MAT Program will help reduce the rate of opioid, opioid-related deaths, and recidivism.

**Siskiyou County - \$2,455,652**

Lead County Agency: Siskiyou County Public Health Department

Siskiyou County Public Health/Correctional Health Services, in collaboration with Modoc County, strive to ensure consistent, whole-person care within our Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs established within our correctional facilities. The proposed project will provide dedicated program staff to address the recovery needs of incarcerated individuals struggling with opioid addiction.

**Fresno County - \$44,348 (*offered partial funding*)**

Lead County Agency: Fresno County Sheriff's Office

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office proposes a long-acting injectables (LAI) pilot program to increase the number of individuals receiving medication-assisted (MAT) continuation services. The pilot will allow Fresno County to study the potential benefits of using LAI buprenorphine in carceral settings while providing substance use disorder (SUD) counseling services and linkages to community providers for continuation of SUD and MAT services post-release. The pilot program would track staff time needed to complete Emergency Department visits, deaths, recidivism and to study post-release outcomes.