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Alameda County Behavioral Health Department awards \$2.7M in mini-grants for innovative approaches to address countywide opioid crisis

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ALAMEDA COUNTY, CA - Alameda County Health's Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD), in collaboration with Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF), awarded \$2.7 million in grant funding to 12 community-based organizations as part of the department's spending plan for Opioid Settlement funds to address the opioid crisis across the county.

Opioid-driven overdose deaths of Alameda County community members have increased each year since 2017. That's why collaboration and innovation were key components to successful grants in the highly competitive [Opioid Innovative Mini-Grant](#) application process. Twelve of the 41 grant applications were funded at amounts ranging from \$62,000 to \$300,000 for a total of \$2.7 million.

"The Behavioral Health Department's commitment to finding new and impactful ways to address the opioid crisis in our communities is commendable," said Alameda County Board of Supervisors President David Haubert (District 1). "Funding these innovative proposals is vital for saving lives and fostering recovery, and I am proud to see Alameda County at the forefront of this critical effort."

The community-based organizations that were awarded funds to implement programs that reduce the impact of the opioid crisis in high priority populations are:

- [Bay Area One Health Coalition](#) (\$62,327)
- [Black Girls Mental Health Collective Foundation](#) (\$299,000)
- [CAL-PEP: California Prevention and Education Project](#) (\$250,000)
- [City of Fremont Human Services](#) (\$128,669)
- [HEPPAC - HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County](#) (\$299,150)
- [National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives](#) (\$250,000)
- [Roots Community Health](#) (\$250,000)
- [Tha Town](#) (\$194,400)
- [Tri-Valley Haven](#) (\$179,299)

- [Trybe, Inc.](#) (\$300,000)
- [West Oakland Punks with Lunch](#) (\$189,482)
- [Youth UpRising](#) (\$300,000)

“The Alameda County Behavioral Health Department is incredibly pleased to see that county residents will be in a position to be supported through a number of community-identified, innovative strategies targeting this most critical issue,” said ACBHD Director Dr. Karyn Tribble. “We anticipate that the diversity of thought, creativity of individuals and organizations will be of great benefit to the communities across Alameda County. Our department looks forward to hearing more about the impact of the awards and the learning that will help shape a more comprehensive care delivery system in the future.”

The Opioid Innovative Mini-Grant awardees were announced on March 13 at 3VCF’s [State of Giving Gathering](#), a celebration hosted in San Ramon and attended by nearly 300 guests. 3VCF partnered with ACBHD as the fiscal sponsor and grantmaking administrator of the mini-grants.

“The opioid crisis is one of the most urgent public health challenges of our time, and addressing it requires a coordinated, community-centered response,” said Dr. Kelly Bowers, CEO and president of Three Valleys Community Foundation. “At 3VCF, we are proud to partner with Alameda County Behavioral Health to serve as fiscal sponsor and grantmaking administrator for this vital initiative. By supporting community-based organizations with innovative, collaborative approaches, we aim to reduce harm, expand access to care, and help save lives across Alameda County.”

Click [here](#) to learn more about Three Valleys Community Foundation and the Opioid Innovative Mini-Grant.

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The Behavioral Health Department’s mission is to support and empower individuals experiencing mental health and substance use conditions along their path towards wellness, recovery, and resiliency.

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