The Opioid Settlement Committee shall meet on ***Tuesday, October 27, 2026*** *at 4:00 PM, at the Hickman County Justice Center. This meeting is open to the public, and a tentative agenda is presented below. People desiring to speak during the public comment period should sign-up at the front of the meeting room before the meeting begins. People requiring special assistance to attend the meeting should contact the County Mayor's office at 931-729-2492 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. prior to the meeting.*

OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of September 2026, Meeting
- Public Comment Period
- Financial Report
- Old Business: Review of outstanding reimbursements and status of contracts
    - Status of open Board positions
- New Business: Discussion and review of new applications: Discussion and review of new applications
    - Meetopolis Wellness LLC
    - CASA
- Date and Time of Next Meeting

Adjournment

Hickman County Opioid Settlement Board Meeting Minutes September 15th, 2026:

Board Members Present: Jim Melrose, Chairman, Vice-Chairman Sarah Talley, Secretary Melanie Totty Cagle, Ryan Rogers and William DePaul.

Non-voting members Present: Mayor Chris Chilton and Financial Director Crystal Fitzgerald

Absent: Kenneth "Guido" Darron

One position is still vacant.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Melrose at 4:15 p.m. After roll call was taken, the Chairman, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer, for anyone wanting to participate.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Melanie Totty Cagle and Seconded by William DePaul. All ayes, no nays. Agenda approved.

Approval of August 25th, 2026 Minutes: Motion made by William DePaul and Seconded by Sarah Talley to approve the Minutes. All ayes, no nays. Minutes approved.

Public Comment Period: No one appeared to speak.

Old Business:

1) Crystal Fitzgerald, Finance Director, was present and gave a financial summary of the account held by the Opioid Account. Total Funds are $119,089.45 with an additional $5,000.00 set aside for Board expenses and $165,000.00 to be disbursed to HC Behavioral Health. A copy was provided to all members and attached to the agenda and the formal notes. Motion made by Sarah Talley and Seconded by William DePaul to approve the Financial Report; all in favor, no nays. Motion passed.
2) United Way returned $13,109.03 in unused grant funds from the prior grant monies.
3) The Hickman County School System (Behavioral Heath) has returned $22,974.79 in unused grant money (computer system) from the prior year grant monies.
4) The Contract with Prevention Now has not been signed by all the parties.
5) Welcomed Ryan Rogers to the Board as appointed by Mayor Chilton.

6) Review of the In-Kind Expense Reporting of Bernard Community Center. Concern was made about the hours being charged using the facility for the HC Health Foundation. The Bernard Community Center is charging for 4 hours of facility use, when it appears the meeting do not last beyond 1 to 1 ½ hours. Ms. Fitzgerald is going to inquire Bernard Community Center regarding the Expense Sheet and report to the Board.
7) Update from Educare that it is still working on the final repayment.

New Business:

1) Review of the amended application of United Way for $55,250, the application filed on September 14th, 2026. After review of the application and questions to Ms. Rainey with United way:
   William DePaul made a motion to approve the Application of United Way for $55,250.00 with Ryan Rogers seconded the Motion. No conflicts declared by the Board Members. 2 in favor, DePaul and Rogers, 2 opposed, Cagle and Talley. Chairman Melrose passed. Motion failed.
   Sarah Talley made a Motion to Table the application review of United Way until a Full Application can be filed and reviewed; Melanie Totty Cagle made a second. Discussion occurred. A Motion to Amend Ms. Talley's Original Motion to read that United Way will submit an Full Application with a detailed list of services that United Way provides with possible websites other communities provided for the Board's review. Melanie Totty Cagle seconded, all Ayes, no Nayes. Motion to Amend passed. Amended Motion was then re-read, all Ayes, no Nayes. Amended Motion to table the application of United Way pending a new Full Application with a detailed list of services that United Way provides with possible websites from other communities provided passed. Upon receipt of the new Application, the Board will put on the Agenda and review same.

2) Voted to open a new period for Applications from October 1st to November 30th, 2026. Motion made by Ryan Rogers, seconded by Sarah Talley, all in favor, no nays. Motion passed.

No further business was conducted.

Motion to Adjourn was made Sarah Talley and Seconded by William DePaul at 5:15 p.m. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting will be held October 27thth, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at the Hickman County Justice Center, Courtroom A.

Opioid Settlement Funds

REVENUE: 101-46845 TN Abatement Council(No Commission) 101-48991 Opioid Past Remediation(can take commission)
EXPENDITURES:

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHECK	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
8/5/2022	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust)	16406		8,961.84	8,961.84
10/7/2022	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust)	17084		9,418.46	18,380.30
11/14/2022	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust)	17545		35,878.23	54,258.53
3/1/2023	Opioid Abatement(County Distribution	54535185		151,344.58	205,603.11
8/9/2023	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust)	22927		9,418.46	215,021.57
3/19/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Walmart Settlement	110421242		30,324.29	245,345.86
3/19/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Allergan Settlement	110420634		3,443.14	248,789.00
3/19/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) CVS Settlement	110421106		3,829.50	252,618.50
3/19/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) TEVA Settlement	110420805		3,111.75	255,730.25
3/19/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Walgreens Settlement	110422197		2,965.60	258,695.85
3/19/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Walgreens Settlement	110422208		4,492.88	263,188.73
3/22/2024	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust)	26971		5,188.70	268,377.43
4/22/2024	Opioid Settlement (County Distribution)	55383969		149,649.68	418,027.11
6/30/2024	Abatement Interest 03/23-06/24	Interest		6,606.72	424,633.83
8/6/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) CVS Settlement	110524034		3,053.07	427,686.90
8/6/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) TEVA Settlement	110529746		3,114.07	430,800.97
8/6/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank)Allergan Settlement	110523926		3,445.40	434,246.37
8/6/2024	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust)	30060		11,788.54	446,034.91
8/10/2024	Abatement Interest (July)			1,045.84	447,080.75
9/17/2024	Opioid Settlement (McKinsey Subdivision Settlement)	2407		13,705.35	460,786.10
8/30/2024	Abatement Interest (August)			1,049.40	461,835.50
9/30/2024	Abatement Interest (September)			1,052.97	462,888.47
10/31/2024	Abatement Interest (October)			683.65	463,572.12
11/22/2024	Moore, Carla	1004308	(87.10)		463,485.02
11/30/2024	Abatement Interest (November)			1,144.52	464,629.54
12/31/2024	Abatement Interest (December)			883.03	465,512.57
1/31/2025	Abatement Interest (January)			835.89	466,348.46
2/4/2025	Educare (1st Round)	1004943	(80,000.00)		386,348.46
2/4/2025	HC Board of Ed (Prevention Now)	1004945	(20,000.00)		366,348.46
2/4/2025	HC Board of Ed (Behavioral Health)	1004946	(100,000.00)		266,348.46
2/11/2025	Pearltown Housing Initiative	1005088	(50,000.00)		216,348.46
2/18/2024	United Way	1005150	(60,000.00)		156,348.46
2/25/2025	Bernard Community Center	1005187	(40,000.00)		116,348.46
2/28/2025	Abatement Interest			194.90	116,543.36
3/7/2025	CASA of Highland Rim	1005305	(12,700.00)		103,843.36
3/7/2025	Hope In Recovery	1005312	(75,000.00)		28,843.36
3/7/2025	VFW Post 4967	1005339	(8,000.00)		20,843.36
4/7/2025	Opioid Abatement(County Distribution)	8587450		119,117.61	139,960.97
4/21/2025	Opioid Settlement(US Bank) Walgreens Settlement	110704478		2,965.60	142,926.57
4/30/2025	Abatement Interest (April)			275.34	143,201.91
5/30/2025	Abatement Interest(May)			318.38	143,520.29
6/23/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Kroger	110741744		1,642.96	145,163.25
6/23/2024	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Kroger	110741745		1,642.96	146,806.21
6/26/2025	The Booker D. Foundation	1006503	(15,000.00)		131,806.21
6/30/2025	Abatement Interest (June)			319.23	132,125.44
7/30/2025	Abatement Interest (July)			320.08	132,445.52
8/12/2025	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Allergan Settlement			3,445.50	135,891.02
8/8/2025	Opioid Settlement(Wilmington Trust)	35984		11,788.54	147,679.56
8/18/2025	Opioid Settlement((US Bank)Teva Settlement	110806595		3,114.07	150,793.63
8/18/2025	Opioid Settlement((US Bank)CVS Settlement	110805896		6,101.30	156,894.93
8/30/2025	Abatement Interest (August)			320.94	157,215.87
9/30/2025	Abatement Interest (September)			308.72	157,524.59
10/30/2025	Abatement Interest (October)			303.46	157,828.05
11/25/2025	Pearltown Housing Initiative (Return of Grant Funds)	34039		50,000.00	207,828.05
11/30/2025	Abatement Interest (November)			310.05	208,138.10
12/31/2025	Abatement Interest (December)			394.67	208,532.77
1/2/2025	VFW Return of funds			685.06	209,217.83
1/31/2026	Abatement Interest (January)			440.00	209,657.83

2/10/2026	The Booker D. Foundation return of funds	5562		7,491.32	217,149.15
2/23/2026	CASA of Highland Rim (Return of Grant Funds)			1,945.01	219,094.16
2/28/2026	Abatement Interest (February)			441.13	219,535.29
3/23/2026	Educare (Return of Funds)	VV778		5,000.00	224,535.29
3/27/2026	Bernard Community Center (Return of Funds)	34141		10,542.99	235,078.28
3/27/2026	Hope In Recovery(Return of Grant Funds)	1607		37,304.28	272,382.56
3/31/2026	Abatement Interest			441.41	272,823.97
4/13/2026	CASA of Highland Rim (Return of Grant Funds)	1755882		61.79	272,885.76
5/4/2026	Opioid Abatement (County Distribution)			74,144.72	347,030.48
5/5/2026	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Walgreens Settlement	110968645		2,965.60	349,996.08
5/7/2026	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Kroger	110971337		1,642.96	351,639.04
4/17/2026	Stryker (EMS Heart Monitor/CPR Devices)	1009608	(163,891.05)		187,747.99
04/31/2026	Abatement Interest (April 2026)			220.71	187,968.70
6/15/2026	Educare (Return of Funds)	VV780		60,000.00	247,968.70
5/31/2026	Abatement Interest (May 2026)			29.64	247,998.34
6/22/2026	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust) Janssen Payment 6			1,809.59	249,807.93
6/30/2026	Hickman County Board of Education (Prevention Now)	1010509	(22,000.00)		227,807.93
6/30/2026	Abatement Interest (June 2026)			246.92	228,054.85
7/31/2026	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) TEVA Settlement	111016790		3,114.07	231,168.92
7/31/2026	Opioid Settlement (Wilmington Trust)	41403		11,788.54	242,957.46
7/31/2026	Abatement Interest (July 2026)			234.78	243,192.24
8/3/2026	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) CVS Settlement	111020558		6,101.30	249,293.54
8/3/2026	Opioid Settlement (US Bank) Allergan Settlement	111023143		3,445.40	252,738.94
8/12/2026	United Way (Return of Grant funds)	151972		13,109.03	265,847.97
8/31/2026	Abatement Interest (August 2026)			266.69	266,114.66
9/4/2026	School Behavioral Health (Return of Funds)	41005307		22,974.79	289,089.45
9/22/2026	School Behavioral Health	1011356	(135,097.88)		153,991.57
9/22/2026	School Behavioral Health	1011356	(29,902.12)		124,089.45
9/30/2026	Abatement Interest (September)			348.37	124,437.82
10/5/2026	Opioid Settlement (US Bank)Manufacturers Settlement	111058549		3,588.41	128,026.23
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			(811,678.15)	939,704.38	128,026.23
	Pending Payments				
	Allocated for Board				(5,000.00)
					123,026.23

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Hickman County Opioid Settlement Board

Application for Opioid Settlement Funding

Hickman County Recovery Connection Hub · Submitted by Meetopolis Wellness, LLC

Application due date	November 30, 2026
Anticipated notice of award	
Anticipated funding period	2026/2027 Fiscal Year
Submission date	October 5, 2026

Organizational Information

Organization name	Meetopolis Wellness, LLC
Purpose of organization	Meetopolis Wellness, LLC is a for-profit, Arizona-based health technology company whose purpose is to improve access to behavioral health, substance use recovery supports, peer connection, harm-reduction resources, and community-based services through an evidence-informed digital engagement platform. Meetopolis strengthens the continuum of care by connecting individuals and families to peer support, virtual support groups, local resources, treatment and recovery services, naloxone access, crisis resources, and Connections to Care before, during, and after formal treatment. Meetopolis uses a hub-and-spoke model: the platform serves as the central digital hub, and existing county providers, treatment organizations, public health agencies, peer-support programs, first responders, schools, faith and community organizations, justice partners, family services, and other local resources serve as the spokes. Rather than replacing existing services, Meetopolis layers onto the infrastructure already operating in the community, helping residents find, access, and stay connected to those services while giving partners a shared digital engagement layer that extends support beyond office hours and geographic boundaries. This approach is grounded in evidence that recovery is strengthened by ongoing social connection, peer support, and continued engagement outside clinical settings. SAMHSA recognizes peer support as an important component of recovery-oriented systems of care and notes that peer services can extend support into individuals' everyday environments. For Hickman County, Meetopolis will layer onto the county's current opioid-response and recovery infrastructure to expand access without duplicating services: strengthening warm hand-offs, connecting residents and families to local and regional treatment and recovery resources, supporting harm-reduction and overdose-prevention efforts, reducing isolation, and creating a central digital connection point between episodes of care.

Type of organization (501c3, for profit, governmental)	For-profit (limited liability company)
Federal tax ID number	93-2855326
Is your organization certified, licensed, or accredited by the State of TN? If yes, provide documentation.	☐ Yes ☒ No Meetopolis is a digital engagement platform, not a state-licensed treatment provider. It connects residents to Tennessee-licensed treatment and recovery providers.
Amount of funding currently (already) being received from Hickman County and purpose	$0. Meetopolis does not currently receive any funding from Hickman County.
Is your organization headquartered in Hickman County?	No. Meetopolis is headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona. Services are delivered digitally to Hickman County residents, with local outreach and partner onboarding.
Have you applied for Opioid Abatement Funds in any other county?	Yes. Meetopolis has applied in other counties. Each application is a separate, county-specific project budget, and no costs are duplicated across counties.
Street address	6501 E Greenway #103-218, Scottsdale, AZ 85254
Email address	hello@meetopolis.com
Phone number	(818) 209-1933
Name of project director	Lisa Butkiewicz
Title of project director	Founder & CEO
Name of project contact	Lisa Butkiewicz
Title of project contact	Founder & CEO

Project Information

Project title
Hickman County Recovery Connection Hub

Project description
Meetopolis proposes the Hickman County Recovery Connection Hub, a 12-month, county-focused digital recovery and engagement initiative that strengthens the local opioid-response continuum. Meetopolis serves as the central digital hub, while Hickman County treatment providers, recovery organizations, public health programs, crisis services, peer organizations, justice and re-entry programs, schools, faith communities, family supports, and other local resources remain the spokes. The project addresses gaps between and after traditional episodes of care: residents often leave treatment, an emergency department, a court program, a recovery meeting, or a crisis encounter with a referral but no ongoing connection. Meetopolis extends that connection by giving residents one accessible place to find local help, engage with peers, join virtual support groups, access family support, receive education, locate crisis and naloxone resources, and connect to treatment and community services. It does not replace Hickman County providers; it increases visibility and warm hand-offs among local services and provides a measurable engagement layer between appointments and after discharge.

Project objectives

1. Increase access to treatment, recovery, peer-support, crisis, and community resources through one Hickman County digital entry point.
2. Strengthen warm hand-offs and continuity of care between providers, recovery organizations, county systems, and community supports.
3. Reduce isolation and strengthen recovery capital through peer communities, groups, family support, and ongoing connection.
4. Expand rural access by reducing transportation, distance, scheduling, and stigma barriers.
5. Increase overdose-prevention, naloxone, and recovery education.
6. Produce measurable quarterly engagement and connection-to-care outcomes for Hickman County.

Project activities

Configure and launch a Hickman County-branded digital recovery hub; build a Hickman County Connections to Care resource section; map treatment, recovery, crisis, and community resources; establish peer communities and virtual support groups; provide family and caregiver supports; provide opioid, recovery, and wellness education; connect residents to 988 and other crisis supports; provide naloxone and overdose-prevention navigation; onboard local organizations as hub-and-spoke partners; conduct community outreach; and provide quarterly utilization and outcome reports.

Project partners or collaborators

Upon funding, Meetopolis will immediately begin structured outreach to Hickman County stakeholders to establish implementation partnerships and build the local hub-and-spoke network. Outreach will include behavioral health and substance use treatment providers, peer recovery organizations, public health, first responders, schools, justice and re-entry partners, faith-based and community organizations, family-support programs, harm-reduction partners, and other local service providers.

Meetopolis will not duplicate existing services. Instead, we will work with Hickman County to identify and onboard existing community resources as spokes within the platform, creating a centralized digital hub that expands access, strengthens warm hand-offs, improves Connections to Care, and helps residents remain engaged with local supports between episodes of care. Formal partner outreach, onboarding, and collaboration will begin immediately following award notification and project launch. We are currently partnering with OD RESCUE to provide a localized resource mapping to Nalaxone for residents.

Expected outcomes and how success will be measured

12-month targets: at least 200 Hickman County residents reached or enrolled; at least 150 residents actively engaging with peer, group, educational, or resource content; at least 100 Connections to Care/resource-navigation interactions; at least 75 residents participating in peer-support or virtual-group activities; at least 8 local organizations/resources in the hub-and-spoke ecosystem; and at least 12 virtual support, educational, or recovery-focused group sessions or activities.

Measurement: aggregate platform metrics including registrations, active engagement, group participation, resource views, Connections to Care interactions, referral activity, and other county-approved measures. Meetopolis will provide quarterly reports to Hickman County.

Project timeline

Months 1–2: Planning, county configuration, resource mapping, local outreach, and implementation setup.
Months 2–3: Launch, onboarding of initial organizations, and resident outreach.
Months 3–6: Expansion of peer communities, groups, education, and Connections to Care.
Months 6–9: Continued engagement, partner expansion, and early outcome review.
Months 9–12: Continued services, outcome measurement, sustainability planning, and final reporting.
Quarterly: Implementation and outcome reports to Hickman County.

New or existing project? (Check one)	☒ New ☐ Existing
If existing, have/will you receive grant funding from any other source for this project?	Not applicable. This is a new project.
If yes, amount	Not applicable.
If existing, how will these funds be used to supplement rather than supplant the project?	Not applicable. This is a new project for Hickman County.
Will you charge a fee or bill insurances for the services provided with this project?	☐ Yes ☒ No Meetopolis will not charge Hickman County residents or bill insurance for grant-funded services.
Is the project evidence-based or based on promising practices? (Provide links to supporting evidence)	☒ Yes ☐ No https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/recovery https://www.samhsa.gov/brss-tacs/recovery-support-tools/peers https://findtreatment.gov/

Data to support the need for the project
The Tennessee Department of Health reported 20 drug overdose deaths among Hickman County residents in 2023. Of those deaths, 13 involved opioids and 12 involved fentanyl. The same report documented 15 overdose deaths involving stimulants, reflecting a polysubstance environment in which residents need prevention, harm reduction, treatment navigation, and ongoing recovery support (TDH, 2023 Tennessee Drug Overdose Deaths Report). Hickman County's rural geography compounds risk by adding transportation, distance, scheduling, and stigma barriers to services. A digital engagement hub extends the reach of existing local services rather than creating another stand-alone silo.

Strategies that will be addressed with funds (select all that apply)	☒ Primary Prevention ☒ Harm Reduction ☐ Treatment ☒ Recovery Support ☒ Education & Training ☒ Research & Evaluation
Target population and geographical area	Hickman County, Tennessee. Priority populations: residents affected by or at risk for opioid or other substance use; people in recovery; people transitioning from treatment, emergency care, crisis services, or

	incarceration; families and caregivers; adolescents and young adults; justice-involved and re-entry populations; veterans and first responders; and residents facing transportation, geographic, or stigma barriers.
Anticipated number of people served with awarded funds	At least 200 Hickman County residents during the 12-month funding period
What percentage of funds awarded will be used to serve residents of Hickman County?	100%. All funds support Hickman County-specific implementation, outreach, technology, engagement, and reporting.

How will this project meet the Board's main objective of saving lives?
The project keeps people affected by opioid use connected to support before, during, and after a crisis, when risk rises: isolation, recurrence of use, transitions out of treatment or incarceration, and family crisis. Residents can find treatment, connect with peers, access crisis and naloxone resources, and engage family supports, and providers can direct residents into ongoing support instead of handing them only a phone number.

Funding Information

(Budget Template submitted separately)

Total funding request	$50,000

Budget narrative — total request: $50,000 (12 months)

Line item	Amount
Hickman County platform licensing and hosting	$23,000
County customization and Connections to Care resource configuration	$5,000
Local partner onboarding (8 partners × $1,500)	$12,000
Data collection, outcomes measurement, and quarterly reporting (4 reports × $1,000)	$4,000
Custom marketing and community outreach materials	$2,000
Project and implementation support	$4,000
TOTAL	**$50,000**

Funds support only the Hickman County project. If the County restricts administrative costs, the $4,000 project and implementation support line can be reallocated to partner onboarding, outreach, and reporting without changing the total.

How will this project be sustained after the funding period?
Meetopolis will use the first year to establish the Hickman County hub, resource connections, local partner relationships, resident engagement, and outcome reporting. Continuation funding will be pursued through opioid settlement allocations, public health and behavioral health funding, state and federal grants, healthcare partnerships, foundations, and other community sources. Because the core infrastructure will already be built in year one, future funding can increasingly support continued engagement, outreach, and expansion rather than initial setup. Hickman County outcome data from quarterly reports will be used to demonstrate results to future funders and partners.

Hickman County Opioid Settlement Board
Work Plan for Opioid Funding Application

HICKMAN COUNTY
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Organization: Meetopolis Wellness, LLC
Date: October 5, 2026

Objective What is the measurable result you are seeking to achieve?	Activities What activities will be completed that help achieve the corresponding objective?	Outcomes What outcome do you hope to achieve?	Measures of Success How will the success of the objective be assessed? What data points will be measured?	Timeframe When will this part of the project begin and end?	Accountability Who is responsible for each project activity?	Funds Requested What are the requested grant funds for this part of the project?
1. Increase access to treatment, recovery, peer support, crisis and community resources through one Hickman County digital entry point.	Configure and launch a Hickman County-branded digital recovery hub; build the Hickman County Connections to Care resource section; map treatment, recovery, crisis and community resources; begin resident outreach.	Residents have one accessible place to find local help and connect to services; at least 200 residents reached or enrolled.	Registrations, resource views and Connections to Care interactions (target: at least 100 navigation interactions).	Months 1-3: configuration and launch. Months 3-12: ongoing access and updates.	Lisa Butkiewicz, Founder & CEO (project director); Meetopolis implementation team	$18,000.00
2. Strengthen warm handoffs and continuity of care between providers, recovery organizations, county systems and community supports.	Outreach to treatment providers, peer recovery organizations, public health, first responders, schools, justice and re-entry, faith-based and family-support organizations; onboard them as hub-and-spoke partners; set up warm hand-off pathways.	A connected local network in which partners can direct residents into ongoing support instead of only a phone number or resource list.	Number of local organizations/resources onboarded (target: at least 8); referral activity and Connections to Care interactions.	Months 1-3: initial onboarding. Months 6-9: partner expansion. Ongoing through Month 12.	Lisa Butkiewicz, Founder & CEO (project director); Meetopolis implementation team; participating local partners	$12,000.00
3. Reduce isolation and strengthen recovery capital through peer communities, groups, family support and ongoing connection.	Establish Hickman County peer communities and virtual support groups; provide family and caregiver supports; maintain ongoing engagement between appointments and after discharge (platform licensing and hosting share).	Residents in recovery and their families stay connected to peers and support, reducing isolation during high-risk periods.	At least 75 residents in peer-support or virtual-group activities; at least 150 residents actively engaging; at least 12 group sessions or activities.	Months 3-6: expansion of peer communities and groups. Months 6-12: continued engagement.	Meetopolis implementation team	$6,000.00

4. Expand rural access by reducing transportation, distance, scheduling and stigma barriers.	County-branded community outreach and marketing materials; promote mobile-accessible digital support across Hickman County, including rural areas, through local partners.	Residents facing transportation, distance, scheduling or stigma barriers can access support anytime from a phone or computer.	Registrations and active users by referral source; outreach materials distributed; partner-driven enrollments.	Months 2-3: launch outreach. Months 3-12: ongoing targeted outreach.	Lisa Butkiewicz, Founder & CEO (project director); Meetopolis implementation team; local partners	$2,000.00
5. Increase overdose-prevention, naloxone and recovery education.	Provide opioid, recovery and wellness education; provide naloxone and overdose-prevention navigation; connect residents to 988 and other crisis supports (platform licensing and hosting share).	Residents and families know how to prevent and respond to an overdose and where to find naloxone and crisis help.	Educational content engagement; naloxone and crisis resource interactions; education sessions or activities held.	Months 3-12.	Meetopolis implementation team	$4,000.00
6. Produce measurable quarterly engagement and connection-to-care outcomes for Hickman County.	Collect aggregate platform metrics; measure outcomes against targets; submit quarterly reports; conduct a midyear outcome review; prepare final report and sustainability plan.	Hickman County receives clear, regular data showing reach, engagement and connection to care.	Four quarterly reports submitted on time; year-end outcomes compared with 12-month targets; sustainability milestones.	Quarterly reports throughout. Months 6-9: early outcome review. Months 9-12: final reporting.	Meetopolis implementation team	$4,000.00
Project and implementation support	Project management, coordination with Hickman County and implementation oversight across all objectives.	The project is delivered on schedule, within budget and in coordination with the County.	Milestones completed on schedule; budget tracked against plan; County contract and reporting requirements met.	Months 1-12.	Lisa Butkiewicz, Founder & CEO and team	$4,000.00

Total Funds Requested
$50,000.00

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Hickman County Opioid Board
Application for Funding Budget Template

Organization: Meetopolis Wellness, LLC

Date: October 14, 2026

Expense or Activity	Description	Strategy Addressed	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Platform licensing and hosting	Hickman County-branded Meetopolis digital recovery hub: platform license, secure hosting, technology infrastructure and resident access for the 12-month project	Recovery Support; Harm Reduction; Primary Prevention	$23,000.00	1	$23,000.00
County customization and Connections to Care configuration	Configure the Hickman County hub and load local treatment, recovery, crisis, naloxone and community resources into Connections to Care	Recovery Support; Harm Reduction	$5,000.00	1	$5,000.00
Local partner onboarding	Outreach, onboarding and training for local organizations as hub-and-spoke partners, including warm hand-off pathways (8 partners at $1,500 each)	Recovery Support; Education & Training	$1,500.00	8	$12,000.00
Data collection, outcomes measurement and quarterly reporting	Aggregate platform metrics, outcome measurement and four quarterly reports to Hickman County ($1,000 per report)	Research & Evaluation	$1,000.00	4	$4,000.00
Custom marketing and community outreach materials	County-branded print and digital outreach promoting the hub, naloxone access and recovery education	Primary Prevention; Education & Training	$2,000.00	1	$2,000.00
Project and implementation support	Project management, county coordination and implementation oversight for the 12-month project	All strategies	$4,000.00	1	$4,000.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
				Project Total =	$50,000.00

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PEOPLE + COMMUNITY + SUPPORT + A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

OUR MISSION

Advance health equity by dismantling barriers to wellness across the mental health continuum with evidence-based technology.

Stronger Together

MEETOPOLIS:
EVIDENCE-BASED & EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICES

Meetopolis is a digital wellness platform built on evidence-based and evidence-informed practices that are widely recognized in mental health, recovery and community support. We bring together peer support, education, connection to care, and real-time resources to help people feel less alone, get support earlier, and build healthier, more resilient communities.

Real People. Real Support. Real Change.



PEER SUPPORT (Mutual Support Model)

Research shows peer support from individuals with lived experience improves engagement, hope, and recovery outcomes.

(SAMHSA, 2022; Bassuk et al., 2016; Eddie et al., 2019)

SOCIAL SUPPORT & CONNECTEDNESS

Meaningful social connections reduce isolation, improve mental health, and increase well-being.

(Holt-Lunstad et al., 2010; Kawachi & Berkman, 2001)

PSYCHOEDUCATION

Evidence-based education increases knowledge, reduces stigma, and supports help-seeking.

(Lukens & McFarlane, 2004)

RECOVERY-ORIENTED SYSTEM OF CARE (ROSC)

Emphasizes self-direction, empowerment, peer involvement, and long-term support beyond acute treatment.

(SAMHSA, 2012)

RELAPSE PREVENTION FRAMEWORKS

Peer and community support help individuals recognize triggers, build coping skills, and reduce return to use.

(Marlatt & Donovan, 2005)

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE PRINCIPLES

Create safe, supportive environments that promote healing and engagement.

(SAMHSA, 2014)

STEPPED CARE & CONTINUITY OF CARE MODELS

Matches support intensity to individual needs and promotes ongoing engagement.

(Whittaker et al., 2006; Adler et al., 2016)

CRISIS INTERVENTION & SAFETY PLANNING INTEGRATION

988

Built-in access to 988, 741741, 211, and personal safety planning tools.

(Stanley & Brown, 2012; National Action Alliance, 2024)

MEASUREMENT-BASED CARE SUPPORT

Tracks engagement, well-being, and outcomes to inform continuous improvement.

(Fortney et al., 2017)

DIGITAL MENTAL HEALTH BEST PRACTICES

Digital platforms can increase access, reduce barriers, and improve outcomes when designed with privacy, safety, and user-centered features.

(Torous et al., 2021)

THE IMPACT

Stronger Connections
Reduced isolation and increased sense of belonging

Better Outcomes
Improved emotional well-being, recovery engagement, and resilience

Continuity of Care
Support before, during, and after treatment

More Access
Support for rural, remote, and transportation-limited individuals

Measurable Results
Data-driven insights to show impact and improve over time

Healthier People. Stronger Communities. Brighter Tomorrows.

SUPPORTED BY SCIENCE. DRIVEN BY COMPASSION. POWERED BY COMMUNITY.

Meetopolis is grounded in evidence-based and evidence-informed practices that are widely recognized in behavioral health and recovery systems. We believe technology, community and compassionate support can remove barriers, increase access, and create healthier, more connected lives.

- PEOPLE
- POTENTIAL
- BRIGHTER COMMUNITIES

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Support That Builds Connection, Community & Care

Meetopolis is a digital peer support and engagement platform that helps people find support, connect with others who understand, access resources, and stay engaged across the mental health and substance use continuum.



You Belong Here

Find Support

Explore communities, groups, and support options that meet people where they are.

Join Safe Communities

Participate in peer groups like SUD Support and other spaces built around encouragement, recovery, and belonging.

Stay Connected

Use Support Buddies, messaging, and everyday engagement to keep support going between appointments and life moments.

Connect to Care

Access local resources, treatment options, crisis support, and trusted pathways to help when it's needed.

What Members Can Do

- Peer support communities
- Support buddies
- Events & groups
- Messages & ongoing engagement
- Connections to Care
- Local resources & treatment support

Why It Matters

- Reduces isolation
- Encourages help-seeking
- Supports recovery and wellness
- Improves connection between appointments
- Builds belonging and community

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Peer Support That Builds Connection, Hope & Recovery

Meetopolis is a digital peer support and engagement platform designed to reduce isolation, strengthen belonging, and connect people to support across the mental health and substance use continuum.

You Belong Here



Find Your People

Discover peer communities and support groups based on shared experiences, interests, and recovery journeys.

Stay Connected

Use events, messages, and ongoing group engagement to keep support going long after a meeting or appointment ends.

Check In & Grow

Support Buddy check-ins, wellness content, and everyday encouragement help members stay connected and moving forward.

Connect to Care

Access local resources, treatment options, recovery support, and trusted pathways to help when it's needed.

What We Do

- Peer communities & support groups
- Virtual events & ongoing engagement
- Support Buddy check-ins
- Connections to Care
- Local resources & treatment support
- Family, caregiver & life-stage support

Why Peer Support Matters

- Reduces isolation
- Encourages help-seeking
- Supports long-term recovery and wellness
- Improves connection between appointments

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Evidence-Based Peer Support That Connects Silos

Connection, Care & Recovery

Meetopolis is a digital peer support and engagement platform designed to reduce isolation, strengthen belonging, improve help-seeking, and keep people connected between appointments and across the mental health and substance use continuum.

Meetopolis advances health equity by dismantling barriers to wellness across the mental health continuum. Our platform creates a digital engagement and connection layer between traditional episodes of care—linking people to peers, virtual groups, resources, referrals, follow-up, and measurable engagement that supports lasting recovery.



Evidence & Efficacy

80% of people feel less alone when connected with peers.
– Mental Health America

70% report improved well-being through peer support communities.
– NAMI

2x more likely to stay engaged in treatment with peer support.
– SAMHSA

60% experience increased hope and motivation for recovery.
– NIH

Why We're Evidence-Based

- Built on peer support and recovery science
- Grounded in SAMHSA, NIH, and NIDA-aligned best practices
- Designed for measurable engagement, follow-up, and ongoing recovery support

Download efficacy studies at meetopolis.com

How Meetopolis Connects Silos

Instead of leaving people to navigate fragmented systems alone, Meetopolis bridges the gaps between providers, peers, public health, and community resources.

- Peer communities & virtual groups
- Treatment & recovery resources
- Crisis support: 988 / 741741 / 211
- Family & caregiver support
- Local resources & Connections to Care

A Hub-and-Spoke Model

Meetopolis serves as the central digital hub connecting residents with community providers, public health, treatment organizations, peer-support programs, crisis services, and local resources.



What We Do

- Find your people
- Stay connected
- Check in & grow
- Connect to care
- Support Buddy check-ins
- Ongoing engagement between appointments

Connecting people. Connecting care. Connecting communities.

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Peer Support That Builds Connection, Hope & Recovery

Meetopolis helps people find community, join support groups, access resources, and stay engaged between appointments and throughout recovery.

Meetopolis is a digital peer support and engagement platform designed to reduce isolation, strengthen belonging, and connect people to support across the mental health and substance use continuum.



Find Your People

Discover peer communities and virtual groups based on shared experiences, interests, and recovery journeys.

Stay Connected

Use events, messages, and ongoing group engagement to keep support going long after a meeting or appointment ends.

Check In & Grow

Support Buddy check-ins, wellness content, and everyday encouragement help members stay connected and moving forward.

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- Family, caregiver & life-stage support

Why Peer Support Matters

- Reduces isolation
- Encourages help-seeking
- Supports long-term recovery and wellness

A safe space to connect, share, and grow together.

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The Power of *Peer Support.*

Evidence-Based Benefits for Individuals, Communities & Systems

Virtual peer support creates real connections that lead to better outcomes, lower costs, and stronger communities.



8 WAYS PEER SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

1 Reduced Risk of Relapse

Source

SAMHSA states that individuals who participate in regular group support meetings have a significantly lower risk of relapse and greater likelihood of long-term recovery.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

Virtual peer support provides consistent access to a community of people who understand their experiences, reducing relapse risk through accountability, encouragement, and daily connection.

2 Improved Mental Health & Insurance Savings

Source

Milliman shows improved mental health outcomes are correlated with reduced mental health claims, leading to lower insurance premiums and cost savings.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

Virtual support helps individuals access mental health help conveniently and frequently, improving outcomes and reducing insurance claims and overall costs for employers and insurers.

3 Decreased Burden on Healthcare Systems

Source

NIMH research indicates early intervention reduces strain on healthcare systems, especially emergency services, by addressing issues before they escalate.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

Immediate, low-barrier access to peer support serves as an early intervention for mental health and substance use issues, helping reduce urgent care and emergency visits.

4 Lower Unemployment Rates

Source

WHO reports that mental health stability significantly improves employment rates and reduces reliance on unemployment benefits.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

Peer support helps individuals manage challenges like stress, anxiety, and depression—leading to better job retention and secure, stable employment.

5 Reduction in Work-Related Stress

Source

The American Institute of Stress reports work-related stress costs U.S. businesses approximately $300 billion annually in lost productivity.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

Regular peer support reduces workplace stress, improves focus, increases productivity and performance, and promotes better mental clarity at work.

6 Reduction in Crime & Homelessness

Source

The National Alliance to End Homelessness reports that addressing mental health is a critical factor in reducing homelessness and criminal behavior.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

Peer support addresses underlying mental health and substance use issues, providing a supportive community and safety net before individuals face crises that can lead to homelessness or criminal involvement.

7 Lower Suicide Rates

Source

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline highlights that early intervention and addressing mental health concerns can significantly reduce suicide rates.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

Peer support provides a non-judgmental, immediate space for individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts to talk, helping them feel less isolated and more hopeful.

8 Stronger Communities, Better Outcomes

Source

Research consistently shows that peer support improves engagement, retention, and long-term success across health and recovery outcomes.

How Virtual Peer Support Helps

By connecting people, resources, and support in one digital ecosystem, communities become more resilient, informed, and empowered to thrive.

Together, We Can Heal.

Virtual peer support is more than connection—it's a proven strategy that changes lives, strengthens communities, and creates long-term savings for systems and organizations.

Connection | Hope | Resilience | Impact

HICKMAN COUNTY
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Hickman County Opioid Settlement Board

Application for Opioid Settlement Funding

Application due date	November 30th, 2026
Anticipated notice of award	
Anticipated funding period	2026/2027 Fiscal Year
Submission date	10/16/26

Organizational Information

Organization name	CASA of the Highland Rim (Hickman County)
Purpose of organization	To train and empower court appointed volunteer advocates that assist juvenile court in providing for the 'best interest' of the abused and neglected children in counties served by CASA of the Highland Rim.
Type of organization (501c3, for profit, governmental)	501c3 Non Profit
Federal tax ID number	47-5058982
Is your organization certified, licensed, or accredited by the state of TN? If yes, provide documentation.	☐ Yes ☑ No
Amount of funding currently (already) being received from Hickman County and purpose.	$0
Is your organization headquartered in Hickman County?	No. Hickman County has it's own program, staff person and local office. We are headquartered in Dickson, with an executive director that oversees multiple counties, including Hickman
Have you applied for Opioid Abatement Funds in any other county?	No (CASA in Dickson applied to Dickson County Opioid to support that program)

Street address	P.O. Box 3, Dickson, TN 37056
Email address	heather@casahighlandrim.org
Phone number	931-306-7926
Name of project director	Renee Badon
Title of project director	Executive Director
Name of project contact	Heather jackson
Title of project contact	Volunteer and Development Coordinator

Project Information

Project title: Safe Futures: CASA Advocacy for Substance-Affected Children
Project description: This project focuses on supporting existing advocacy and building long-term capacity within the program to ensure that children impacted by substance misuse receive consistent, trauma-informed advocacy throughout their time in the child welfare system. Over the course of the fiscal year, CASA will support existing advocates and recruit community members who are committed to child safety and stability, provide them with high-quality pre-service training, and offer ongoing supervision, mentorship, and continuing education to support their effectiveness. The project's primary capacity-building goal is to add five new volunteer advocates, increasing capacity this fiscal year.
Project objectives: Recruit five new volunteer advocates this fiscal year. Provide high-quality pre-service training to all new volunteers. Provide ongoing support supervision and support for advocates. Increase program capacity to serve more children
Project activities: Conduct targeted volunteer recruitment, Host Information sessions and participate in community events, provide comprehensive pre-service training, ongoing supervision and case guidance, engage community through awareness campaigns

Project partners or collaborators:

This project will be implemented entirely by CASA staff and volunteers, with no external collaborators. Within the Hickman County program:

98% of cases involve substance misuse among caregivers or children.

8% of children served are severe abuse cases, defined as children who have tested positive for illicit substances through secondary exposure. These data points underscore the urgent need for trauma-informed, substance-misuse-aware advocacy — an approach aligned with the national evidence base supporting CASA's

Expected outcomes and how success will be measured:

* Increase volunteer capacity by recruiting five new advocates this fiscal year.
Measured by: recruitment records, applications, and pre-service training completion.
*Strengthen child safety and stability monitoring through expanded volunteer coverage.
Measured by: number of children served, monthly contact logs, and CASA Manager data tracking placement stability.
*Improve long-term child outcomes by ensuring more children have a consistent, trained advocate throughout their case.
Measured by: case closure data, re-entry rates, and documented progress toward permanency.

Project timeline:

The project will remain active and in progress until the close of the fiscal year.

New or existing project? (Check one)	☑ New	☐ Existing

If existing, have/will you receive grant funding from any other source for this project?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, amount:

If existing, how will these funds be used to supplement rather than supplant the project?

Within our local program, 98% of cases involve substance misuse among various participants, including caregivers and children. Additionally, 8% of the children we serve are severe abuse cases, defined as children who have tested positive for illicit substances due to secondary exposure. These data points underscore the critical need for trauma-informed, substance-misuse-aware advocacy—an approach that aligns directly with the national evidence base supporting CASA's model. We are seeking to increase our capacity to serve more children while maintaining ongoing stability for the children we already serve.

Will you charge a fee or bill insurances for the services provided with this project?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, please describe and provide estimated amounts:

Is the project evidence-based or based on promising practices? (Provide links to supporting evidence)

☑ Yes ☐ No

Link(s):

Data to support the need for the project:

.CASA's model is considered evidence-informed and research-supported, built on decades of national studies demonstrating that trained volunteer advocates improve outcomes for children in the child welfare system, including drug-exposed children. Research from the National CASA/GAL Association, the U.S. Department of Justice (OJJDP), and the Child Welfare Information Gateway consistently shows that CASA volunteers help courts make more informed decisions, increase service access, and support more stable permanency outcomes.

Strategies that will be addressed with funds: Select all that apply	
	☑ Primary Prevention
	☑ Harm Reduction
	☐ Treatment
	☐ Recovery Support
	☐ Education & Training
	☐ Research & Evaluation

Target population and geographical area

Youth that have been adjudicated by the Juvenile Court as Dependent (under the age of 18) and Neglected as defined by Tennessee law.

Anticipated number of people served with awarded funds

5 - 25 children, depending on number of children in each case

What percentage of funds awarded will be used to serve residents of Hickman County?	100 %

How will this project meet the Board's main objective of saving lives?

This project directly supports the Board's mission of saving lives by providing trauma-informed, consistent advocacy for children whose safety and well-being are threatened by substance misuse. With nearly all cases involving drug exposure, CASA's work functions as early intervention and harm reduction for the county's most vulnerable children.

Funding Information (Must also submit a Budget Template)

Total funding request	$ 5000

Budget narrative:
Printed Materials & Outreach – $1,500

Training Supplies & Educational Resources – $1,200

Volunteer Support & Supervision Materials – $900

Community Awareness & Prevention Materials – $800

How will this project be sustained after the funding period?

After the funding period, the project will be sustained through CASA's diversified funding strategy, including state, federal, and private grants, community donations, and annual fundraising events. The training, supervision, and recruitment systems established through this project are core program functions that will continue beyond the grant cycle.

Checklist of Required Documents:

- [x] Application for funding
- [x] Completed budget and budget narrative (template provided)

- [x] Work plan (template provided)
- [ ] Current annual operating budget
- [ ] State certification, licensure, or accreditation if applicable
- [ ] Letters of support from any project partners or collaborators

Please email completed application and additional required documents (see checklist above) to mayor@hickmancountytn.gov with subject line "Opioid Settlement Fund Application". Physical copies of this application are available in the Hickman County Mayor's office at 114 N Central Ave (Suite 204), Centerville, TN 37033 from 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.
Call 931-729-2492 for assistance

IMPORTANT NOTE

If awarded fund the following requirements will apply:

- Executed Contract between Hickman County and your agency
- Quarterly reports submitted to Hickman County
- The Recipient shall purchase and maintain insurance not less than the limits set forth below. All coverage shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Tennessee and with insurance carriers acceptable to the County and have a minimum A.M. Best Company's Insurance Reports rating of A or A-(Excellent).
    - Automobile Liability Insurance - $1,000,000 Combined Single Limit, if applicable.
    - General Liability Insurance - $1,000,000 per occurrence/$1,000,000 aggregate; and
    - Statutory Workers Compensation Insurance, if applicable, covering all employees of Recipient.

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Hickman County Opioid Board
Application for Funding Budget Template

Organization: CASA of the Highland Rim (Hickman County)

10/19/2026

Expense or Activity	Description	Strategy Addressed	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Advocate Recruitment / (	design and printing of materials	A1	$1,500.00	N/A	$1,500.00
Advocate Support	supplies and materials needed cases	A1 / B2	$900.00	N/A	$900.00
Training Supplies	substance-misuse education / other	A1 / C3	$1,200.00	N/A	$1,200.00
Community Awareness	Posters, handouts, printed material	G1	$800.00	N/A	$800.00
Program Supplies	ink, paper,office supplies	B2	$600.00	N/A	$600.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
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					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
				Project Total =	$5,000.00

Hickman County Opioid Settlement Board
Work Plan for Opioid Funding Application

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Organization:
Date:

Objective What is the measurable result you are seeking to achieve?	Activities What activities will be completed that help achieve the corresponding objective?	Outcomes What outcome do you hope to achieve?	Measures of Success How will the success of the objective be assessed? What data points will be measured?	Timeframe When will this part of the project begin and end?	Accountability Who is responsible for each project activity?	Funds Requested What are the requested grant funds for this part of the project?
Printed materials /outreach	Design flyers, imformation packets.Distribute materials at community events, partner agencies, and public locations for recruitment sessions and awareness campaigns	Greater community engagement, increased volunteer inquiries, and improved understanding of CASA's role in protecting	At least 150 outreach packets distributed. At least 10 new volunteer **inquiries** generated from printed	Materials will be produced and distributed throughout the fiscal year.	Hickman County CASA Program Coordinator and CASA's Executive Director	$1,500.00
Training Supplies & Educational Resources	Provide high-quality, evidence-informed training to new and existing advocates to ensure trauma-informed, substance-misuse-aware advocacy.	Advocates are better prepared to identify safety risks, understand substance-misuse dynamics, and support children effectively.	Five new advocates trained and sworn in using updated materials.	Used during quarterly pre-service sessions and ongoing continuing education.	Hickman County CASA Program Coordinator and CASA'sExecutive Director	$1,200.00
Volunteer Support & Supervision Materials	Ensure advocates have the tools needed for advocacy, accurate documentation, case monitoring, and consistent supervision.	Improved case documentation, stronger advocacy quality, and more consistent monitoring of children impacted by substance misuse.	100% of advocates receive updated documentation tools.Monthly supervision meetings completed with documented case reviews.Increased accuracy and timeliness of court reports	sed throughout the fiscal year during monthly supervision and case reviews.	Hickman County CASA Program Coordinator and CASA's Executive Director	$900.00
Community Awareness & Prevention Materials	ncrease public awareness of substance-related child welfare issues and promote CASA as a protective, life-saving resource.	Create posters, table displays, signage, and informational cards.Participate in community events, school programs, and outreach	Distribution of 200+ prevention materials.Participation in at least 6 community events.	Materials will be used at events and outreach activities year-round.	Hickman County CASA Program Coordinator and CASA's Executive Director	$800.00

Program Implementation Supplies	Support daily program operations to ensure efficient recruitment, training, case management, and advocacy.	Purchase folders, binders, ink, paper, and general office supplies.	Smooth program operations, improved efficiency, and increased capacity to serve children impacted by substance misuse.Support administrative tasks necessary for volunteer and case coordination.Maintain organized case files	Supplies will be used continuously throughout the fiscal year.	Hickman County CASA Program Coordinator and CASA's Executive Director	$600.00

Total Funds Requested
$5,000.00

Income	
Unrestricted Contributions	**FY 26-27 Budget**
Donations	
General Donations	$ 2,000.00
Memorials	$ -
Total Donations	**$ 2,000.00**
Special Events Revenue	
Champions - ALL	$ 12,000.00
Casting for Kids- SC	$ -
Twinkle & Twirl- DC	$ -
Special Event - HC	$ 3,000.00
Total Special Events	**$ 15,000.00**
Other Miscellaneous Income	
Reimbursements	$ -
Interest Income	$ -
Total Miscellaneous Income	$ -
Total Unrestricted Contributions	**$ 17,000.00**
Grants: Restricted	
Community Foundation	$ -
Jackson Foundation	$ -
Detwiller Foundation	$ -
Ascension St Thomas	$ 10,000.00
HCA Community Grant	$ -
Continuing the Good	$ 4,697.43
County Government Grant	$ -
TCCY - Hickman	$ 40,000.00
UWGN - Hickman	$ 5,000.00
Total Restricted Contributions	**$ 59,697.43**
TOTAL INCOME	**$ 76,697.43**

Expenses	FY 26-27 Budget
CASA Volunteers	
Appreciation	$ 200.00
Background Checks	$ 450.00
Training	$ 500.00
Com. Found.Travel/etc	$ -
Total CASA Volunteers	**$ 1,150.00**
Office Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	$ -
Sales Tax	$ 20.00
Paypal Fees	$ 40.00

Melio Fees	$	-
Gifts	$	-
Office Equipment	$	500.00
Office Supplies	$	250.00
Postage & Delivery	$	200.00
Printing & Reproduction	$	200.00
Computer & Software - SET	$	600.00
Total Office Expences	**$**	**1,810.00**
Operations - SET		
Employee Recruitment	$	100.00
Internet	$	-
Cell Phone	$	500.00
Website	$	310.00
Direct Mailing	$	125.00
Total Communications	**$**	**1,035.00**
Program Expense		
Networking	$	200.00
Awareness	$	1,500.00
Promotional Materials	$	200.00
Total Program Expense	**$**	**1,900.00**
Professional Fees - SET		
Bookkeeping	$	1,600.00
Accounting	$	680.00
Total Professional Fees	**$**	**2,280.00**
Insurance - SET		
Corporate Liability	$	984.00
Workers Comp/Property	$	325.00
Total Insurance	**$**	**1,309.00**
Staff Education & Training		
Travel	$	1,000.00
Registration Fees	$	750.00
Per Diem	$	500.00
Total Staff Ed. & Training	**$**	**2,250.00**
Board Expense		
Board Training	$	200.00
Background Check	$	200.00
Total Board Expense	**$**	**400.00**
Dues- SET		
National CASA Association	$	100.00
Tennessee CASA Asso.	$	44.00
TN Charitable Solicitations	$	40.00
TN Secretary of State	$	10.00
Mid-Cumberland Council	$	-

Chamber of Commerce	$	100.00
Center for Nonprofit Mang	$	52.50
Total Dues	**$**	**346.50**
Special Events		
Champions - ALL	$	5,000.00
Casting for Kids- SC	$	-
Twinkle & Twirl- DC	$	-
Special Events	$	-
Total Special Events	**$**	**5,000.00**
Payroll - SET		
Executive Director	$	10,507.90
Adminitrative Assistant	$	8,248.24
Volunteer Coordinator	$	-
Advocate Supervisor	$	-
Vol/Dev Coordinator - Hickman	$	42,436.00
Vol/Dev Coordinator - Stewart	$	-
Adminitrative Asst- Stewart	$	-
Total Payroll	**$**	**61,192.14**
Payroll Taxes	**$**	**5,260.22**
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$**	**83,932.86**

HICKMAN COUNTY
TENNESSEE

Hickman County Opioid Settlement Board

Application for Opioid Settlement Funding

Application due date	09/24/26
Anticipated notice of award	
Anticipated funding period	2026-2027 Fiscal Year
Submission date	09/19/2026

Organizational Information United Way

Organization name	Hickman County Substance Prevention Coalition
Purpose of organization Hickman County Prevention Coalition (HCPC) mission is to partner with other organizations through effective evidence based stategies to prevent substance use among youth in Hickman County as we strive for a healthy, drug free community. HCPC will partner with schools, courts, the Health Council, police and parents to ceate an outreach campaign and provide education and awareness to youth about substance misuse and treatment options. Parents will receive educational training so that they can learn to recognize and be aware of signs of misuse.	
Type of organization (501c3, for profit, governmental)	United Way of Middle Tennessee is a non-profit organization that will act as the Fiscal Agent for HCPC who will implement the program and campaigns. Type text here
Federal tax ID number	62-0533104
Is your organization certified, licensed, or accredited by the state of TN? If yes, provide documentation.	☑ Yes ☐ No
Amount of funding currently (already) being received from Hickman County and purpose.	Prior Year Contract $60,000.00 Returned (13,109.03) Spent $46,890.97
Is your organization headquartered in Hickman County?	The HCPC will be headquartered in Hickman County. United Way of Middle Tennessee has a physical office in Fairview and will be providing the service delivery.
Have you applied for Opioid Abatement Funds in any other county?	No

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Email address	debby.rainey@unitedwaygn.org
Phone number	615-780-2508
Name of project director	Regional Manager of Community Impact (Dickson, Hickman, Williamson,)
Title of project director	Director of the Hickman County Prevention Coalition
Name of project contact	Debby Rainey
Title of project contact	Regional Manager of Community Impact (Dickson, Hickman, Williamson,)

Project Information

Project title: Hickman County Prevention Coalition

Project description:

HCPC will follow the State of Tennessee's published guidance for prevention coalition. Therefore, HCPC will utilize the strategic prevention framework model for implementation of a successful coalition.

The State of Tennessee's 2024 fatal drug overdose report showed that Hickman County lost 10 community members to Drug overdose. This is down by 10 overdose in 2022. The substances related to these deaths were opioids, heroin, fentanyl, pain relievers, and stimulants. HCPC aims to lower this number through effective evidence based strategies within the community.

TCCY State of the Child 2025 report showing youth substance use in Tennessee can be found out the following link: State of Child 2025

HCPC aims to provide prevention education and training in Hickman County to (2) Middle Schools and (2) High Schools. We also hope to provide education and training with our parents/adults across the community on talking with youths about substance misuse.

Project objectives:

-Partnering with local law enforcement to participate in the DEA's Community Drug Take Back Days. Continuing to raise awareness and educate community members about permanent drug disosal locations throughout Hickman and neighboring counties.
-Partnering with the local schools district to engage youth in drug free activities.
-Partnering with local agencies to distribute prescription medication lockboxes, while educating community members about the importance of locking up medications and proper medication usage and disposal.
-Attend CADCA training
-Partner with UWGN at community wide events to provide education to provide education to parents/caregivers/community members on substance misuse amoung youth.

Project activities:

-Partnering with local law enforcement to participate in the DEA's Community Drug Take Back Days.
-Continue to raise awareness and educate community about safe and proper drug disposal.
-Partner with local school district to engage youth in drug-free activities.
-Partner with local agencies to distribute prescription medication lock boxes.
-Attend CADCA to continue certification training.
-Partner with UWGN at community wide events to provide education to the community.

Project partners or collaborators:	Hickman County Sheriff's Office United Way of Middle Tennessee Hickman County Health Council The Williamson Prevention Coalition Hickman County School System Hickman County Library Hickman County Courts Hope in Recovery Hope Church Local Pharmacies

Expected outcomes and how success will be measured:

The goal is to lower substance use in minors and to encourage safe medication disposal by implementing a prevention coalition in Hickman County. We hope to increase community knowledge of the risk associated with substance use, increase utilization of local drug disposal units, and expand implementation of evidence based school prevention programs.

These outcomes will be measured by the success of implementing a prevention coalition in Hickman County and opportunities for youth engagement with Hickman County Schools. (US Census and Official Data Statics will also be used)

Project timeline:

Project currently in motion and will continue.

New or existing project? (Check one)	☐ New	☑ Existing

If existing, have/will you receive grant funding from any other source for this project?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, amount:

Currently all funding comes from Hickman County.

If existing, how will these funds be used to supplement rather than supplant the project?

Will be used to continue the work that has been started.

Will you charge a fee or bill insurances for the services provided with this project?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, please describe and provide estimated amounts:

Is the project evidence-based or based on promising practices? (Provide links to supporting evidence)

☑ Yes ☐ No

Link(s):

/Data%20Package_2025_Hickman.pdf

Data to support the need for the project:

As you can see from the link provided above, Hickman County has an overdose rate (fatal and non-fatal) that is higher than the average rate in Tennessee overall. This information is taken directly from the 2025 Tennessee data package on TN.Gov.

Strategies that will be addressed with funds: Select all that apply

- ☑ Primary Prevention
- ☑ Harm Reduction
- ☐ Treatment
- ☐ Recovery Support
- ☑ Education & Training
- ☑ Research & Evaluation

Target population and geographical area

Middle and High School Students
Hickman County Community Wide

Anticipated number of people served with awarded funds

I would hope to help at least the whole population of Hickman County (26,516)

What percentage of funds awarded will be used to serve residents of Hickman County?	100%

How will this project meet the Board's main objective of saving lives?

Medication lock boxes and Drug Take back days saves lives by keeping prescription drugs(ususued/unwanted/expired) out of the hands of youth.
Substance misuse prevention education for youth an adults will help save lives. In addition, by investing in prevention coalition decreases are often realized in truances, crime, incarceration, child abuse, domestic violence and teen pregnancies. At the same time, prevention coalitions increase academic success, community connectivity, healthy families, and economic growth.

Funding Information (Must also submit a Budget Template)

Total funding request	$ 55,250

Budget narrative: (Budget Template attached)

I believe to achieve the goals listed above, we would allocate the money as follows:
$4,000-Travel Expenses
$5,000-Medication lockboxes to hand out.
$4,000-Advertisement (Billboards, newspaper, mass mail, signage for local businesses/ Churches/non-profits/organization.)
$4,000-Education Materials for schools (posters, QR codes taking students to different websites with helpful resources, flyers, bracelets, handouts, t-shirts)
$4,000-Sponsoring-We must partner with other people who are helping the community!
$3,000-Indirect Cost
$31,250-Part-time CPS

How will this project be sustained after the funding period?

HCPC aims to apply for State of Tennessee coalition funding when the opportunity is open. In order to receive federal/state grants, outcomes must be provided. With the current funding and hopefully new funding through Hickman, these outcomes and data will be instumental in being able to apply for other grants.

Checklist of Required Documents:

- ☐ Application for funding
- ☐ Completed budget and budget narrative (template provided)

- [ ] Work plan (template provided)
- [ ] Current annual operating budget
- [ ] State certification, licensure, or accreditation if applicable
- [ ] Letters of support from any project partners or collaborators

Please email completed application and additional required documents (see checklist above) to mayor@hickmancountytn.gov with subject line "Opioid Settlement Fund Application". Physical copies of this application are available in the Hickman County Mayor's office at 114 N Central Ave (Suite 204), Centerville, TN 37033 from 8:00am - 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Call 931-729-2492 for assistance

Hickman County Application for Opioid Settlement Funding: Budget Template

HICKMAN COUNTY TENNESSEE

Organization: *Example Drug Coalition*

Date:

Expense or Activity	Description	Strategy Addressed	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Salary	Full Time CPRS	Position:		50 weeks	$31,250.00
Travel Expenses	Mileage, Conference				$4,000.00
Medication Lock Boxes	Safe Home storage containers	drug safety			$5,000.00
Supplies- Advertisement	Newspaper ads, mass mailing, branded tshirts,	community awareness			$4,000.00
Education Materials	Supplies for schools, community events	Education of community			$4,000.00
Sponsorships	Supporting partnering agencies				$4,000.00
Indirect Cost					$3,000.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
					$0.00
				Project Total =	$55,250.00

Hickman County Opioid Settlement Board
Work Plan for Opioid Funding Application

Organization:

Date:

Objective	Activities	Outcomes	Measures of Success	Timeframe	Accountability	Funds Requested
What is the measurable result you are seeking to achieve?	What activities will be completed that help achieve the corresponding objective?	What outcome do you hope to achieve?	How will the success of the objective be assessed? What data points will be measured?	When will this part of the project begin and end?	Who is responsible for each project activity?	What are the requested grant funds for this part of the project?
Increase misuse education and prevent substance use among youth.	Create a Hickman County Prevention Coalition. Create partnerships with law enforcement, courts, school district, local agencies, local Drug Take Back events.	Implement a prevention coalition, increase community awareness, prevent increased substance abuse amoung youth.	Success will be measured by the success of implementing a prevention coalition in Hickman County, numbers reported of the local drug disposal units in Hickman County and the opportunity for youth engagement in Hickman County.	Ongoing	Hickman County Prevention Coalition Director.	$55,250.00
					Total Funds Requested	$55,250.00

https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/health-data/community-conditions/health-infrastructure/health-promotion-and-harm-reduction/drug-overdose-deaths?year=2025&county=47081

https://www.tn.gov/tccy-future/county-profiles/Hickman.html

Crystal,
I do not know how many the committee wants. Here are some of the neighboring. I have also included the State of Tennessee listing from their website.

Drug Free Dickson (Dickson County Prevention Coalition) - https://drugfreedickson.com/
Cheatham County Prevention - https://www.cheathamcoalition.org/
Stewart County Prevention - https://www.scosap.org/
Maury Count Prevention - https://mauryprevention.org/

Here is the link to all the coalitions in Tennessee and what they do
https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/substance-abuse-services/prevention/anti-drug-coalition.html

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To: crystal.fitzgerald@hickmancountytn.gov
Subject: RE: United Way Investment in Hickman County

From: crystal.fitzgerald@hickmancountytn.gov <crystal.fitzgerald@hickmancountytn.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2026 9:37 AM
To: Chris Chilton <mayor@hickmancountytn.gov>; Jim Melrose <jim.melrose@twkumc.org>; Ken.Daron@yahoo.com; Melanie Cagle <melanie.cagle@tnpd.org>; Ryan Rogers <ryan.rogers@hickmancountytn.gov>; Sarah Talley <Sarah.Talley@hickmancountytn.gov>; wdepaul@bellsouth.net
Subject: FW: United Way Investment in Hickman County

Please see email below and attachment for United Way Impact on our County.

Crystal Fitzgerald
Finance Director

Hickman County Finance
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From: Debby Rainey <Debby.Rainey@unitedwaygn.org>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2026 2:16 PM
To: Crystal Fitzgerald <crystal.fitzgerald@hickmancountytn.gov>
Subject: United Way Investment in Hickman County

Crystal,
Here you go. This does not include the Raise Your Hand tutoring that will start at the East schools. Nor does it include the work being done by Cul2Vate (they are donating food boxes including beef and pork).

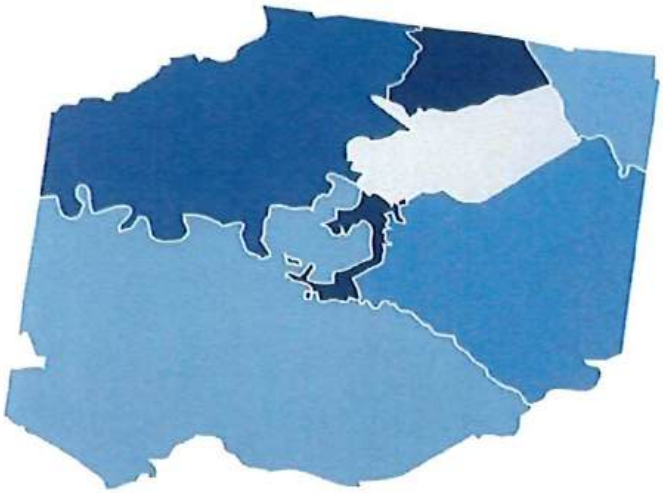
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WHAT IMPACT LOOKS LIKE IN

HICKMAN COUNTY

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS INVESTED IN 2025: **$91,850**



50%

of households are below the ALICE threshold

- **14% are in poverty**
- **36% are ALICE households**

Sources: ALICE threshold, 2010-2023

Map is shaded to show the percentage of households that are below the ALICE threshold (poverty-level and ALICE households combined). The darker the blue, the higher the percentage.

21,947
impacted by services in education, economic mobility, health or basic needs

27
Community Impact-funded partners

90
tax returns completed through VITA

$73,105
in tax refunds through VITA

203
211 Helpline referrals made to neighbors in crisis

400
backpacks packed through Stuff the Bus

AGENCIES SERVING HICKMAN COUNTY

Bolded names are new partners

American Cancer Society Inc. - Middle TN Chapter
American Red Cross
Boy Scouts of Middle Tennessee
Building Lives Foundation
CASA of Highland Rim
Dickson Community Clinic
Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee
Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, Inc.
GraceWorks Ministries
Hard Bargain Mt. Hope Redevelopment, Inc.
High Hopes Development Center
Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands
Mercy Community Healthcare
NAMI Tennessee
Nashville Conflict Resolution Center
One Generation Away
Progressive Directions
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee
Special Olympics Tennessee
Tennessee Higher Education Initiative Inc.
Tennessee Justice Center Inc.
Tennessee Kidney Foundation
Tennessee Poison Center
Tennessee Voices
The Refuge Center for Counseling
Waves, Inc.
Women Are Safe, Inc.