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#HopeActLiveWI: DHS Awards Mini-Grants to Nine Local Health Departments to Fight the Opioid Crisis

MADISON-The Wisconsin Department of Health Services announced today that it has awarded more than \$77,000 to nine local health departments for projects that promote local opioid harm prevention activities.

The projects are funded through the Prescription Drug Overdose: Prevention for States grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

These projects promote and support activities that prevent prescription and non-prescription opioid overuse, misuse, abuse, and overdose and are part of a coordinated effort to help local public health departments develop community responses to the opioid epidemic.

"Our local partners understand what can work in their communities to help prevent the harm that comes from opioid abuse," said State Health Officer Karen McKeown. "Their work will help us add new tools to our toolkit to fight this epidemic statewide."

The mini-grants were awarded to:

- Columbia County Health and Human Services
- Greenfield Health Department
- Iron County Health Department
- Washburn County Health and Human Services
- Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department
- Waukesha County Health and Human Services
- Waupaca County Public Health
- Wauwatosa Health Department
- Winnebago County Health Department

The grants are part of Governor Scott Walker's initiative to end Wisconsin's opioid overdose epidemic. Learn more about <u>the DHS response to the opioid crisis</u>.

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