

Opioid Settlement Fund Review

Creating safe spaces. Building connections. Supporting healthy choices. Funds supported community events and programs that gave children, teens, families, and community members positive, substance-free opportunities to connect, create, learn, and build resilience.

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Events & Programs

600+

Participant Engagements

31

Events with attendance

What did the funds support?

Creative Expression

Art camps, painting, crafts, creative classes, and community art activities created welcoming opportunities to explore creativity.

Connection & Belonging

Programs encouraged communication, collaboration, relationships, and connection with peers, families, schools, and community partners.

Social & Emotional Wellness

Many activities incorporated active listening, coping skills, mindfulness, positive communication, problem-solving, and resilience.

Safe, Substance-Free Space

Teen nights, camps, after-school programs, and family events offered positive alternatives and places to gather, learn, and connect.

What we heard

Social & Emotional Wellness

Respondents identified continued demand for summer supports, creative programming, teen opportunities, and smaller community spaces where young people can feel comfortable and connected.

Sustainability is Priority

Many respondents identified fundraising, grants, and sponsorships as important next steps for continuing or expanding successful programming.

Partnerships make the work stronger

Respondents identified opportunities to continue collaborating with schools, community organizations, local businesses, and other partners.

Community Engagement Takes Many Forms

From creative camps and teen nights to mindfulness activities and conversations about technology and substance use, funding supported diverse ways to build healthy connections.