



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with Communities for Recovery to provide peer recovery counseling services for community intervention to prevent opioid overdoses by using evidence-based practices in opioid stewardship, opioid use disorder, and opioid harm reduction for a 12-month term ending on March 31, 2026, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$250,000. Funding: \$250,000 is available in the Austin Public Health Department's Opioid Settlement Fund.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Austin Public Health Department's Opioid Settlement Fund.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

This action will authorize negotiation and execution of a new agreement with Communities for Recovery to support the implementation of a public health prevention and education strategy to reduce deaths from opioid overdose. The strategy utilizes data to educate the community on a multi-component system, including substance use/misuse and the associated risk of drug use; high-risk populations within the community; substance use prevention programs at partner agencies that will support educational outreach, provide case coordination and the assessment for at-risk populations; and linkage of clients with appropriate prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery programs.