

CITY OF SPOKANE



OPIOID ABATEMENT INVESTMENTS

Opioid abatement investments come from settlements with manufacturers and distributors whose practices fueled the opioid crisis. These dollars are legally required to be reinvested into initiatives that address its impacts. Mayor Lisa Brown and her Administration, in partnership with service providers, conducted a sequential intercept model (SIM) analysis to identify the most critical gaps across Spokane's behavioral health and legal systems, and subsequently directed investments to fill those gaps.

Program	Allocation	Description
CARES Expansion	\$500,000	Increased clinical and administrative capacity, allowing CARES to absorb a rise in referrals and expand outreach to those struggling with opioid use disorder
High Utilizer/Complex Care Initiative	\$500,000	Launched case management services for up to 50 opioid use disorder high utilizers
Homeless Outreach Team Provider Embed	\$124,350	Embedded a behavioral health provider with Code Enforcement and Spokane Police's Homeless Outreach Team to ensure individuals are appropriately navigated to treatment
Expanded MAT	\$350,000	Expanded access to medication assisted treatment services in collaboration with Spokane County
Expanded Sobering Beds	\$500,000	Added 12 additional sobering beds at STARS in partnership with Spokane County
Data Analyst	\$115,000	Hired a project employee to track performance of opioid settlement dollars and strengthen collection of OUD metrics
Culturally Specific Treatment Grant	\$500,000	Identified funding for a grant to support the planning and launch of a culturally-specific behavioral health treatment program
NAS Treatment at Maddie's Place	\$300,000	Provided funding to Maddie's Place for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome treatment
Mobile Outreach	\$30,000	Supported capital investments for mobile MAT and outreach
Outdoor Navigation Center	\$400,000	Invested in outreach, capacity, and services to navigate people living outdoors and struggling with opioid use disorder into housing and treatment options

C.A.R.E.S Team

Community Assistance Response Team

Established in 2008 as the Fire Department's social response initiative, the primary goal of the CARES Team is to improve quality of life and reduce unnecessary use of the emergency health care system by addressing client needs based on social determinants of health.

The latest investment in the team added a social worker, substance use disorder professional, and case manager to the team, increasing caseload capacity from **600** to **1,500** cumulative cases.

High Utilizer and Complex Care Initiative

The High Utilizer and Complex Care Initiative is focused on the "highest utilizers" of emergency response services, medical facilities, and the criminal justice system.

This initiative utilizes a community-based provider to coordinate care, provide intensive wrap-around services, and offer case management. This approach is intended to stabilize individuals and drive down the human and fiscal costs of rotating between institutions.

STARS

Spokane Treatment and Recovery Services

STARS provides multiple services and levels of care to address clients in every stage of treatment. Joint investments by the City of Spokane and Spokane County added **12 sobering beds**, to provide additional capacity in a safe and supervised environment for people who are intoxicated. These services provide temporary and therapeutic spaces for individual monitoring until they are functionally sober.

Culturally Specific Treatment

Despite similar rates of overdose use disorder across race, Black patients are less likely to receive a prescription than their white counterparts for buprenorphine following a doctor's visit. Locally, community providers stress the dearth of culturally specific treatment for patients of color. The City of Spokane has set aside grant funding to support the planning and launch of culturally specific, behavioral health treatment to ensure that everyone has resources necessary to pursue long-term health and recovery.