

STATE OF MICHIGAN



ISABELLA COUNTY TRIAL COURT

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HON. ERIC R. JANES

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KERRI R. CURTISS

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

HON. STUART BLACK
TRIAL JUDGE

HON. J.E.B. ALLEN
TRIAL JUDGE

HON. SARA SPENCER-NOGGLE
TRIAL JUDGE

July 29, 2026

Isabella County Opioid Advisory Committee
Isabella County Administration
510 W. Pickard Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Re: Opioid Settlement Funds Request for Funding Proposal

Dear Members of the Isabella County Opioid Advisory Committee:

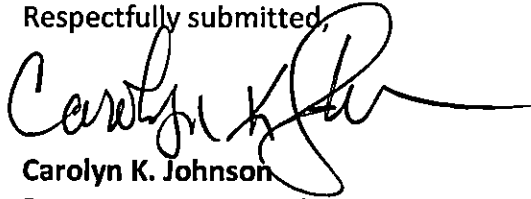
On behalf of the Isabella County Trial Court Recovery Court, I am pleased to submit the attached Request for Funding Proposal for "Recovery in Motion", an initiative designed to expand access to treatment, recovery support, and services that reduce barriers to successful recovery for justice-involved adults with substance use disorders. The proposed project builds upon more than twenty years of Recovery Court experience and aligns with the goals of the Isabella County Opioid Settlement Fund by strengthening evidence-based recovery supports and improving participant outcomes.

Attached for your review are the following materials:

1. Request for Funding Proposal, including the Overall Alignment with Appropriate Uses of Opioid Settlement Funds attachment;
2. Proposed Project Budget Template;
3. Biography of Carolyn K. Johnson, Recovery Court Coordinator;
4. Letter of Support from the Honorable Sara Spencer-Noggle, Presiding Judge, Isabella County Recovery Court;
5. Letter of Support from Sheriff Michael Main, Isabella County Sheriff's Office; and
6. Letter of Support from Chief Public Defender, Thomas J. Hausmann; Chief Assistant Public Defender, Roberta McMillan; Senior Assistant Public Defender Dominic Greco and Assistant Public Defender, Ashley McIntosh- Isabella County Public Defender's office.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal. We appreciate the opportunity to apply for funding and look forward to the possibility of partnering with Isabella County to further strengthen recovery services for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn K. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carolyn K. Johnson
Recovery Court Coordinator
Isabella County Trial Court

Request for Proposals

Isabella County Opioid Settlement Funds – FY 2026

RFP Posted	May 2026
Proposals Due	July 31, 2026
Anticipated Notice of Award	October 2026
Anticipated Performance Period	January 1 - December 31, 2027
Questions to: Jerry Jaloszynski	jjaloszynski @isabellacounty.org

To Be Completed by Entity Submitting Proposal:

(Note: Boxes will expand vertically to accommodate responses.

If necessary, supplemental pages may be attached to this application form)

1. Organization Information	
Organization Name	Isabella County Trial Court
Street Address	300 North Main, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Email Address	cjohnson@isabellacounty.org
Phone Number	989-317-4181
Name of Project Director	Carolyn K. Johnson
Title of Project Director	Recovery Court Coordinator
Name of Authorized Representative	Kerri R. Curtiss
Title of Authorized Representative	Court Administrator
Signature of Authorized Representative	

2. Organization Description: The Isabella County Trial Court Recovery Court program, (previously known as Adult Drug Court), was established in 2003 and is a therapeutic program designed to help individuals with substance use disorders. By offering intensive treatment, continuous monitoring and wrap-around services, the program strives to help participants remove barriers to stability, reduce recidivism and empower participants to achieve lasting recovery.

Program structure and requirements: The Recovery Court program consists of four (4) phases, with each phase lasting six (6) months. In the first three (3) phases, participants are required to complete rigorous requirements, including: Attending outpatient counseling, participating in a minimum of four (4) ancillary services each week, completing community service hours, checking in with the program coordinator or probation officer 1-3 times/week; and submitting to random and frequent sobriety compliance monitoring. Phase 4 (Transitional Phase): After graduation from Phase 3, participants enter the step-down or transitional Phase 4. In this phase, participants apply the skills they have learned, with much less intensive oversight.

3. Project description, including Project Objectives:

"Recovery in Motion" an Isabella County Recovery Court Initiative.

Removing Barriers. Building Recovery.

The Isabella County Recovery Court respectfully requests \$35,000 from the Isabella County Opioid Settlement Fund to implement Recovery in Motion- a comprehensive recovery support initiative designed to expand access to evidence-based treatment and recovery support services that address opioid use disorder, polysubstance use disorders and/or co-occurring mental health conditions by reducing barriers to care for justice-involved adults participating in Recovery Court.

The Isabella County Recovery Court has provided an evidence-based alternative to incarceration by combining judicial supervision, behavioral health treatment, accountability, and recovery support services to help participants achieve long-term recovery while reducing recidivism and improving community safety. The Recovery Court serves 15-25 active participants at any given time. Participants frequently face significant barriers to successful recovery, including limited transportation, financial barriers to behavioral health treatment, unstable employment, and limited access to recovery support resources.

Although many Recovery Court participants identify alcohol as their primary substance of use, many involve polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health conditions; making them a high-risk, justice-involved population that would benefit from comprehensive treatment and coordinated recovery services designed to reduce substance use, prevent relapse and improve long-term recovery outcomes.

According to the 2025 Michigan Medical Examiner's Annual Drug Report, Isabella County experienced 5 drug-related deaths in 2025, including 4 opioid-related deaths, demonstrating the continuing impact of substance use disorders within the community. Recovery in Motion will respond to these local needs by strengthening access to treatment and reducing barriers that prevent participants from fully engaging in recovery.

It is very common for Recovery Court participants to frequently experience transportation challenges, financial barriers to behavioral health treatment, unemployment, housing instability, and limited recovery support systems. These barriers contribute to missed counseling appointments, delayed treatment participation, increased relapse risk, and continued involvement with the criminal justice system.

Project Objectives:

Grant funding will support six (6) integrated components of the Recovery in Motion initiative:

- Recovery Transportation Assistance -to improve access to court, treatment, counseling, medication appointments, sobriety compliance monitoring, and recovery support services.

- Behavioral Health Counseling Assistance- to reduce financial barriers to evidence-based treatment. Financial assistance will be provided for counseling and behavioral health services for participants who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise unable to afford treatment-related expenses. Increasing access to counseling will strengthen treatment engagement and improve recovery outcomes.
- Sobriety compliance monitoring- through evidence-based sobriety compliance monitoring that supports treatment planning, accountability, and early intervention. Recovery Court participants will receive random and frequent sobriety compliance monitoring via in-house testing and/or at an outside testing facility, using both laboratory-based and instant urine and oral saliva testing devices. Such testing is utilized as a clinical tool to support treatment planning, encourage accountability, identify relapse early, and facilitate timely intervention by the Recovery Court team.
- Recovery Engagement- activities that strengthen participant involvement in recovery-oriented programming, as well as community and peer support. Recovery engagement activities will encourage participant involvement in recovery-oriented programming, peer support opportunities, recovery education, and activities that strengthen long-term recovery and community connection.
- Recovery Court Initiatives, including recovery-focused educational programming, family engagement activities, participant graduations, and the annual Recovery Court Picnic - that celebrates participant milestones while connecting participants and their families to community recovery resources and other recovery resources.
- Workforce Development and Training - for the multidisciplinary Recovery Court team through the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual Conference and other MATCP training opportunities, opioid summits, and other evidence-based training opportunities. Continued professional education strengthens implementation of current best practices related to opioid use disorder, co-occurring disorders, trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, and emerging substance use trends.

Recovery in Motion builds upon more than two decades of successful Recovery Court operations and expands services that directly align with the goals of the Isabella County Opioid Settlement Fund. This initiative will improve access to care, strengthen recovery supports and promote healthier individuals, stronger families and a safer Isabella County community.

Recovery begins when barriers are removed. Through Recovery in Motion, the Isabella County Recovery Court will continue helping participants move beyond substance use, reconnect with their families and communities, and build lives defined by recovery, accountability, as well as reduce recidivism.

4. Populations Served/Target Population and Geographic Area Served

The Isabella County Recovery Court Recovery in Motion initiative will serve up to 25 justice-involved adults with substance use disorders, including individuals with opioid use disorder, histories of opioid misuse, polysubstance use disorders, alcohol use disorder and co-occurring mental health conditions. Because substance use disorders frequently overlap, participants often require comprehensive treatment and recovery services that address multiple substances, rather than a single diagnosis.

Participants served by the Recovery Court commonly experience complex personal and social challenges that interfere with successful recovery. These include limited or unreliable transportation, financial barriers to treatment, unemployment or underemployment, unstable housing, trauma histories, behavioral health needs, and limited family or community support systems. These barriers often contribute to missed counseling appointments, inconsistent treatment participation, difficulty accessing medication and healthcare services, missed sobriety compliance monitoring, and increased risk of relapse and continued justice involvement.

Priority will be given to participants demonstrating the greatest barriers to treatment engagement and recovery, particularly those affected by opioid use disorder, polysubstance use disorders, and/or co-occurring mental health conditions.

5. Data to Support Need for Project:

Statement of Need

Substance use disorders continue to have a significant impact on Isabella County-affecting individuals, families, and the criminal justice system. The Isabella County Recovery Court serves adults whose criminal behavior is directly related to substance use disorders and who require intensive treatment, supervision, and recovery support to achieve lasting recovery.

According to the 2025 Michigan Medical Examiner's Annual Drug Report, Isabella County experienced 5 drug-related overdose deaths in 2025, including 4 deaths involving one or more opioids. While opioid-related fatalities remain a serious public health concern, the report also reflects the increasing complexity of substance use within the community, including alcohol, stimulants, and other substances that are frequently used in combination with opioids. These trends underscore the importance of providing comprehensive treatment and recovery services that address polysubstance use rather than focusing on a single substance.

The Isabella County Recovery Court has operated continuously since 2003 and has observed similar trends among program participants. Recovery Court participants often present with complex substance use disorders that may include alcohol use disorder, opioid use disorder, prescription opioid misuse, fentanyl exposure, stimulant use or other polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. Co-occurring mental health disorders—including depression, anxiety, and trauma-related conditions—are also common and often complicate recovery. Despite the complex needs of the participants served, the Isabella County

Recovery Court has demonstrated strong outcomes. According to the 2025 Problem Solving Court Recidivism Rate Dashboard report, the program achieved a 4% recidivism rate for new alcohol or drug-related convictions. This means that 96% of participants did not reoffend with the substance-related criminal behavior that originally brought them into the Recovery Court program; demonstrating the effectiveness of coordinated treatment, accountability and recovery support.

Recovery Court participants face numerous barriers that interfere with successful treatment engagement and long-term recovery. One of the most significant challenges is transportation. Isabella County is largely rural, and many participants have limited or no access to reliable transportation. Missed appointments can delay treatment progress, increase the risk of relapse, and jeopardize successful completion of the Recovery Court program.

Financial barriers further limit access to behavioral health counseling and other recovery services. Even when participants are motivated to engage in treatment, the cost of counseling, insurance deductibles, co-payments, or gaps in insurance coverage may prevent them from receiving recommended services. Without access to consistent behavioral health treatment, participants are at greater risk for relapse, continued justice involvement, and poorer health outcomes.

Frequent sobriety compliance monitoring is an essential component of the Recovery Court model. Sobriety compliance monitoring provides objective information that helps the multidisciplinary Recovery Court team monitor participant progress, identify relapse early, adjust treatment plans, and provide timely clinical interventions. Maintaining a robust sobriety compliance monitoring program supports participant accountability while reinforcing recovery and promoting public safety.

The Recovery Court also recognizes that successful recovery extends beyond treatment alone. Participants benefit from recovery-oriented activities that strengthen peer support, encourage family involvement, celebrate recovery milestones, and connect individuals with community resources. Likewise, ongoing professional development for the Recovery Court team ensures that judges, coordinators, probation officers, treatment providers, and other team members remain current on evidence-based practices related to opioid use disorder, alcohol use disorder, medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, and emerging substance use trends.

By reducing barriers to treatment and strengthening recovery supports, Recovery in Motion helps mitigate the long-term impacts of opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders among justice-involved individuals.

Recovery in Motion was developed to address these identified needs by expanding services that remove barriers to treatment and strengthen recovery. Funding will support transportation assistance, behavioral health counseling, sobriety compliance monitoring, recovery monitoring, recovery engagement activities, Recovery Court initiatives, and workforce development for the multidisciplinary team. These services directly address

barriers identified by Recovery Court participants and are designed to improve treatment engagement, increase participant retention, support successful program completion, reduce recidivism, and improve long-term recovery outcomes.

By investing in an established Recovery Court program with more than two decades of experience, the Isabella County Opioid Settlement Fund will strengthen local capacity to respond to opioid use disorder, alcohol use disorder, polysubstance use disorders, and/or co-occurring behavioral health conditions while improving the health, safety, and well-being of individuals, families, and the Isabella County community.

6. Project Timeline Overview

Project Period: January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027

The Recovery in Motion initiative will be implemented immediately upon award and will operate throughout the twelve-month grant period. Because the Isabella County Recovery Court is an established program that has operated since 2003, grant-funded activities will expand existing services rather than create a new program. This allows implementation to begin without delay.

Timeframe	Activity	Expected Outcome
January 2027	Execute grant award, finalize budget, notify Recovery Court team and community partners, establish participant eligibility for Recovery in Motion services.	Project implementation begins immediately.
January–December 2027	Provide Recovery Transportation Assistance for eligible participants attending court, counseling, treatment, sobriety compliance monitoring, medical appointments, educational programming, and recovery support activities.	Reduced transportation barriers and improved attendance.
January–December 2027	Provide Behavioral Health Counseling	Increased access to counseling and improved treatment engagement.

January–December 2027	Assistance for eligible participants with financial barriers to treatment. Conduct Sobriety compliance monitoring through in-house and outside testing facility, consistent with Recovery Court best practices.	Early identification of relapse, increased accountability, and improved treatment planning.
January–December 2027	Conduct Recovery Engagement activities, including recovery education, peer support opportunities, participant recognition, and family engagement.	Increased participant engagement and strengthened recovery supports.
Spring–Fall 2027	Conduct the annual Recovery Court Picnic and Recovery Resource Event, bringing together participants, families, alumni, community partners, treatment providers, and recovery organizations.	Increased family engagement, community connections, and participant recovery capital.
Throughout 2027	Provide professional development opportunities for the multidisciplinary Recovery Court team, including attendance at the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual	Increased staff knowledge and implementation of evidence-based practices related to opioid use disorder alcohol use disorder and/or co-occurring substance use disorders.

	Conference, regional opioid summits, and other evidence-based trainings.	
Quarterly (March, June, September, December)	Review project performance, participant outcomes, expenditures, and grant objectives. Complete required grant reporting and quality improvement activities.	Ongoing evaluation, fiscal accountability, and continuous quality improvement.
December 2027	Complete final project evaluation, prepare final performance report, assess project outcomes, and develop sustainability strategies for continued Recovery in Motion services.	Successful project completion and planning for long-term sustainability.
Project Management: The Recovery Court Coordinator will oversee day-to-day implementation of the Recovery in Motion initiative and will work closely with the multidisciplinary Recovery Court team, including the Judge, probation officers, treatment providers, and other community partners. The Recovery Court team will review participant progress during regular staffing meetings to ensure services are coordinated, barriers are addressed promptly, and participants receive individualized support based on their treatment and recovery needs. Because Recovery in Motion expands services within an established Recovery Court, project implementation will occur immediately following the grant award, allowing participants to benefit from enhanced recovery support throughout the entire grant period.		
7. Scope of Work Project Deliverables: During the grant period, Recovery in Motion will:		

- Remove transportation barriers that prevent participants from accessing treatment and Recovery Court services.
- Increase participant access to behavioral health counseling.
- Maintain frequent sobriety compliance monitoring consistent with Recovery Court best practices.
- Increase participant engagement in recovery-oriented programming.
- Strengthen family and community involvement in participant recovery.
- Enhance staff knowledge through evidence-based professional development.
- Improve participant engagement, treatment retention, and successful completion of Recovery Court.

Recovery in Motion expands an established, evidence-based Recovery Court by strengthening services that improve participant outcomes while supporting the goals of the Isabella County Opioid Settlement Fund.

Activity	Outputs	Outcomes	Timeline
A. Recovery Transportation Assistance – Provide transportation assistance for eligible participants to attend court hearings, counseling, treatment appointments, sobriety compliance monitoring, medical appointments, educational opportunities, and recovery support meetings.	Transportation assistance provided to eligible participants throughout the grant period.	Reduced transportation barriers; increased attendance at court, counseling, treatment, and recovery services.	January–December 2027
B. Behavioral Health Counseling Assistance – Provide financial	Counseling assistance provided to eligible participants.	Increased engagement in behavioral health treatment and improved treatment retention.	January–December 2027

assistance for counseling and behavioral health services when participants have limited insurance coverage or other financial barriers.			
C. Sobriety compliance monitoring- Conduct frequent sobriety compliance monitoring in house and/or at outside testing facility, using both laboratory-based testing and in-house oral fluid and urine testing devices consistent with evidence-based treatment court practices.	Sobriety compliance monitoring completed according to Recovery court program.	Early identification of relapse, timely clinical intervention, increased accountability, and improved treatment outcomes.	January–December 2027
D. Recovery Engagement – Provide recovery-oriented activities that encourage peer support, recovery education, participant recognition, and family engagement.	Recovery engagement activities conducted throughout the grant period.	Increased participant engagement, strengthened recovery supports, and improved retention in Recovery Court.	January–December 2027
E. Recovery Court Initiatives – Conduct recovery-focused programming, including the annual Recovery Court Picnic, recovery education, family engagement activities, and community resource connections.	Recovery Court initiatives completed with participant and family involvement.	Increased recovery capital, stronger family support, and greater awareness of community recovery resources.	Spring–Fall 2027
F. Workforce Development – Provide professional development opportunities for the	Recovery Court team members complete professional development activities.	Increased knowledge and implementation of evidence-based practices related to opioid use disorder,	January–December 2027

multidisciplinary Recovery Court team through attendance at the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual Conference, regional opioid summits, and other evidence-based trainings.		alcohol use disorders, co-occurring disorders, trauma-informed care, and emerging substance use trends.	
8. Success – How will success be measured? The Isabella County Recovery Court will evaluate the effectiveness of Recovery in Motion through ongoing monitoring of project activities, participant outcomes, and program performance. The Recovery Court Coordinator will oversee data collection in collaboration with the multidisciplinary Recovery Court team, including probation officers, treatment providers, and other community partners. Data will be obtained from Recovery Court case management records (DCCMIS and DCAS through the SCAO), treatment provider reports, attendance records, sobriety compliance monitoring documentation, participant progress reviews, and Recovery Court data information tracking systems. Process Measures (Outputs) The Recovery Court will monitor implementation of each Recovery in Motion component by collecting the following information: • Number of participants receiving transportation assistance. • Number of transportation services/supports provided (bus tickets/gas cards). • Number of participants receiving counseling assistance. • Number of counseling sessions supported through grant funding. • Number of laboratory-based drug tests completed. • Number of in-house and outside testing facility oral fluid and urine drug tests completed. • Number of participants participating in recovery engagement activities. • Number of Recovery Court initiatives conducted. • Number of Recovery Court team members completing professional development activities.			

Outcome measures:

Success of the Recovery in Motion initiative will be measured through improvements in participant engagement, treatment access, and Recovery Court outcomes, including:

- Increased attendance at court hearings, counseling appointments, treatment sessions, and required sobriety compliance monitoring.
- Reduced missed appointments related to transportation barriers.
- Increased participant engagement in behavioral health counseling and treatment.
- Increased participation in recovery-oriented activities.
- Improved compliance with individualized treatment plans.
- Earlier identification of relapse through sobriety compliance monitoring and prompt clinical intervention.
- Increased participant retention in the Recovery Court program.
- Increased successful completion (graduation) from Recovery Court.
- Strengthened collaboration among Recovery Court partners.

Data Review and Continuous Quality Improvement:

Project data will be reviewed quarterly during multidisciplinary Recovery Court staffing meetings or via reported information. The Recovery Court team will evaluate participant progress, identify trends, monitor expenditures, and make adjustments as necessary to improve service delivery. Continuous quality improvement activities will ensure Recovery in Motion remains responsive to participant needs and aligned with evidence-based treatment court practices.

Overall Measure of Success:

The ultimate success of Recovery in Motion will be demonstrated by increased access to treatment, improved participant engagement in recovery services, reduced barriers to care, enhanced Recovery Court retention and graduation, and stronger long-term recovery outcomes for justice-involved adults affected by opioid use disorder, polysubstance use disorders, alcohol use disorder, and/or co-occurring mental health conditions.

By building upon more than twenty years of successful Recovery Court operations, Recovery in Motion will strengthen Isabella County's capacity to provide evidence-based recovery support that improve individual outcomes, enhance public safety, and promote healthier families and communities.

9. Sustainability – How will the project be sustained after funding cycle?

The Isabella County Recovery Court is committed to sustaining the Recovery in Motion initiative beyond the grant period by integrating project activities into the Court's established

operations and continuing to leverage strong community partnerships, local resources, and future funding opportunities.

The multidisciplinary Recovery Court team meets regularly to review participant progress, coordinate treatment services, identify barriers to recovery, and develop individualized responses that support participant success. These collaborative relationships will continue beyond the grant period and provide a strong foundation for sustaining Recovery in Motion.

Following the grant period, the Isabella County Recovery Court will pursue a variety of strategies to maintain and expand Recovery in Motion services, including:

- Seeking future opioid settlement funding opportunities through Isabella County and other eligible funding sources.
- Applying for state and federal grants that support treatment courts, behavioral health services, substance use disorder treatment, and recovery support initiatives.
- Working with community partners to identify additional resources that reduce barriers to treatment, including transportation assistance, counseling support, and recovery programming.
- Incorporating successful project components into ongoing Recovery Court operations as resources become available.
- Continuing to strengthen partnerships with Community Mental Health, Ronan Psychological, Pathways, Veterans Affairs Administration, McLaren Hospital, law enforcement agencies, peer recovery organizations, and other local service providers to maximize available community resources.

The knowledge and skills gained through professional development funded by this project will continue to benefit the Recovery Court long after the grant period has ended. Staff trained in evidence-based treatment court practices, trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), and emerging substance use trends will apply that knowledge in their daily work with participants, creating lasting improvements in program quality and participant outcomes.

10. Budget – Total grant amount requested	\$ 35,000.00
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11. Budget Narrative – How will funds be used to meet project goals?

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET

Category	Amount
Recovery Transportation Assistance	\$5,000
Behavioral Health Counseling Assistance	\$9,000
Recovery Support & Community Engagement	\$1,000
Sobriety compliance monitoring	\$12,000
Workforce Development & Professional Training	\$5,000
Recovery Court Recovery Initiatives	\$3,000
TOTAL REQUEST	\$35,000

The Isabella County Recovery Court respectfully requests \$35,000 to implement Recovery in Motion as follows:

Recovery Transportation Assistance – \$5,000

Transportation is one of the most significant barriers to successful participation in Recovery Court. Many participants reside in rural areas of Isabella County where public transportation is limited or unavailable. Grant funds will provide transportation assistance to enable participants to attend court hearings, behavioral health counseling, substance use treatment, medication appointments, sobriety compliance monitoring, medical appointments, educational opportunities, and recovery support meetings.

By reducing transportation barriers, participants will be better able to comply with Recovery Court requirements, remain engaged in treatment, and maintain progress toward long-term recovery.

Behavioral Health Counseling Assistance- \$9,000

Grant funds will provide financial assistance for behavioral health counseling and substance use treatment services for participants who are uninsured, underinsured, or unable to afford deductibles, co-payments, or other treatment-related expenses.

Improving access to counseling supports evidence-based treatment, increases treatment retention, addresses co-occurring mental health conditions, and reduces barriers that interfere with successful recovery.

Recovery Support & Community Engagement- \$1,000

Recovery support funding will strengthen participant engagement through recovery-oriented programming, peer support activities, recovery education, participant recognition, and family engagement opportunities. These activities increase recovery capital, reinforce positive recovery behaviors, and strengthen connections to community resources that support long-term recovery.

Sobriety Compliance Monitoring- \$12,000

Sobriety compliance monitoring is an essential component of the evidence-based Recovery Court model. Grant funding will support:

- Outside testing facility testing fees for evening, weekend/holiday sobriety compliance monitoring at \$28 per test;
- Laboratory confirmation testing at approximately \$25 per confirmation, when clinically indicated;
- In-house oral saliva and urine testing devices - up to \$8 per test.

Workforce Development & Professional Training- \$5,000

Grant funds will support professional development for the multidisciplinary Recovery Court team through attendance at the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) Annual Conference, regional opioid summits, and other training opportunities focused on opioid use disorder, medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, co-occurring disorders, and emerging substance use trends.

Maintaining a well-trained multidisciplinary team strengthens program quality and ensures participants receive evidence-based services.

Recovery Community Engagement & Recovery Initiatives- \$3,000

Funding will support recovery-focused initiatives that strengthen participant recovery and family engagement, including the annual Recovery Court Picnic, recovery education, community resource events, family engagement activities, and participant recognition.

These initiatives provide opportunities for participants and their families to build healthy support networks, connect with local treatment and recovery resources, celebrate recovery milestones, and reinforce long-term recovery goals.

The proposed budget directly supports the goals of the Recovery in Motion initiative by reducing barriers to treatment, increasing participant engagement, strengthening recovery supports, and improving outcomes for justice-involved individuals served by the Isabella County Recovery Court.

12. New or Existing Project – Check one	X - Existing ___ - New
12.a. If existing, how many unique individuals are served annually by the current project?	Up to 25
12.b. If new, is the project evidence-based or based on promising practices? (Check one and provide link to information on evidence base)	___ - Yes ___ - No
13. Attachments – Supporting Documents	Link: _____ • Resume and/or biography of project director • Completed budget template (provided) • Letters of support from partner organizations (optional) • Materials demonstrating experience, organizational impact and/or commitment to addressing the drug overdose epidemic (optional)

Resources

- Principles for Spending
 - Principles for the Use of Funds From the Opioid Litigation

- Evidence-Based Strategies and Promising Practices
 - [Evidence Based Strategies for Abatement of Harms from the Opioid Epidemic](#)
 - [Evidence-Based Strategies for Preventing Opioid Overdose: What's Working in the United States](#)
- Local data
 - [Michigan Overdose Data to Action Dashboard](#)
 - Data on overdose deaths, emergency department visits and emergency medical services (EMS) calls and Substance Use Vulnerability Index
 - [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Opioids Webpage - EMS Responses](#)
 - “Public Use Dataset EMS Responses to Probable Opioid Overdose”, found under “Overdose Reports”
 - [Michigan Substance Use Disorder Data Repository \(SUDDR\) and Data Visualizations](#)
 - Suspected fatal overdoses and emergency medical services naloxone administration data
 - [University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center System for Opioid Overdose Surveillance \(SOS\)](#)
 - County-level data on overdose deaths, emergency department visits and emergency medical services (EMS) calls
 - [Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program \(ODMAP\)](#)
 - Near real-time tracking of fatal and non-fatal overdoses and naloxone administration by public health and public safety
 - [Wayne State University's School of Social Work Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Dashboard](#)
 - Customizable dashboard that shows multiple topics including, behavioral health, public health, criminal justice, housing, demographic and other data
 - Data and information may also be accessed through local communities within health departments, prevention coalitions, harm reduction providers, behavioral health providers, recovery support providers and other groups.

ATTACHMENT

Overall Alignment with Appropriate Uses of Opioid Settlement Funds

Recovery in Motion aligns with the intent of the Isabella County Opioid Settlement Funds by expanding access to evidence-based treatment, reducing barriers to care, strengthening recovery support services, enhancing Recovery Court operations through therapeutic interventions, and improving outcomes for justice-involved adults with substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder, alcohol use disorder, polysubstance use disorders and/or co-occurring mental health conditions.

The requested funding will expand existing Recovery Court services and will supplement-not replace current program funding.

Recovery in Motion is also consistent with the Johns Hopkins Principles for the Use of Opioid Litigation Funds by expanding access to evidence-based treatment, reducing barriers to care, strengthening recovery support services, investing in workforce development, and improving outcomes for individuals affected by substance use disorders.

Recovery in Motion- Project at a Glance- Grant Request \$35,000

Participants served	Up to 25
Project Period	January–December 2027
Transportation Assistance	\$ 5,000
Counseling Assistance	\$ 9,000
Sobriety compliance monitoring	\$12,000
Recovery Engagement	\$ 1,000
Recovery Court Initiatives	\$ 3,000
Workforce Development	\$ 5,000

Recovery in Motion strengthens the Isabella County Recovery Court by reducing barriers to treatment, strengthening recovery support services, and improving participant outcomes through transportation assistance, counseling support, sobriety compliance monitoring, recovery-focused programming, and workforce development.

Isabella County Opioid Settlement Funds

Proposed Project Budget

Applicant: Isabella County Trial Court Recovery Court

Date: July 29, 2026

INCOME:

Source	\$ Amount	Description
Isabella County Opioid Settlement Funds		Pending approval of Request by Isabella County Board of Commissioners
Total Income:	\$0	

EXPENSES:

Description, including quantity, if applicable	\$\$\$ Amount	Exhibit E (Ref. section(s) addressed)	Strategy Category
Recovery Transportation Assistance	\$5,000	B.1 & B.7	(Prevention, Harm Reduction, Linkage to Care, Criminal-Legal System, Treatment, Recovery Supports, Pregnant or Parenting Women & Treatment and Recovery Supports
Behavioral Health Counseling Assistance	\$9,000	A.2 & B.3	Evidenced Based services
Recovery Support & Community Engagement	\$1,000	B.2, 6 & 10	Recovery Support Services
Sobriety compliance monitoring	\$12,000	A.2 & B.3	Treatment court support
Workforce Development & Professional Training	\$5,000	A.9	Treatment (Part 1)
Recovery Court Initiatives	\$3,000	D.3 & B.10	Recovery Supports
Sub-Total Expenses:	\$35,000		
Indirect costs:			
Total Expenses:	\$35,000		

Indirect costs may not exceed ten percent (10%) of Sub-Total Expenses shown above.

Amounts rounded to the nearest dollar.

Total Income should equal Total Expenses for a balanced budget.

If proposed project budget is part of a larger program endeavor, please provide details in the Budget Narrative section of the RFP.

BIOGRAPHY

Carolyn K. Johnson
Recovery Court Coordinator
Isabella County Trial Court

Carolyn K. Johnson has served the Isabella County Trial Court since 2001 and currently serves as the Recovery Court Coordinator for the Isabella County Recovery Court. In this role, she oversees the administration, coordination, and daily operations of the Recovery Court program, working closely with the Judge and multidisciplinary Recovery Court team to support participants with substance use disorders as they pursue long-term recovery and successful reintegration into the community.

Throughout her extensive career with the Isabella County Trial Court, Carolyn has served in several positions, including Circuit Court Clerk, Friend of the Court Caseworker, Adult Probation Officer, Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Coordinator, and most recently, the Recovery Court Coordinator. This diverse experience has provided her with extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system, court operations, community supervision, case management, and collaborative problem-solving courts. As Recovery Court Coordinator, Carolyn is responsible for program administration, participant case coordination, grant management, data collection and reporting, policy development, budget oversight, and collaboration with treatment providers, community partners, and criminal justice agencies. She works to ensure participants receive coordinated, evidence-based services that reduce barriers to treatment, strengthen accountability, and promote long-term recovery.

Carolyn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Assistant Studies and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration. She remains committed to professional development and regularly participates in training through the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) and other organizations focused on evidence-based treatment court practices, substance use disorders, trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, and emerging trends in behavioral health. Drawing on more than two decades of experience within the Isabella County Trial Court, Carolyn is committed to strengthening Recovery Court services through innovation, collaboration, and evidence-based practices that improve participant outcomes, enhance public safety, and support healthier individuals, families, and communities.

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TRIAL JUDGE

To the Isabella County Opioid Advisory Committee:

I am pleased to provide my strongest possible support for the *Recovery in Motion* initiative and its request for funding through the opioid settlement funds. As the presiding judge of the Isabella County Recovery Court, I have the privilege of witnessing every day the extraordinary resilience of individuals who are working to overcome substance use disorders and rebuild their lives. I have also seen firsthand the barriers that can derail recovery despite an individual's commitment to change. The Recovery in Motion initiative directly addresses many of those barriers and represents a thoughtful, evidence-based investment in long-term recovery and community safety.

The Recovery Court is founded on accountability, treatment, and support. Participants are required to engage in intensive treatment, frequent court appearances, random drug testing, employment or educational activities, and ongoing recovery programming. Success depends not only on individual determination but also on access to the services and resources necessary to sustain recovery. Unfortunately, many participants face significant obstacles, including transportation challenges, financial limitations, inadequate access to behavioral health services, and limited opportunities to build meaningful recovery supports.

The Recovery in Motion initiative is designed to address these needs through six integrated components that will strengthen every phase of the recovery process.

Recovery Courts have consistently demonstrated that comprehensive treatment combined with judicial supervision improves recovery outcomes, reduces recidivism, enhances public safety, and decreases the long-term costs associated with incarceration and repeated involvement in the justice system. The Recovery in Motion initiative builds upon this proven model by addressing practical barriers that often stand between participants and sustained recovery.

I wholeheartedly support this funding request and respectfully urge the committee to approve this proposal. This investment will strengthen our Recovery Court, improve participant outcomes, and ultimately make our community healthier and safer for everyone.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your commitment to supporting initiatives that address the ongoing impact of the opioid crisis.

Sincerely,

Honorable Sara Spencer-Noggle
21st Circuit, Isabella County
Presiding Judge, Isabella County Recovery Court

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Date: Monday, July 27, 2026

Re: Letter of Support for Isabella County Recovery Court Opioid Settlement Funding Request

On behalf of the Isabella County Sheriff's Office, I am pleased to provide this letter of strong support for the Isabella County Recovery Court's request for funding through the Michigan Opioid Settlement Fund. The opioid epidemic continues to have a significant impact on our community, our criminal justice system, and the individuals and families we serve every day. As Sheriff, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of opioid use disorder, including increased criminal justice involvement, overdoses, strained public safety resources, and the long-term challenges associated with addiction and recovery. The Isabella County Recovery Court plays a critical role in addressing these challenges by providing evidence-based treatment, intensive supervision, accountability, and support to individuals struggling with substance use disorders. Recovery Court offers participants an opportunity to break the cycle of addiction and criminal behavior while improving public safety and reducing recidivism. Its collaborative approach brings together the courts, law enforcement, treatment providers, probation, and community partners to help individuals achieve lasting recovery.

The Sheriff's Office has worked closely with Recovery Court and recognizes the positive outcomes it provides to both participants and the community. Individuals who successfully complete the program are more likely to maintain sobriety, secure employment, reunite with their families, and become productive members of society. These outcomes not only improve individual lives but also reduce demands on law enforcement, emergency medical services, the jail, and other public resources.

The requested Opioid Settlement Funds would directly support the mission of Recovery Court by expanding access to treatment, recovery services, case management, and other evidence-based interventions specifically designed to address opioid use disorder. These are precisely the types of investments envisioned by the opioid settlement—to mitigate the harm caused by the opioid crisis and improve long-term recovery outcomes.

As our community continues to respond to the ongoing effects of opioid addiction, it is essential that we invest in programs with demonstrated success. Recovery Court has proven to be one of the most effective tools available to reduce recidivism, improve participant outcomes, and enhance public safety.

I respectfully encourage the committee to give this funding request its full consideration and support. The continued success of the Isabella County Recovery Court will have lasting benefits for participants, their families, and the entire community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Letter of Support for Isabella County Recovery Court – Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Application

Dear Members of the Isabella County Opioid Advisory Committee:

On behalf of the Isabella County Public Defender's Office, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Isabella County Recovery Court's application for funding through the Isabella County Opioid Settlement Funds Request.

The Isabella County Recovery Court plays a vital role in addressing substance use disorders among individuals involved in the criminal justice system. Recovery Court provides participants with accountability, structure, treatment connections, recovery support, and the opportunity to address the underlying substance use issues that have led to criminal justice involvement. By supporting individuals in recovery, the program promotes healthier families, a safer community, and reduced involvement/recidivism in the criminal justice system.

The Public Defender's Office has seen firsthand the challenges faced by individuals struggling with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders. Many individuals entering recovery face significant barriers, including transportation limitations, financial hardship, difficulty accessing treatment and testing, and a lack of resources necessary to remain in a structured recovery program. Funding for the Isabella County Recovery Court would help address these barriers and strengthen the program's ability to support participants throughout their recovery.

The Isabella County Recovery Court's work is consistent with the goals of the opioid settlement funding opportunity, including supporting individuals in treatment and recovery, connecting people who need help with appropriate services, and addressing the needs of criminal-justice-involved individuals. The funding opportunity specifically identifies treatment and recovery services, criminal-justice-related needs, training, and coordination as allowable strategies for opioid remediation.

The Public Defender's Office strongly supports the Isabella County Recovery Court's request for funding. We believe this investment will help provide participants with the practical resources and support necessary to remain engaged in recovery, successfully complete program requirements, and build a healthier and more stable future for the program. The Public Defender's Office is proud to support efforts that expand access to recovery services and address the substance use disorders that affect individuals, families, and communities throughout Isabella County.

Sincerely,



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Isabella County Chief Public Defender



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