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December 29, 2022

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On behalf of the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, we are pleased to submit this proposal for the City of Fayetteville. We are applying for funding to continue the LEAD program in Cumberland. This funding will allow us to continue operating our program by supporting the Linkage to Care/LEAD specialist, and boost our current efforts by collecting data and assessing program successes.

The LEAD program is a criminal justice diversion program that serves people with opioid use disorder, through a harm reduction approach that seeks to accomplish the goals of reduced criminal behavior and improved public safety by connecting low-level drug offenders with treatment, social services, and other community resources. This approach has proven to save money with demonstrated success for reducing future criminal behavior as opposed to processing low-level drug offenders through the criminal justice system. The program allows officers to redirect low-level offenders engaged in drug or sex work activity to community-based programs and services, instead of jail and prosecution. By diverting eligible individuals to services, LEAD is committed to improving public safety and public order by reducing the criminal behavior of people who participate in the program.

Thank you for your support and consideration of our proposal. Your generous support will allow NCHRC to continue providing life-saving knowledge to hundreds of high-risk individuals in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Carden-Glenn".

Dianne Carden-Glenn
Board President



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Project Name: Cumberland NCHRC

Funds Requested: *\$100,000 annually*

Option A Strategies:

Executive Summary

The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition is a Grassroots nonprofit Organization currently operating in Cumberland County. The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) began committing resources to Cumberland County in 2014. NCHRC provides (boots on the ground) outreach services and linkage to care to Cumberland County residents. Among the many services that NCHRC provides is a comprehensive syringe services program; naloxone education and distribution; post-overdose follow-up; overdose prevention and harm reduction education; linkage to care; and on-going peer support and technical assistance for Cumberland County.

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NCHRC's opioid response continues to improve. In the third quarter of 2022 alone, NCHRC distributed 873 two-dose Narcan kits to 516 people. Of those kits distributed in the last quarter, 138 of those kits were reported as being used successfully in an overdose reversal. That translates into 138 Cumberland County overdose reversals in a 90-day period! NCHRC also made a total of 236 referrals during that same period, successfully linking 51 of those individuals to recovery support. In comparison, during the entire year of 2019 NCHRC was only able to link 12 individuals to recovery support. This demonstrates NCHRC's commitment to not only expand our opioid response in Fayetteville/Cumberland, but to have the capacity to do so; however, the funding that makes this possible expires soon and the data also demonstrates the need Fayetteville/Cumberland has for this continued support.

This will be achieved through a coalition of community stakeholders which include the Fayetteville Police Department's command staff, Cumberland Crisis Response Center, the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office, Alliance Behavioral Health, Coastal Horizon's Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC), and a network of local treatment providers.

The LEAD program is committed to improving public safety and reducing the criminal behavior of people who participate in the program. Since former police Chief Harold Medlock brought the first LEAD program to North Carolina in 2016, the Fayetteville LEAD program has been distinguished as a model for other North Carolina LEAD sites. This recognition has been further demonstrated by a visit from N.C. Attorney General Josh Stein in June of 2022, in which he personally recognized the effectiveness of Fayetteville's LEAD program. Furthermore, a recent program evaluation of Fayetteville's LEAD program conducted by Duke University revealed that Fayetteville LEAD participants demonstrated a significant decline in criminal charges post LEAD, as well as a sharp increase in behavioral health service utilization.¹

¹ Access to the Duke Evaluation can be provided by contacting gberry@nchrc.org

Project Description and Implementation Plan

According to the guidelines for how local governments may use opioid settlement funds, local governments may use funds to support programs listed as “Option A strategies,” which serve people with opioid use disorder, or any co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health condition. NCHRC has identified they will mostly impact as: these Option A strategies are “criminal justice diversion programs” (strategy 10) “post overdose response teams” (strategy 8) Early intervention (strategy 6), and In partnership with a host of community alliances, Programs to support people in treatment and recovery (Option A Strategies 3, 4, 5, and 12)

- Recovery support services
- Recovery housing
- Employment-related services
- Reentry services

NCHRC is in the unique position to both interact with individuals on the fringe of society, and service providers seeking to assist them. Through mitigation of the harms of chaotic opioid use, we provide the momentum cessation individuals need to make better decisions for their lives.

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The LEAD program achieves these commitments by following a set of core principles:

- *Peer outreach and counseling:* There is substantial evidence that highly marginalized populations can be engaged by peers whom the potential participants view as knowledgeable about their situation and can have a credible conversation about the value of a program.
- *The program embodies Harm reduction philosophy:* Participants will be engaged where they are, point in time, in their life. They will not be penalized or denied services if they do not achieve abstinence.
- *Intensive case management:* Participants engaged in problematic drug use require a more holistic approach to case management. They not only need access to medically assisted recovery and other drug treatment options, but they also need access to food, housing, legal advocacy, job training, etc.
- *A non-displacement principle:* Because the objective is to increase safety and order for the community as a whole, it is unhelpful to achieve success for an individual program participant by bumping a person up a wait list of scarce services, while necessarily bumping another community member who needs the same services further down the list.
- *Community transparency and accountability:* It is essential that public safety leaders participate in regular staffing meetings, have access to program performance reports, and have access to case management staff to suggest areas where outreach could usefully be concentrated.

Post Overdose Response will work in conjunction with LEA and Emergency Responders to insured individuals are supported within 48 hours of an overdose event. Additionally, through our NARCAN distribution and data collection we are able to identify peer to peer overdoses and support individuals who are often overlooked.

Early Intervention is implemented through detection and education of nascent health threats like adulterants in the drug supply, Hep C and HIV testing, and detection of at risk individuals through our daily syringe exchange programs and community health drives where we partner with health care professionals to provide wound care and health screenings.

Option A Strategies 3, 4, 5, and 12 all come under the auspices of our already established linkage to care coordinator who identifies low threshold entries to services for marginalized individuals.

Implementation Plan

The Fayetteville LEAD program was implemented in - 2016 with notable success. Fayetteville Police Department (FPD) patrol officers are the primary decision maker for diverting an individual to LEAD (pursuant to the criteria on which officers have been trained, which marks eligible candidates as low-level non-violent offenders with substance use disorder- (SUD). Officers make a series of decisions about the individuals they contact to determine whether those individuals are arrested or will be diverted to LEAD. In addition to these criminal diversions, officers and community partners may also make social contact referrals to LEAD. These social contact referrals allow for early intervention prior to an individual's criminal conduct; thus, reducing the chances of criminal acts before they take place.

Once a referral is made, LEAD candidates must then complete the LEAD Intake Assessment within 14 working days of the referral date to become a participant. Along with ongoing peer support, case management, and linkage to community-based services, LEAD helps to address the basic needs of participants on a case-by-case basis, using LEAD program funds as needed (i.e., food, transportation cost, cell phones, work related expense, clothing, hotel, recovery housing, etc.). LEAD provides this ongoing support as needed, with no time limited for program completion. We will expand the reach of LEAD to include all LEA by highlighting the unique symbiotic relationship between NCHRC and the Fayetteville police department and its benefit to the community. NCHRC will work to foster more fluent communication with all emergency responders in Cumberland County to ensure gaps in the current system are closed. The goal is to make at least 1 contact with everyone who experiences an overdose reversal. Through our early intervention strategies we will provide support and education to churches, schools and at risk youth in the recognition of overdose and the use of NARCAN.

Statement of Need

Cumberland County is the fifth largest county in North Carolina with a population of roughly 335,5081. There is one major city in Cumberland County, (Fayetteville, with a population over 209,000). Fayetteville is an urban community (with a large agricultural industry), and is home to Fort Bragg, (the largest U.S. military installation with approximately 57,000 military personnel, 11,000 civilian employees and 23,000 family members). In 2019, Cumberland County was designated by the North Carolina Department of Commerce as a Tier 1 community in terms of economic distress. This designation was based on the average unemployment rate, median household income, percentage growth in population, and adjusted property tax base per capita. In comparison to other North Carolina counties (100 in total), Cumberland County was ranked 20 out of 100, with #1 being the most distressed. The majority of Census respondents graduated from high school (91 percent) and one (1) out of five (5) have obtained a Bachelor's degree. The median household income is \$8,000 less than the State Average, which is estimated to be \$48,000 as of 2020.

History of Opioid Response and Data

North Carolina has been significantly impacted by the opioid epidemic. Data from the NC Injury and Violence Prevention Division² shows drug deaths increased 350% since 1999. Regarding heroin, there has been an 800% increase in deaths since 2010. Between 2010 and 2011, overdose deaths surpassed motor vehicle deaths, the number one unintentional cause of death since at least 1968. In 2019, over six North Carolinians died each day from an unintentional opioid overdose and from 2010-2019, more than 14,500 lost their lives. Moreover, Recent data released from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services Injury and Violence Prevention Division³ show Cumberland County's year to date (10/18/2022 YTD) opioid overdose related emergency room visits reaching 193, up from 153 compared to the year prior. The overwhelming majority of these cases are uninsured young people, from ages 25-44. When it comes to fentanyl positive

² <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov>

³ <https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov>

overdoses deaths, Cumberland County ranks 10th in the State, with 185 fetal fentanyl overdoses between

August 2021 and July 2022.⁴ Sadly, these numbers are not even a true representation of the scope of this problem. Cape Fear Valley's Community Paramedic Chris Dudley⁵ recently reported that Cape Fear Valley emergency services have responded to 899 overdose calls this year (11/2022 YTD) alone. All the data indicates that Cumberland County can expect to see an increase in overdoses.

Despite the upward trend, Cumberland County stakeholders continue to rally, establishing strong partnerships and moving forward to create impactful strategies to reduce the number of opioid-related injuries and deaths in Fayetteville/Cumberland. The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) began committing resources to Cumberland County in 2014. NCHRC is a non-profit organization which provides (boots on the ground) outreach services and linkage to care to Cumberland County residents. Among the many services that NCHRC provides is a comprehensive syringe services program; naloxone education and distribution; post-overdose follow-up; overdose prevention and harm reduction education; linkage to care; and on-going peer support and technical assistance for Cumberland County's pre-arrest diversion (LEAD) program.

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⁴ [N.C. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner \(OCME\) \(nc.gov\)](https://www.nc.gov/ocme/)

⁵ cdudley@capefearvalley.com

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Results/Goals and SMART Objectives

- *Starting in 2024, provide a field-based LEAD NCHRC staff member to coordinate program operations and act as an independent program manager to engage community members in LEAD and increase sustainable support for the program through coalition building and fiscal responsibility.*
- *Immediately integrate the Fayetteville Post Overdose Response Team (strategy 8) into LEAD (strategy 10) and create a post-overdose referral protocol process for all referrals, regardless of time of day, ensuring for a reliable warm hand-off between the referring officer and a LEAD staff person who can provide peer counseling and linkage to care. (To be achieved within the first year)*
- *Improve the current Post Overdose Response Team (strategy 8) by expanding the relationship between local law enforcement (to include the Sheriff's Office) and NCHRC, to widen NCHRC's access to non-fatal overdose victims and increase referrals to LEAD by a relative increase of 200% within (2) years.*
- *Starting in 2024, offer quarterly LEAD & Harm Reduction training to Law Enforcement and community partners each year to increase officer buy-in and community awareness about the program.*

- *Over a (2) year period conduct comprehensive data collection during the referral process and compare demographics of individuals referred to LEAD to community demographics to ensure community representation and create a comprehensive racial equity plan after the first year that addresses and names racial equity as a goal of the program.*
- *The number of drug overdose deaths in Fayetteville/Cumberland is reduced by 10-percent by 2024.*

Evaluation

Accountability is critical to success. NCHRC has established several goals and objectives to be achieved within (2) years. These goals will be measured against a baseline of 2021's data, across a gamut of demographic metrics, including a general goal of expanding local law enforcement relationships (to include the Sheriff's office) and increasing the number of LEAD participants enrolled in the program by a relative increase of 200% within (2) years. To reduce social inequity, NCHRC will track participant demographics (age, gender, race) and identify inequity impact to ensure equitable representation among program participants. Any inequity will be promptly identified and a strategy to address the issue will be immediately implemented. Post overdose contacts will be documented in perpetuity, and successful recovery support linkages will be tracked and reported each quarter.

Equity Impact

Part of NCHRC's vision is "is to treat every person, regardless of their circumstance or condition, with dignity and respect." As in organization, NCHRC is a recognized State leader in social justice advocacy and coalition building, providing direct services for people impacted by drug use, incarceration, sex work, overdose, gender, HIV, and hepatitis. In Cumberland County, an internal NCHRC audit of equity impact of 2020 harm reduction services revealed many minority groups were not being reached equitably by NCHRC services. In response, in 2021 NCHRC's Cumberland County team implemented a strategy to increase equity impact; as result African American participation increased by 150%; Native American participation increased by 300%; and the participation of people identifying as multiracial increased by 900%!

The Duke Evaluation of the LEAD program has also revealed that the LEAD program should focus its attention on improving equitable impact. Therefore, NCHRC is prepared to conduct comprehensive data collection during the referral process and compare demographics of individuals referred to LEAD to community demographics to ensure community representation and create a comprehensive racial equity plan after the first year that addresses and names racial equity as a goal of the program and increases equitable representation within the program.

Project Partners

North Carolina law enforcement agencies were the first in the U.S. American South to deploy naloxone to officers in May 2015. As more departments have joined, officers are seeing encouraging results. Officers started asking what happens after a naloxone reversal: “We saved their life, but what about treatment?” That is where NCHRC comes in.

Experience and Organizational Capacity

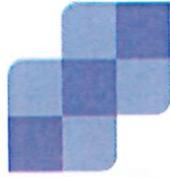
North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) is a statewide grassroots organization dedicated to the implementation of harm reduction interventions, public health strategies, drug policy transformation, and justice reform in North Carolina. Founded in 2004 by Thelma Wright and incorporated in 2006, NCHRC has grown over time from a syringe exchange-focused advocacy group to a nationally recognized non-profit providing comprehensive harm reduction services in multiple communities in NC. In 2013, NCHRC led a coalition that successfully advocated for the passage of NC's 911 Good Samaritan/Naloxone Access and launched the first statewide community-based naloxone distribution program for PWUD in the South.

In 2016, NCHRC further led a coalition that successfully advocated for the legalization of syringe services programs in North Carolina, which built on the success of those two earlier bills that partially decriminalized syringes and drug residue and established pilot programs to collect biohazard. Currently, NCHRC operates 7 syringe services programs, serving residents of 20 counties across NC, from the mountains to the coast.

NCHRC Cumberland County current resources include 2 Outreach Workers and 1 Linkage to Care Coordinator, supervised by the NCHRC Eastern Regional Coordinator. Cumberland County services include a comprehensive syringe service program, naloxone training & distribution, post overdose response, a wrap-around linkage to care service, harm reduction education, and ongoing peer support and technical assistance for Fayetteville's LEAD program.

Proposed Budget	
<i>NC Harm Reduction Coalition</i>	
<i>City of Fayetteville</i>	
<i>October 1, 2023-September 31, 2024</i>	
Line Items	Requested Amount
Personnel (Name)	
LEAD Coordinator-100%	\$ 45,000.00
Personnel Subtotal	\$ 45,000.00
LEAD Coordinator-\$8279.41 (\$3442.50 FICA) + (\$4,836.91-(WC-\$466.20), (GL-\$370.71), (Health Benefit \$4000.00)),	\$ 8,279.41
Travel	
Mileage 600 miles/.625/12 months	\$ 4,500.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
Travel Subtotal	\$ 4,500.00
Equipment	
	\$ -
	\$ -
Equipment Subtotal	\$ -
Supplies	
Incentatives to participants-Such as Transportation, Emergency Housing, Clothing, Food, Work Related Expenses, Educational, Recovery, Treatment	\$ 31,000.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
Supplies Subtotal	\$ 31,000.00
Contractual Costs	

	\$ -
Contractual Subtotal	\$ -
Other	
Cell Phone \$50 per month/12 months	\$ 600.00
Storage 50% \$250 per month/12 months	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ -
Other Subtotal:	\$ 2,100.00
Subtotals of Direct costs	\$ 90,879.41
Indirect (10%)	\$ 9,087.94
Grand Total	\$ 99,967.35



Fayetteville

Carolina Treatment Center

Opioid Use Disorder Program

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November 16, 2022

RE: RFP #23-16-PH Opioid Settlement
Criminal Justice Diversion Program (Option A Strategy 10)

Cumberland County Purchase Office/Attn: Lorena Santos

On behalf of Carolina Treatment Center, Fayetteville, please accept this letter of support for your RFP for Criminal Justice Diversion Program (Option A Strategy 10). Through our work, in partnership with your agency, we have developed an action plan focusing on prevention, education, and access to treatment services. To date, we have assisted with providing Opioid Treatment Services for LEAD Participants at no charge.

Carolina Treatment Center Fayetteville currently provides Medication Assisted Treatment services to approximately 700 people in Cumberland County. Our agency plays a vital role in providing our community with education, awareness and treatment options. We believe that the ability to collaborate with both LEAD of the Fayetteville Police Department and NC Harm Reduction will continue to both minimize the use of jail time and connect to community services to include treatment.

Carolina Treatment Center fully supports the Criminal Justice Diversion Program (Option A Strategy 10) and highly recommends that NC Harm Reduction and LEAD of the Fayetteville Police Department receives the funding to further increase its capacity to help individuals with opioid use disorders and assist in Law Enforcement Diversion when possible. We wish you luck and look forward to continuing our partnership to improve the quality of health for Cumberland residents.

Sincerely,

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November 29, 2022

RE: RFP #23-16-PH Opioid Settlement
Criminal Justice Diversion Program (Option A Strategy 10)

Cumberland County Purchase Office/Attn: Lorena Santos

On behalf of RI International's Cumberland RRC, please accept this letter of support for your RFP for Criminal Justice Diversion Program (Option A Strategy 10). Through our crisis work, in partnership with your agency, we have successfully focused on prevention, education, and linkage to resources for ongoing treatment. We continue to receive large numbers of self-referrals as well as numerous referrals from community partners, to provide crisis services regardless of ability to pay. Over the last 6 months, Cumberland RRC has provided 23-Hour Behavioral health Urgent Care services to approximately 1000 people. Our agency plays a vital role in providing our community with education, awareness and treatment options. We believe that the ability to collaborate with both LEAD of the Fayetteville Police Department and NC Harm Reduction will continue to both minimize the use of jail time and connect to community services to include crisis intervention and treatment. RI International fully supports the Criminal Justice Diversion Program (Option A Strategy 10) and highly recommends that NC Harm Reduction and LEAD of the Fayetteville Police Department receives the funding to further increase its capacity to help individuals with opioid use disorders and assist in Law Enforcement Diversion when possible. We wish you luck and look forward to continuing our partnership to improve the quality of health for Cumberland residents.

Warm Regards,

Amy E. Jordan

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RE: RFP Programs to Support People in Recovery Option A Strategy Harm Reduction

Cumberland County Purchase Office/Attn: Lorena Santos

On behalf of the 14th Prosecutorial District of North Carolina, please accept this letter of support for your RFP for programs to support people in recovery under (option A Strategy Harm Reduction). The District Attorney's Office partnership is through the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program.

The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition is an active member of the community in Cumberland County in addressing the Opioid crisis. NCHRC provides services that mitigate the harm of chaotic opioid use and directs individuals toward safer pathways to health, recovery, and other services. NCHRC provides syringe exchange services to address the spread of communicable disease, Post Overdose Response to identify individuals who are at risk and assist them with low barrier entries to services, NARCAN distribution and wound care, Peer support through Law enforcement Assisted Diversion, education to community stakeholders on best practices when serving this high-risk population.

The District Attorney's Office fully supports the Programs to Support People in Recovery under (Option A Strategy 4, Recovery Housing) and highly recommends that NCHRC receives the funding to further increase its capacity to help individuals with opioid use disorders and mitigate the harm to individuals who use opioids and the community. We wish you luck and look forward to continuing our partnership to improve the quality of health for Cumberland residents.

Respectfully,

Baxter W. Paschal

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Senior Assistant District Attorney
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November 30, 2022

Cumberland County Purchase Office
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RE: Request for Proposal (RFP) Programs to Support People in Recovery Option A Strategy
Harm Reduction

On behalf of the Fayetteville Police Department, please accept this letter of support for your RFP for programs to support people in recovery under (option A Strategy Harm Reduction). Fayetteville Police Department, Partner relationship with North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC) is through the departments Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program.

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The Fayetteville Police Department fully supports the Programs to Support People in Recovery under (Option A Strategy 4, Recovery Housing and highly recommends that NCHRC receives the funding to further increase its capacity to help individuals with opioid use disorders and mitigate the harm to individuals who use opioids and the community. We wish you luck and look forward to continuing our partnership to improve the quality of health for Cumberland residents.

Respectfully,

Gina V. Hawkins
Chief of Police

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Life Net Services LLC

Raising the standard with quality care

Alicia Cabbagestalk, BA, RN, CEO

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November 30, 2022

{Life Net Services, LLC} supports the need for Harm Reduction services including Syringe Exchange, Post Overdose Response (PORT), Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), and Linkage to care within Cumberland County Community. The North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition has prove to be a valuable community partner and we recommend the receive funding from the Opioid settlement Grant to continue and enhance the impact of Harm Reduction in Cumberland County.

We believe that our collaborative efforts will make our community safer and provide an excellent opportunity to expand evidenced-based services in our community. Their goals to reach individuals in the more rural areas of the county is very much needed.

We at {Life Net Services, LLC} fully NCNRC's efforts as well as the collaboration to serve people who use opioids intravenously- NCHRC has been on the forefront of community awareness and education in order to help individuals with opioid use disorders and ease the burden of the opioid epidemic and its related health risks in our community.

Sincerely,

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

Alicia Cabbgestalk BA, RN, Chief Executive Officer
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