

Press Release for Creek County  
Creek County Awarded Opioid Abatement Grant

Creek County, OK - Creek County has been awarded \$300K in grant funding to address the opioid crisis throughout the county, as announced during an Oklahoma Opioid Abatement board meeting on Tuesday, June 4.

This significant achievement follows the Creek County Board of County Commissioners' submission of an application in collaboration with community partners.

Upon learning about the award Tuesday morning, Commissioner Leon Warner stated, "This is great news and I'm grateful to all for the combined efforts to help achieve this great milestone. I look forward to working together as we forge a new path in Creek County helping those who need our assistance."

The funding will enable personnel to implement a comprehensive multi-level approach to prevent opioid misuse, enhance early intervention programs, expand access to treatment services, and support individuals in long-term recovery.

Steven Fritz, Chief Executive Officer of Human Skills & Resources, stated, "We are excited to expand and enhance our substance abuse treatment services to individuals and families affected by the opioid crisis in our community in Creek County alongside our community partners."

There will be intense collaboration among key community stakeholders, including law enforcement, the district attorney's office/criminal justice partners, youth-serving organizations, mental health and substance abuse agencies, and community organizations.

Erin Brook, Executive Director of Youth Services of Creek County, reported, "Through collaborative effort to help youth and families funding will help educate our parents about the dangers of in utero substance abuse and the harmful effects on both mother and baby."

The project will establish a well-connected network of resources and referrals to provide a coordinated response.

Amanda Hammack, Director of Addiction & Recovery Services, CREOKS Health Services, said "we are deeply grateful for the support provided by the Opioid Abatement Board. Funding will enhance CREOKS' ability to assist individuals in recovery and provide a chance for a healthier future."

Kevin Day, Chief Executive Officer of LifeGate Freedom Recovery Ministries, stated "We too are excited to strengthen our partnerships, expand our housing mission as is Mimi Tarrasch, Chief Program Officer at Family & Children's Services, stating this is a great opportunity for collaboration with community partners and increase jail-based education/parenting, diversion and recovery supports.

This coordinated effort efforts aims to establish a robust network of resources and referrals to effectively address the opioid crisis in Creek County.