

HB 4120 - The Oregon Jail-Based Medication for Opioid-Use Disorder Grant Program

The **Oregon Jail-Based Medication for Opioid-Use Disorder (MOUD) Grant Program** will provide \$10M in funding to create or expand jail-based counseling and MOUD programs serving adults in custody with opioid use disorder. The program will be established within and administered by the Criminal Justice Commission in collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority. The two agencies will provide technical assistance and help establish best practices for jails statewide.

Need for the Jail MOUD Grant Program:

The opioid addiction crisis has cast a bright light on the need to improve MOUD services within our local jail systems. Currently, when adults in custody enter a local carceral facility they are no longer eligible for OHP or Medicaid to support continuing or initiating addiction treatment. Consequences include traumatic withdrawal in jail, disruption of community addiction treatment plans and jeopardized continuity of addiction care at release. **The gap in medication services misses an opportunity for evidence-based treatment that would promote recovery and help end cyclical drug use and incarceration.** Most jails lack the infrastructure and funding to implement or expand addiction care, including MOUD.



- In 2022, over 1,200 Oregonians lost their lives to fatal drug overdose.
- *Nearly 60% of incarcerated individuals have a substance use disorder*, but most go untreated.
- In 2021, only 12% of incarcerated people were offered MOUD in American jails and prisons.
- Research shows that incarcerated people and those recently released from incarceration face a significantly elevated risk of overdose death as compared to the general public. One estimate indicates that incarcerated people are *129 times more likely to die of overdose* within 2 weeks of release.
- MOUD is an evidence-based treatment, significantly improving health outcomes for people with opioid use disorder, such as raising patient survival rates, increasing retention in treatment, reducing criminal activity, and improving a patient's ability to gain and maintain employment.
- One estimate indicates that every dollar spent on prison-based treatment saves between \$2-\$6 due in part to reductions in criminal behavior and associated costs.

Program Objectives:



- Provide MOUD at the time people are incarcerated.
- Create an opportunity (not a mandate) for jails to create or expand programs; support jails at whatever level of capacity they currently have.
- Fund a spectrum of needs, such as medications, telemedicine, mobile treatment units, acute withdrawal screenings and medication storage.
- Provide a carve-out of funding for rural, frontier and tribal jails. A grant review committee will advise CJC on grant awards.

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