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### **Sauk County Seeks Proposals for Sober Living**

**Sauk County, Wis—** Sauk County is currently accepting proposals to expand access to sober living for residents with opioid use disorder. Funding for this project comes from the National Opioid Settlement that was reached in February 2022. Sauk County received an initial settlement and gathered community input on opioid crisis response. Following feedback and data that prioritized housing options for people in recovery from opioid use disorder, the County has made available \$300,000 in settlement funds for this purpose.

Public Health Sauk County conducted a survey in the fall of 2023 that asked respondents to rank strategies to address the opioid epidemic from a list of options that were approved as part of the National Opioid Settlement. Survey results showed increasing the availability of housing services was a top priority. In addition, public health and local healthcare systems conducted community health assessments in 2021 and 2024 that resulted in priorities to expand housing options and respond to substance use. Sauk County currently has no sober living facilities.

“The demand for recovery residences in Sauk County is high,” says Sara Jesse, Community Health Manager for Public Health Sauk County and main point of contact for the request for proposals. “Safe, stable, and supportive housing for people with opioid use disorder is essential for successful treatment and recovery. We look forward to collaborating with recovery housing providers to enhance the continuum of care for people in recovery in our area.”

Those who are interested can submit a proposal at: <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/publichealth/sober-living-services-rfp>.

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