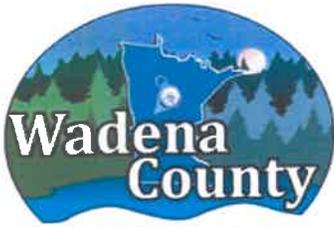


Wadena County, MN Board Action Form



Action Requested	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda Item	

Title: Opioid Committee Recommendations – Wadena Schools (Interquest Canines)	
Date of Meeting:	Total time requested: 5 min
Department Requesting Action: Public Health	
Presenting Board Action/Discussion at Meeting: Sarah Ness, on behalf of the Opioid Committee	
Background <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Documentation enclosed	
To keep drugs out of the WDC Middle/High School, work with Interquest Detection Canines to perform four drug detection operations during the 2025-2026 school year. This is a request supported by the Opioid Committee for the Wadena County Board of Commissioners to approve the Opioid Settlement RFP funding for the Wadena schools to utilize Interquest Detection Canine units in their school.	
Options <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Documentation enclosed	
Recommendation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Wadena County Board of Commissioners approves the following by Motion:	
Motion to approve the Opioid Settlement Request for Proposal (RFP) Application submitted by Lee Westrum on behalf of the Wadena schools for \$1,360 to utilize Interquest Detection Canine units.	
Financial Implications: None	Comments
Funding Source: Opioid Settlement	WDC Middle/High School is requesting \$1,360 (a total of 4 visits) to work with Interquest Canines during the 2025-2026 school year.
Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Action	Voting in Favor	Voting Against
Motion:	<input type="checkbox"/> Noon	<input type="checkbox"/> Noon
Second:	<input type="checkbox"/> Winkels	<input type="checkbox"/> Winkels
<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Stearns	<input type="checkbox"/> Stearns
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Signatures
 STATE OF MINNESOTA}
 COUNTY OF Wadena}
 I, Heather Olson, County Auditor/Treasurer, Wadena County, Minnesota hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the proceedings of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office of Wadena County in Wadena, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said motion was duly passed by said board at said meeting. Witness my hand and seal:

BOARD RESOLUTION

2026-5

At the meeting of the Wadena County Board of Directors on 02/10/2026 the following resolution was proposed and approved:

Be it resolved:

That Wadena County fully supports Lee Westrum and the Wadena school in their request of \$1,360 for the use of Interquest Detection Canines for 4 random searches during the 2026-2026 school year.

Wadena County supports the utilization of Interquest Detection Canines to reduce the prevalence of drugs, vaping devices, and other prohibited substances on school grounds to create a safer and healthier environment for students and staff.

Wadena County further supports this one-time funding request with a proposed project timeline of the 2025-2026 school year.

Signature: _____

Title: Board Chairperson



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Wadena County Opioid Settlement Request for Proposal (RFP) Guidelines

In July 2021, The MN Attorney General's Office joined a historic settlement agreement with pharmaceutical distributors and opioid manufacturers. These settlements will bring millions of dollars to Minnesota over the next 18 years to fight the opioid crisis. Wadena County's expected portion of funds over the next 18 years equals \$990,292.74. For more information and a link to the RFP, visit the Wadena County Public Health webpage at <http://www.co.wadena.mn.us/212/Public-Health>

Estimated funding award: \$2,500 to \$25,000 per proposal as funding is available

Eligible applicants: Public and private organizations serving Wadena County residents

Timeline: Completed RFP's are submitted to the Wadena County Opioid Settlement Committee to review funding requests and make recommendations to the Wadena County Board of Commissioners. If a funding request is recommended, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners will make a final decision to approve or deny the proposal and will award funds at the first Wadena County Board meeting of the month; generally the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Wadena County Opioid Committee meetings occur on the 3rd Wed of each month to review applications.

Additional information may be requested from organizations throughout the process to provide clarification.

Additional information:

- Funding for evidenced-based projects will be given priority.
- Funded projects will be required to develop a work plan and provide outcome data to show progress toward meeting goals and objectives.

Please submit completed RFP to sarah.ness@wcmn.us

For questions regarding this RFP, please email sarah.ness@wcmn.us or call Wadena County Public Health (218-631-7629)

Purpose/Goals for Wadena County Opioid Funding Settlement Awards. Please click on the associated link for definitions.

1. Prevention [picture of america prevention.pdf \(cdc.gov\)](#)
2. Harm Reduction [Harm Reduction | Drug Overdose | CDC Injury Center](#)
3. Criminal Justice [Criminal Justice DrugFacts | National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\) \(nih.gov\)](#)
4. Treatment and Recovery <https://www.hhs.gov/overdose-prevention/treatment>

Priority Areas:

- Education
- Accessing Services/Assistance
- System/Organizational Enhancements
- Other: Approaches/strategies that may not clearly fit under the areas listed

Examples for funding (not a comprehensive list). Please refer to the resources below, specifically the MN Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement, Exhibit A, B and C for further examples.

- Broad Prevention strategies to increase protective factors and to live well
- Culturally equitable projects responsive to Wadena County demographics
- Workforce development projects
- Continuum of care projects, such as supporting those in recovery
- Promote education/stigma reduction campaigns across the lifespan
- Law, policy and practice/criminal justice projects
- Data collection, measurement, evaluation of strategies/projects
- Harm reduction supplies (such as naloxone, Narcan)
- LADC education to increase access and availability of services
- Adult and youth diversion
- Expand treatment and care coordination (including addiction vs. criminal needs)
- Address recovery/housing issues
- Trauma-informed approaches

Resources:

Primer on Spending Funds from the Opioid Litigation – from Johns Hopkins

<https://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Primer-on-Spending-Funds.pdf>

MN Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement

https://www.ag.state.mn.us/opioids/docs/MN_MoA.pdf

Evidence-Based Strategies for Prevention Opioid Overdose: What's Working in the United States

<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pubs/2018-evidence-based-strategies.pdf>

Visit the Wadena County Public Health webpage for additional resources

<http://www.co.wadena.mn.us/212/Public-Health>

Funding Title: Wadena County Opioid Settlement Request for Proposals (RFP) Application

Name of Project	WDC Drug Detection Program
Agency/Agencies Submitting Request	Wadena-Deer Creek Schools
Contact Name	Lee Westrum
Email	lwestrum@wdc2155.k12.mn.us
Phone	218-632-2176
Amount Requested	\$1,360
Project timeline (ex. Jan 1, 2024-Dec 31, 2024)	Sept. 2025 - May 2026

Type of initiative – Check one	
<input type="radio"/>	New program or activity
<input type="radio"/>	Expansion of existing program or activity
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Other (specify): Continuation of drug detection program.

Strategic Priority Idea Addressed – Check One	
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Education
<input type="radio"/>	Accessing Services/Assistance
<input type="radio"/>	System/Organizational Enhancements
<input type="radio"/>	Other

Complete the following:

1. Focus Population (check ALL that apply - Required for DHS reporting):

- White/Caucasian
 Black or African American
 American Indian
 Asian
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 Hispanic
 Children and Youth
 Individuals with Disabilities
 Pregnant Individuals
 Low Income Individuals
 Homeless/Unhoused
 Recent Immigrants
 Justice-Involved
 LGBTQ+
 Other (specify)

2. Project Description, including statement of need:

Interquest Detection Canines will perform four drug detection operations during the 2025-2026 school year. Each visit costs \$340 for a total of \$1,360 for the school year.

This is a needed program in order to keep drugs out of WDC Middle/High School. As part of the commitment to protect our students from drugs, it is essential to conduct searches with the drug detection canines. Without this program an important deterrant would be lost and increased possession and use of drugs at school would almost assuredly increase.

3. Indicate if this program is evidenced-based or a promising practice program. For definitions, please refer to [Evidenced-Based and Promising Practices – Positive Supports Minnesota website \(mnpsp.org\)](http://mnpsp.org)

- Evidenced-Based
- Promising Practice
- Other, describe:

4. Project Goal: List overall program goals, activity, expected outcomes, timeline, and who at your organization is responsible for the activity. Funded programs will be required to report outcomes agreed upon as part of funding approval and payment.

Project Goal:
<p>Project Outcomes that will be reported upon project completion:</p> <p><i>Examples: Increase access to recovery housing to reach 20 community members.</i></p> <p><i>Expand addiction treatment in jail to reach 50 participants. Provide prevention curriculum to 100 students in grade 7-12.</i></p> <p>1) Provide a deterrent to possessing and using drugs at school.</p> <p>2) Identify students possessing and using drugs at school to provide appropriate consequences for violating the school's drug free policy and to get them help/support dealing with possible addiction issues.</p>

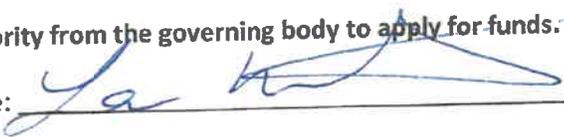
Activity	Activity Outcome	Activity Timeline	Who is responsible?
Canine Drug Detection	Search lockers/ cars for banned substances/items.	Four times per school year.	Principal

5. Brief budget description: include a budget attachment or use the budget template below:

BUDGET: Provide a detailed numerical budget with narrative as needed to implement your action plan.		
Category	Description	Amount Requested
Staffing: Include approximate number of hours and wages for each staff person		
Materials & Supplies: List specific materials requested and itemize expenses		
Trainings: List specific trainings or workshops requested and itemize expenses		
Other/Miscellaneous: List other specific items that are needed to implement your action plan.	Contract with Interquest Interquest Canines	\$1,360
	Total Amount Requested	\$1,360

6. Describe how you will collaborate with community partners
WDC will work with law enforcement during searches to charge violators with crimes where appropriate.

Applicant must have received authority from the governing body to apply for funds.

Authorized Representative Signature:  Date: 10-21-25

Do not complete, internal use by Wadena County	
ACTION TAKEN	
<u>Opioid Funding Committee</u>	<u>Wadena County Board</u>
<i>Date reviewed:</i>	<i>Date reviewed:</i>
<i>Date of Approval:</i>	<i>Date of Approval:</i>
<i>Date of Denial:</i>	<i>Date of Denial:</i>
<i>Comments:</i>	<i>Comments:</i>
<i>Date of applicant notification:</i>	<i>Date of applicant notification:</i>
<i>RFP Version: 9/2023</i>	