

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**JUNE 23, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.**  
**101 WEST MAIN STREET**  
**IONIA, MICHIGAN**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND TEAMS**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Invocation**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
  - A. Consideration of additional items
- V. Public Comment** (Three-minute time limit per-speaker – please state name/organization)
- VI. Action on Consent Calendar**
  - A. Approve minutes of the previous meeting (s)
  - B. Approve per diem and mileage
  - C. Approve payments of Common Cash and General Fund Payroll for the month of May 2026- \$ 1,943,818.15
  - D. Approve payments of Health Department payroll and accounts payable for the month of May 2026-\$ 167,795.45
  - E. Approve payments of Road Department payroll and accounts payable for the month of May 2026- \$ 339,488.78
  - F. Approval of payments from Trust and Agency for the month of May 2026- \$ 264,167.98
- VII. Unfinished Business**
- VIII. New Business**
  - A. Public Hearing to Establish PACE Program and a PACE District
  - B. Resolution to Establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program – Ryan Wilson
  - C. Opterra Presentation/Resolution
  - D. Request Approval to Award Opioid Settlement fund – Chad Shaw
- IX. Department Reports**
  - A. Community Mental Health
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**

- A. Chairperson
- B. Board of Commissioners
- C. County Administrator

**XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees**

**XII. Public Comment (3-minute time limit per speaker)**

**XIII. Closed Session**

- A. None

**XIV. Adjournment**

**Board and/or Commission Vacancies**

- Board of Public Works
- Community Corrections Advisory Board-Ionia Community Mental Health Representative
- Construction Board of Appeals
- Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Land Bank Authority
- Midwest Michigan Trail Authority
- WMRPC Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee

**Appointments for consideration in the month of June 2026:**

- NONE

**Appointments for consideration in the month of July 2026:**

- NONE



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

June 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m.  
Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner David Hodges, County Commissioner Scott Wirtz, County Commissioner Phil Hesche, County Commissioner Gordon Kelley, County Commissioner Jack Shattuck, County Commissioner Terence M. Frewen

Members Absent:

Others Present: County Administrator Chad Shaw, County Clerk Greg Geiger

- I. Call to Order  
Frewen called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance  
Frewen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Invocation  
Kelley led the invocation.
- IV. Approval of Agenda  
Board discussed the agenda and amended item D.  
*Motion to Approve the Agenda as Amended*  
*Moved by Shattuck*  
*Motion carried by voice vote*
- V. Public Comment  
Brandon Strong commented on candidacy for state representative.  
Debbie Waite commented on road department and budget and management and data centers.  
Tim Ross commented on a local political event.  
Niko Zerkle commented on IM KIDS 3<sup>rd</sup> Meal.
- VI. Action on Consent Calendar  
Board approved the consent calendar by unanimous consent.
- VII. Unfinished Business  
No unfinished business.



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

### VIII. New Business

Board discussed the public hearing regarding the adoption of Brownfield Plan Amendment #1 for Community Condos of Lake Odessa.

*Motion to Open Public Hearing*

*Moved by Hodges*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

*Comments by Roman Wilson from Fishbeck Engineering. Board posed questions to Wilson.*

*Motion to Close Public Hearing*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed a resolution adopting Brownfield Plan Amendment #1 for Community Condos of Lake Odessa.

*Motion to Adopt Resolution Adopting Brownfield Plan Amendment #1  
Community Condos of Lake Odessa*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

*Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen*

*No —*

Board discussed a resolution supporting IM KIDS 3rd Meal and its request for a one-time state capital appropriation to address childhood food insecurity.

Deb Wagner presented the resolution and recommended adoption.

*Motion to Adopt Resolution Supporting IM KIDS 3rd Meal*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

*Yes — Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen*

*No —*

*Abstain — Hodges*



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

Board discussed a resolution for approval of the Ionia County Community Corrections FY27 Grant Applications. Selina Schmidt presented the applications and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve the Ionia County Community Corrections FY25 Grant Applications*

*Moved by Hodges*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

*Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen*

*No —*

Board discussed a request for approval to purchase a John Deere Motor Grader. Cody Waite presented the request and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve the Purchase of a John Deere Motor Grader*

*Moved by Wirtz*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed a request for approval to accept a bid for the MDOT Transportation Work Authorization. Cody Waite presented the request and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Acceptance of the Bid for MDOT Transportation Work Authorization*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Board discussed a resolution authorizing Contract 26-5192 for Nash Highway from M-50 to 0.5 miles north of Keim. Cody Waite presented the resolution and recommended approval.

*Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Contract 26-5192 Nash Hwy from M-50 to .5 Miles North of Keim*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

*Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen*

*No —*



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

Board discussed resolution for the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee Bylaws. County Administrator Chad Shaw presented the bylaws and recommended approval.

*Motion to Approve Resolution for the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee Bylaws*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Motion carried by roll call vote*

*Yes — Hodges, Wirtz, Hesche, Kelley, Shattuck, Frewen*

*No —*

Board discussed the appointment of Ronald Possehn to the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee for a three-year term.

*Motion to Approve the Appointment of Ronald (Buzz) Possehn to the Ionia County Veterans Affairs Committee for a Three-Year Term*

*Moved by Kelley*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

- IX. Department Reports  
No department reports.
- X. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees  
Frewen commented on township board meetings and local topics.  
Kelley commented on Brownfield development.  
Hodges commented on deployment of local service member Niko Zerkle.  
Shaw commented on veterans' service office, opioid settlement, and road crew safety.
- XI. Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees  
No reports of special or ad hoc committees.
- XII. Public Comment  
Niko Zerkle commented on IM Kids 3<sup>rd</sup> Meal Resolution.
- XIII. Closed Session  
No closed session.



IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

XIV. Adjournment

Board discussed adjournment.

*Motion to Adjourn*

*Moved by Hodges*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

Terence M. Frewen, Chairman

Greg Geiger, County Clerk



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Frewen, Chairman

June 11, 2026

### Finance/Facilities Committee Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner David Hodges  
County Commissioner Scott Wirtz  
County Commissioner Gordon Kelley

Members Absent: County Commissioner Terry Frewen

Other Present: County Administrator Chad Shaw, Administrative Assistant Jami Elliott, Finance Director Roxy Craton, Facilities Director Scott DeRuischer, Road Department Facilities Maintenance Lead Kevin Wadkins, Interim Road Director Cody Waite

I. Call to Order  
Kelley called the meeting to order

II. Approval of Agenda  
*Motion to Approve Agenda*  
*Moved by Hodges*  
*Supported by Wirtz*  
*Agenda approved by voice vote*

III. Public Comment  
No Public Comment.

IV. Future Road Department Facilities  
Administrator Shaw did research and other “commissions” that got new facilities were over 100 years old. Those Counties are using bonds and MTF funds. We do have area to expand to help house trucks. Cody suggested the best feasibility for building would be Jordan Lake or 21. We need to have a plan before we just purchase new land. Grand Traverse built a 10 truck garage with upgraded break room and full kitchen for 13 million. Cody also mentioned he would like something closer to the highway.

Roxy mentioned that there are funds showing there but most of them are restricted. Contracts have sections on the usage for the funds towards projects and that needs to be researched where it was/has been used.

V. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn  
Moved by Wirtz  
Supported by Hodges  
Motion carried by voice vote



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Frewen, Chairman

### June 16, 2026 Finance Committee Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner David Hodges  
County Commissioner Scott Wirtz  
Members Absent: County Commissioner Terry Frewen

Other Present: County Administrator Chad Shaw, Administrative Assistant Jami Elliott, Finance Director Roxy Craton

I. Call to Order  
Frewen called the meeting to order

II. Approval of Agenda  
*Motion to Approve Agenda*  
*Moved by Wirtz*  
*Supported by Hodges*  
*Agenda approved by voice vote*

III. Approve minutes of previous meeting, May 19, 2026  
*Motion to Approve Agenda*  
*Moved by Hodges*  
*Supported by Wirtz*  
*Agenda approved by voice vote*

IV. Public Comment  
No Public Comment.

V. Finance reports for May 2026  
*In the final stages of 2025 financial drafts, continue with AP reviews and suggesting proper accounts to minimize budget amendment. Two findings on the Audit will be discussed at a future Audit meeting when we get the final Audit. Still working on getting 1099s and how to verify vendors.*

*Fund Balance from 2024 went up about \$230,000. Making our balance about \$3,000,067.00.*

VI. Discussion of the Road Department fund balance  
*Road Fund Balance is comprised of restricted funds. Millage and MDOT contracts have specific language on what it can be spent on. Non restricted would be permits, salvage sales and/or any other source of revenue. Roads have a big liability of MERS \$6million that now shows as a County liability. Roads is paying \$250,00 a year for help with their Finances with Maner and we have hired a full-time employee at \$70,000 making that a savings.*

VII. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn*

*Moved by Wirtz*

*Supported by Hodges*

*Motion carried by voice vote*



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Frewen, Chairman

June 16, 2026

### Facilities Committee Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner Gordon Kelley  
County Commissioner Scott Wirtz  
County Commissioner David Hodges

Members Absent:

Other Present: Facilities Director Scott DeRuischer, Administrator Chad Shaw, Administrative Assistant Jami Elliott, Road Department Facilities Maintenance Lead Kevin Wadkins

#### I. Call to Order

Kelley called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

#### II. Approval of Agenda

Committee discussed agenda.

*Motion to Approve Agenda*

*Moved by Wirtz*

*Supported by Hodges*

*Agenda approved by voice vote*

#### III. Approve minutes of previous meeting, May 19, 2026

*Motion to Approve Agenda*

*Moved by Hodges*

*Supported by Wirtz*

*Agenda approved by voice vote*

#### IV. Public Comment

*No public comment*

#### V. Roads Facilities Needs

*Roads needs to put together their needs and they need a plan before you can move forward with anything currently, this will stay on the agenda.*

*We know we need more shop space, wash bay, salt barn.*

*Set up a Task Force to start figuring out what is all needed.*

#### VI. Discussion on Jail needs- land use of existing property near hospital and animal shelter

*Need everyone on the same page to get the support we need. Everything just went on hold after the jail study. With the cost of repairs and having to send out inmates for different issues the costs are adding up.*

*Start looking at the property out by the airport/animal shelter. Next meeting would like site plans of where the buildings could be placed.*

*Need to contact Sheriff to come to next meeting*

**VII. Administration Building Masonry**

*Still waiting to see the bid specs*

**VIII. Board Room Renovations**

**IX. Opterra Proposal/Verifying the Scope**

*We can add projects in and Opterra will bid out for us. If we take out Sheriff dept, we can use that money else where for other projects. These are all estimates and we have multi meeting going here on out with the planning process on what is all needed. This will be paid out of committed funds.*

*Committee Recommends asking the Board of Commissioners to enter contract with Opterra, motioned by Hodges, supported by Wirtz*

**X. Facilities Capital Improvements/Expenditures List/Wishes/Budget**

*Scott is going to start bring his Rev and Exp reports*

**XI. Update from Facilities Director**

*Sheriff's Department Body Scanner will be installed on the 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*Probation AC is up and running after replacing a fried control board.*

*During the power outage all our generators came out and worked as they should.*

*Sump pump failed*

**XII. Adjournment 3:22**

*Motion to adjourn*

*Moved by Hodges*

*Supported by Wirtz*

*Motion carried by voice vote*



## IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Terry Frewen, Chairman

April 16, 2026, 3:30 p.m.  
Personnel Committee Minutes

Members Present: County Commissioner Gordon Kelley, County Commissioner Phil Hesche, County Commissioner Jack Shattuck

Members Absent:

Other Present: Administrator Chad Shaw, Human Resource Specialist Pricilla Walden, Administrative Assistant Jami Elliott

Call to Order Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

I. Approval of Agenda

Committee discussed agenda

*Motion to Approve Agenda*

*Moved by Shattuck*

*Supported by Hesche*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

II. Approval of Minutes

Committee considered the minutes

*Motion to Approve Minutes*

*Moved by Hesche*

*Supported by Shattuck*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

III. Public Comment

IV. Progress on 40-hour transition

12 or 13 employees are on board, and all have been grant funded. No grant funded are not being added currently as they are not budgeted for. Adjustments will be made during budgets

V. Review of Job Grades

Grade changes need to come to Personnel Committee to be addressed as the ones in the past were not done correctly and that is why they were revoked. Department Heads can bring raises to Personnel Committee and be addressed at budget time. HR has a form that needs to be filled out.

VI. Picnic Discussion

Picnic Date is August 27<sup>th</sup>, look at holding it at the Gregory's Hall, Jami will work on a list of food to see about Catering or getting the food ourselves. Jami will also start working on the RSVP list.

VII. Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn by Shattuck*

*Supported by Hesche*

*Motion carried by voice vote*

| County of Ionia                                                                              |            |        |          |             |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Request for Per Diem and Mileage                                                             |            |        |          |             |          |
|                                                                                              |            |        |          |             |          |
| Commissioner Frewen                                                                          |            |        |          |             |          |
| May, 2026                                                                                    |            |        |          |             |          |
|                                                                                              |            |        |          |             |          |
| Board/Commission                                                                             | Date       | Hours  | Per Diem | Miles       | Mileage  |
| Commissioners Afternoon Meeting                                                              | 05/12/2026 | 1      | \$50.00  | 38.6        | \$27.02  |
| Commissioners Afternoon Meeting                                                              | 05/18/2026 | 1      | \$50.00  | 38.6        | \$27.02  |
| Special Board Meeting                                                                        |            |        |          | 0           |          |
| Audit Committee                                                                              |            |        |          |             | \$0.00   |
| Finance Committee                                                                            | 05/19/26   | 1      | \$50.00  | 38.6        | \$27.02  |
| Grievance Committee                                                                          |            |        |          |             | \$0.00   |
| Airport Board                                                                                | 05/12/2026 | 1      | \$50.00  | 0           | \$0.00   |
| DHHS Board Meeting                                                                           | 05/07/26   | 1      | \$50.00  | 37          | \$25.90  |
| SMART                                                                                        |            |        |          |             | \$0.00   |
| Tax Allocation                                                                               | 5/18/2026  | absent |          |             | \$0.00   |
| Facilities Meeting                                                                           | 5/19/2026  | 1      | \$0.00   | 0           | \$0.00   |
| Personel Meeting                                                                             |            |        |          |             | \$0.00   |
| park board                                                                                   | 05/13/26   | 1      | \$0.00   |             | \$0.00   |
|                                                                                              |            |        |          | 152.8       |          |
| <b>Total Per Diem Requested:</b>                                                             |            |        | \$250.00 |             |          |
|                                                                                              |            |        |          |             |          |
| <b>Total Mileage Requested:</b>                                                              |            |        |          |             | \$106.96 |
|                                                                                              |            |        |          | \$356.96    |          |
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|                                                                                              |            |        |          | <b>Date</b> | 06/01/26 |
|                                                                                              |            |        |          |             |          |
| Per Diem Rates: \$50 for meetings up to three hours; \$75 for meetings more than three hours |            |        |          |             |          |
| Mileage for 2026 is 72.5 cents                                                               |            |        |          |             |          |
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# County of Ionia Request for Per Diem and Mileage

Commissioner Heschke

May 2026

| Board/Commission            | Date   | Hours | Per Diem | Miles | Mileage |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| Commissioners Meeting       | 12-may |       | 50       |       | 24      |
| Commissioners Meeting       | 26-may |       | 50       |       | 24      |
| Special Board Meeting       |        |       |          |       |         |
| Grievance Hearing Committee |        |       |          |       |         |
| Personnel Committee         |        |       |          |       |         |
| Comm on Aging               | 21-may |       | 50       |       | 24      |
| Board of Public Works       |        |       |          |       |         |
| Lake Board-Morrison Lake    |        |       |          |       |         |
| Mid West Trail Authority    | 28-may |       | 50       |       | 82      |
| Road Department Meeting     | 18-may |       | 50       |       | 24      |
| SMART                       |        |       |          |       |         |
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| Other                       |        |       |          |       |         |
|                             |        |       |          |       |         |
|                             |        |       |          |       | 178     |

Total Per Diem Requested: \$150

Total Mileage Requested: \$129.05

  
Signed

30-may 26  
Date

# County of Ionia Request for Per Diem and Mileage

Commissioner Hodges

May 2026

| Board/Commission                     | Date | Hours | Per Diem | Miles | Mileage |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| Commissioners Meeting                | 5-12 |       | 50.00    | 38    |         |
| Commissioners Meeting                | 5-26 |       | 50.00    | 38    |         |
| Special Board Meeting                |      |       |          |       |         |
| Facilities Committee                 | 5-19 |       | 50.00    | 38    |         |
| Finance Committee                    | 5-19 |       | 50.00    | 0     |         |
| Community Mental Health - Suicide    | 5-13 |       | 50.00    | 38    |         |
| MSU Extension Council                |      |       |          |       |         |
| Park Advisory Board                  | 5-13 |       | 50.00    | 38    |         |
| Road Staff Liaison                   |      |       |          |       |         |
| West Michigan Regional Planning Comm | 5-8  |       | 50.00    | 70    |         |
| Other: 911 meeting                   | 5-6  |       | 50.00    | 38    |         |
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Total Per Diem Requested: \$ 400.00

Total Mileage Requested: \$ 216.05

Dan R. Hodges  
Signed

5-26-26  
Date

Per Diem Rates: \$50 for meetings up to three hours; \$75 for meetings more than three hours  
Mileage for 2025 is 72.5 cents per mile.

# County of Ionia Request for Per Diem and Mileage

Commissioner Kelley  
MAY 2026

| Board/Commission                         | Date      | Hours | Per Diem | Miles | Mileage |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| Commissioners Meeting                    | 5/12      | 1/2   | 50       |       |         |
| Commissioners Meeting                    | 5/26      | 1     | 50       |       |         |
| Special Board Meeting                    |           |       |          |       |         |
|                                          |           |       |          |       |         |
| Road Department Advisory                 | 5/4       | 1     | 50       |       |         |
| Road Department Advisory                 | 5/18      | 1     | 50       |       |         |
| Facilities Committee                     | 5/19      | 1     | 50       |       |         |
| Grievance Committee                      |           |       |          |       |         |
| Personnel Committee                      | cancelled |       |          |       |         |
|                                          |           |       |          |       |         |
| Brownfield Redevelopment Authority       |           |       |          |       |         |
| Eight-CAP Governing Board                | 5/22      | 1     | 50       |       |         |
| ICEA                                     | 5/28      | 1     | 50       |       |         |
| West Michigan Regional Planning Comm     |           |       |          |       |         |
| M-66 Corridor Committee                  |           |       |          |       |         |
| Other:                                   |           |       |          |       |         |
| Greater Ionia Development                |           |       |          |       |         |
| Ionia City Brownfield Redevelopment Auth | 5/11      | 1     | —        |       |         |
| Township Officials                       |           |       |          |       |         |

**Total Per Diem Requested:** 350

**Total Mileage Requested:** -

**Signed** X Kelley

**Date** 6/1/2026

Per Diem Rates: \$50 for meetings up to three hours; \$75 for meetings more than three hours  
Mileage for 2025 is 72.5 cents per mile.

# County of Ionia Request for Per Diem and Mileage

Commissioner Shattuck

*May*

2026

| Board/Commission        | Date | Hours | Per Diem          | Miles | Mileage           |
|-------------------------|------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Commissioners Meeting   | 5-12 |       | 50. <sup>00</sup> |       | 13. <sup>00</sup> |
| Commissioners Meeting   | 5-26 |       | 50. <sup>00</sup> |       | 13. <sup>00</sup> |
| Special Board Meeting   |      |       |                   |       |                   |
| Personnel Committee     | 5-21 |       | 0                 |       |                   |
| Airport Board           | 5-12 |       | 50. <sup>00</sup> |       | 0                 |
| Airport Zoning Board    |      |       |                   |       |                   |
| Bargaining Committee    |      |       |                   |       |                   |
| Board of Public Works   |      |       |                   |       |                   |
| Lake Board-Jordan Lake  | 5-7  |       | 50. <sup>00</sup> |       | 30. <sup>00</sup> |
| MAC Workers' Comp Board | 5-27 |       | 0                 |       |                   |
| Materials Mangement     | 5-28 |       | 0                 |       |                   |
| Parks Advisory Board    | 5-13 |       | 50. <sup>00</sup> |       | 17. <sup>00</sup> |
| Other:                  |      |       |                   |       |                   |
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Total Per Diem Requested: 250.<sup>00</sup>

Total Mileage Requested: 73.<sup>00</sup>

Signed Jack Shattuck

Date 6-9-26

Per Diem Rates: \$50 for meetings up to three hours; \$75 for meetings more than three hours

Mileage for 2025 is 72.5 cents per mile.

**County of Ionia  
Request for Per Diem and Mileage**

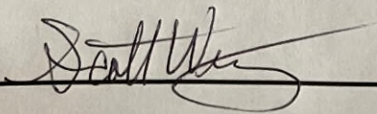
Commissioner Wirtz

May 2026

| Board/Commission                    | Date    | Hours | Per Diem | Miles | Mileage |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| Commissioners Meeting               | 5-12-26 |       | 50       | 16    | 11.60   |
| Commissioners Meeting               | 5-26-26 |       | 50       | 16    | 11.60   |
| Special Board Meeting               |         |       |          |       |         |
| Audit Committee                     |         |       |          |       |         |
| Finance Committee                   | 5-19-26 |       | 50       | 16    | 11.60   |
| Facilities Committee                | 5-19-26 |       | 50       |       |         |
| Airport Board                       | 5-12-26 |       | 50       |       |         |
| Airport Zoning Board                |         |       |          |       |         |
| ACSET                               |         |       |          |       |         |
| Community Correction Advisory Board |         |       |          |       |         |
| Long Lake Board                     | 5-20-26 |       | 50       | 8     | 5.80    |
| Mid West Trail Authority            | 5-28-26 |       | 50       |       |         |
| Other:                              |         |       |          |       |         |
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|                                     |         |       |          |       |         |

Total Per Diem Requested: \$ 350

Total Mileage Requested: \$ 40.60

Signed 

Date 6-1-26

Per Diem Rates: \$50 for meetings up to three hours; \$75 for meetings more than three hours  
Mileage for 2025 is 72.5 cents per mile.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IONIA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PACE  
PROGRAM AND A PACE DISTRICT

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN IONIA COUNTY:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the County Commission of Ionia County, State of Michigan, (the “County”) will hold a public hearing on June 23, 2026, at 3:00 P.M., at 101 West Main St. Ionia, MI 48846, to receive comments on the proposed Property Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) program and the proposed PACE Program Report.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the County Commission intends to establish a PACE program and to establish a PACE district, having the same boundaries as the County’s jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010 as amended (the “PACE Statute”), for the purposes of encouraging economic development, improving property valuation, increasing employment, reducing energy costs, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the PACE Program Report, required by Section 9(1) of the PACE Statute, is available on the County’s website at <https://ioniacounty.org/> and is available for viewing at the office of the County Clerk located at 101 West Main St. Ionia, MI 48846.

THIS NOTICE is given by order of the County Commission of Ionia County.

**IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A  
PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the County Commission of Ionia County ("Commission"), Michigan, held at 101 West Main St. Ionia, MI 48846, on June 23, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by Member \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Member \_\_\_\_\_:

**WHEREAS:**

1. At its meeting of June 23, 2026, this Commission adopted a resolution of intent to establish and to hold a public hearing concerning the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program ("PACE Program") and create a PACE district(s) pursuant to 2010 Public Act 270 as amended ("PACE Statute") to promote the installation of energy efficiency improvements, water usage improvements, renewable energy systems and environmental hazard projects by owners of commercial or industrial property within a district designated by the local unit of government..
2. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed PACE Program on [DATE] during which the Commission heard comments on the proposed PACE program from anyone wishing to address the Commission concerning it.
3. Financing energy projects and environmental hazard projects is a valid public purpose.
4. The proposed PACE program as described in the Ionia County PACE Program Report, attached as Exhibit A, would provide financing for Projects with property owner-arranged loans from a commercial lender the repayment of which, if approved by the property owner with the consent of any mortgage holder, would be made and secured by assessments against the property benefited by the Projects, so that no County moneys, general County taxes or County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed or used in connection with any Project.
5. The types of Projects that may be so financed, the administration of the PACE Program, the manner of establishing PACE Districts within the County in which the PACE Program may be used, and other details of the proposed PACE Program, as required by the PACE Statute, are set forth in detail in the PACE Program Report.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. Ionia County establishes the Ionia County PACE Program and creates a PACE district pursuant to the PACE Statute, the terms and conditions of which are set forth in the PACE Program Report attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, which PACE Program Report is approved.
2. All aspects of the Ionia County PACE Program may be amended without a new public hearing.
3. The County may join with any other local unit of government, or with any person, or with any number or combination thereof, by contract or otherwise as may be permitted by law, for the implementation of the Ionia County PACE Program, in whole or in part, and the County of Ionia or his/her designee is authorized to execute and deliver such documents, agreements or certificates as may be necessary or advisable to permit the cooperative implementation of the PACE Program as provided by the PACE statute or other applicable law.
4. The Commission, by adoption of this Resolution, formally joins Lean & Green Michigan™, and utilizes Lean & Green Michigan, LLC as a PACE Administrator.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflicts with this resolution, rescinded.

YEA: \_\_\_\_\_

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ ADOPTED.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the County Commission of Ionia County on June 23, 2026.

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**Board of Commissioners Resolution for OPTERRA Agreement with Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP)**  
**Ionia County, MI (“County”)**

WHEREAS, the County desires to modernize facilities and infrastructure as outlined in the [Public Act 400 of 1984 MCL - Section 46.11c](#). The Act specifies that any governmental unit may enter into an energy performance contract with a qualified energy service provider (“Qualified Provider”) to undertake energy conservation measures (“ECMs”) if the anticipated utility cost savings or operation and maintenance cost savings justify the improvements within 20-years or the average useful life of the measures from the date of installation

WHEREAS, the County is intent to enter into an Energy Services Agreement (the “Agreement”) with OPTERRA Energy Services LLC (“OPTERRA”) to install one or more energy conservation measures (“ECMs”) at the County’s facilities and;

WHEREAS, the County has named OPTERRA as the chosen Qualified Provider to provide energy efficiency and building modernization services to County facilities via cooperative purchasing contract OMNIA Contract #R221501 per [State of Michigan Comp. Laws 46.11C](#)

UPON MOTION, duly made, seconded, and carried, the following actions were adopted:

RESOLVED, the County approves the agreement with OPTERRA with a not-to-exceed LNTP for preliminary design and development services (“Scope of Work”).

| Our Creative Solutions |                                                             | Buildings              | Contributes to Savings | LNTP (not to exceed) | Board Vote |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|
|                        | <b>OPTERRA provides at no additional cost to the County</b> |                        |                        |                      |            |
|                        | Professional Community Engagement Support                   | ALL                    | NA                     | \$0                  | Included   |
|                        | Additional OPTERRA Team Warranty                            |                        |                        |                      |            |
|                        | Extensive Follow-up Training                                |                        |                        |                      |            |
|                        | Project Finance Consultation                                |                        |                        |                      |            |
|                        | National Project Funding Network Support                    |                        |                        |                      |            |
| 1                      | BAS Integration                                             | CH, AD, SD, HD, AS, RD | X                      | \$329,000            |            |
| 2                      | Building Envelope                                           | CH, AD, SD, HD, AS, RD | X                      |                      |            |
| 3                      | HVAC Upgrades                                               | SD, CH                 | X                      |                      |            |
| 4                      | Lighting Renovation                                         | CH, AD, SD, HD, RD     | X                      |                      |            |
| 5                      | Water Conservation                                          | CH, AD, SD, HD, RD     | X                      |                      |            |
| 6                      | ADA Improvements                                            | AD, HD                 |                        | \$100,000            |            |
| 7                      | Airside Optimization                                        | AD, HD                 |                        |                      |            |
| 8                      | Card Access System/Security Camera                          | ALL                    |                        |                      |            |
| 9                      | Restroom Renovation                                         | CH, HD                 |                        |                      |            |

These services will be billed based upon the OPTERRA design and development costs incurred in association with the Scope of Work according to the design milestones of 20% mobilization, 50% constructability, 90% constructability, and Final. The County agrees to pay OPTERRA within 30 days of receipt of invoice from OPTERRA.

Adopted this 23rd day of June 2026

By County: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**IONIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

June 23, 2026

**CONTACT:**

Chad Shaw, County Administrator

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Opioid Settlement Steering Committee met to discuss the 8 applications received totaling \$460,829.

6 of the 8 received unanimous approval for awards. Have Mercy, Ionia County Health Department, The Right Door, Ionia CCAB, ARC Coordinator and Sober Events all provided very positive opioid prevention programming measures the funds will assist with prevention and recovery in Ionia County.

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AFFECTED:**

Administration

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:**

Awards of Opioid Settlement funds of \$35,000 to Have Mercy, \$75,346 to The Right Door, \$103,508 to the Ionia County Health Department Substance use prevention program, \$30,000 to the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Adult Recovery Court, \$33,500 to the Ionia County CCAB, and \$22,646 to Sober Events. We currently have \$300,000 budgeted in the program for 2026 and these submissions come to the exact \$300,000 which is within the budget. We're set to receive, according to settlement orders from the Federal Court, \$3,224,919.56 over the course of 18 years.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

None needed

**DEADLINE:**

None

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED (PROPOSED BOARD MOTION):**

Motion to approve awards of Opioid Settlement funds of \$35,000 to Have Mercy, \$75,346 to The Right Door, \$103,508 to the Ionia County Health Department Substance use prevention program, \$30,000 to the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Adult Recovery Court, \$33,500 to the Ionia County CCAB, and \$22,646 to Sober Events..

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Administrator recommends.



# Opioid Settlement Funds

Application - 2026

Responsible Party: Have Mercy Date: 05 / 25 / 26

Contact Name: Kim Cain

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Contact Phone: (616) 225 - 8055

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Greenville, MI 48838

Time Frame: July, 2026 through June 30, 2027

Questions to be answered by the applicant, along with the criteria reviewers will use to evaluate the responses, are below. Unless otherwise specified, applicant responses are limited to 5,000 characters.

## Evidence Based Strategy – 20 Points

Describe how the proposal uses an Evidence Based Strategy.

Our residents benefit from the following evidence-based practices:

- \*Sober living environment – all residents are required to have completed a detox/rehab program and come prepared to begin the hard work of rebuilding their lives.
- \*Social Model – residents live and work alongside others experiencing the same issues they are
- \*Case Management – each resident is required to meet regularly with the SUD Program Director as they work through the phases of the program to maintain a high level of accountability.
- \*Random drug drops – residents are enrolled in our random drug drop program and are notified of drops at least 2 times each week.
- \*Required recovery meetings – residents are required to attend 5 meetings each week. They can be AA/NA recovery meetings, church, or self-improvement meetings.
- \*3rd party individual and group IOP meetings – our partner agency, Samaritas, provides IOP on-site for our residents.
- \*3rd party MAT management – Samaritas also oversees MAT for those who want it or are required to take it.
- \*Cognitive Behavioral Therapy – we provide weekly classes such as Relapse Prevention to assist in rewiring the thinking process of residents.
- \*Targeted employment counseling – we partner with West Michigan Works to test each individual on their natural gifts and talents, then search for employment based on what's natural for them.
- \*Recovery Court/Mental Health Court support – our SUD Program Director attends court with residents.
- \*Parole/probation support – we work with residents and their P.O. to help them stay between the lines.

## Feasibility – 25 Points

Demonstrate that the organization has the ability to deliver on the proposal.

Have Mercy was founded in 2011 to combat homelessness in families and has grown to have shelter facilities for singles as well as the sober living house for men in recovery for both Montcalm and Ionia Counties. Our facilities are staffed 24/7 by utilizing state and federal funding, contracts with MDOC for returning citizens, Recovery Court, as well as community support.

We have constructed a sober living floor with a capacity of 14 men consisting of a day room, locker room and dorms/bedroom areas. This facility operates under a special land use permit and is zoned appropriately for this purpose.

We have been able to subsidize residents' living expenses with other grant funding that allows them to work on their recovery first before seeking employment. We anticipate using the funding from Ionia County's opioid grant to fund a portion of our SUD Program Director's salary as well as partially cover current resident expenses for the Step-Up Recovery program that would otherwise force them to seek immediate employment.

The Step-Up Recovery program consists of 4 phases of goals which are designed to address the barriers our residents face by breaking them down into strategic and targeted modules. Each module contains classwork using curriculum developed specifically for recovery, IOP's (intensive outpatient group class work), AA/NA meetings, individual peer-to-peer 12-step work, and self-sufficiency training. All of this is overseen by a trained and experienced peer recovery director.

Our relationships with community partners are critical to our resident's success. We work closely with Samaritas, DHHS, West MI Works, MDOC, Montcalm and Ionia County Court systems, P.O.'s, Montcalm Care Network, The Right Door, Randy's House and EightCAP. All of these relationships help us to meet the diverse needs of each resident as they go through the process of rebuilding their lives.

### **Evaluation – 15 Points**

Submit a work plan listing outcomes to be measured.

Our standard measurement of outcomes is the positive goals that a resident achieves and the alignment with the goal sheets. The Step-Up goal sheets for Phases 1 through 4 have been established and are customized to each client depending on their individual situation.

These goals include things like: obtaining ID's, obtaining a job, applying for housing, completing drug or sobriety court program, completing parole, securing a sponsor, attending meetings, obtaining housing, etc. (See attachment 1 - Step Up Program Work Plan and Goal Sheets.)

At the moment, we are utilizing a statewide database (HMIS) to track progress for our transitional residents in recovery. We are looking into a Recovery Capital goal setting software that helps each resident track his recovery progress and helps us evaluate overall success.

We are currently in the process of developing a resident survey to assist us in measuring outcomes and successes from their perspective as well as a follow up survey to measure long-term sobriety after program completion.

### **Suitability – 25 Points**

Indicate how the proposal fits Ionia County's needs. How will the proposal be sustainable? Will the proposal involve a person or persons with lived experiences?

Many of our residents come from the homeless population in Ionia County and we are able to safely house them as well as work with them on substance use disorders and even co-occurring mental health disorders. We believe this work is crucial to the big picture of promoting a clean and sober Ionia County and work alongside other agencies doing the work of awareness, education, prevention, harm reduction, and counseling.

Because our program is designed to benefit the client after he has returned from an inpatient rehab program, we work with clients to find a detox/rehab bed, provide transportation to the facility if needed, and receive them back once that program has been completed. Since we are funded through state and federal grants, community support, and other contracts, we can provide the facility with 24/7 staffing that benefits our recovery program.

Sustainability is derived from multiple streams of income into the agency, and this grant funding will go to support the program director as well as sponsor some of the residents while they complete the program. We've asked for more funding this year because our underlying grant - the Recovery Housing Program - is being phased out on the Federal level.

Our current SUD Program Director is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) with 12 years of sobriety. He has 10 years of experience working in residential treatment, substance abuse and mental health services.

### **Equity – 5 Points**

Describe how the project addresses community needs in a fair and equitable manner.

Our Emergency Relief Case Manager triages all incoming clients based on their presenting needs and which of our programs best fits those needs. We do not discriminate against anyone for any reason and are bound by Fair Housing regulations through the State of Michigan for all of our programs.

Have Mercy has always offered services on a first come/first served basis as people present with their various needs. The only exception to that is extreme vulnerability which places a client into a life-or-death situation due to the situation or the weather. In that case, the most vulnerable person will be prioritized for services first.

### Reach – 5 Points

Describe how the project reaches/targets those most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Ionia County.

Due to the nature of our work, we have a large network of agencies that collaborate with us to support people in crisis. These partnerships help us connect with those in need of residential recovery services and we have a waitlist for open beds for much of the year.

We receive referrals from multiple sources for our program as well as refer clients to many different agencies for specific assistance. We are part of a thriving recovery ecosystem designed to offer the assistance that clients need to get clean and stay clean.

We work extensively with the court system to provide a stable environment for their clients while they work through recovery and sobriety court. We've had several people work through these programs and graduate to a successful future.

We receive client referrals through several of the rehabs when their graduates are ready for placement. We've also received referrals from law enforcement, hospitals, community mental health, sobriety programs and from people on social media that see our posts.

### Additional Items – 5 Points

Indicate how the budget is comprehensive and meets the criteria for indirect costs not exceeding 15% of awarded funds.

The budget addresses the cost of supplying room and board, food, and recovery related expenses for 7 beds for a year. Those beds may house 7 Ionia County men for the entire year, or depending on length of stay and turnover, as many as 12 men during the year.

The budget is made up of 100% direct costs to the program with no indirect costs.  
(See Attachment 2 - Budget Worksheet)

**Applicant Signature:** 

**Date:** 5/27/26



# Opioid Settlement Funds

Application - 2026

Responsible Party: Selina Schmidt - Ionia CCAB Manager

Date: 04/20/26

Contact Name:

Contact Email: SSchmidt@ioniacounty.org

Contact Phone: (616) 527-5315

Organization Address: 100 W. Main

Time Frame:

Questions to be answered by the applicant, along with the criteria reviewers will use to evaluate the responses, are below. Unless otherwise specified, applicant responses are limited to 5,000 characters.

## Evidence Based Strategy – 20 Points

Describe how the proposal uses an Evidence Based Strategy.

The Ionia County CCAB is requesting \$54,375 to send 15 additional participants to the Opioid-Methamphetamine Specific Programming (OMSP) at Tricap to supplement grant funding received through the Office of Community Corrections. This program is the only of its kind in Michigan to specifically treat opioid and methamphetamine use disorders through a five month in-patient treatment program. We received grant funds from the State to send 20 new participants this year and are close to this projected enrollment at only half way through the year due to the great need for this type of treatment for Ionia County participants.

The OMSP offered through TriCap serves sentenced felons, felony probation violators, and pretrial defendants who are moderate to high risk (high-risk/high-needs) according to a COMPAS screening assessment. Participants are also assessed at the OMSP program through a substance use disorder assessment. The OMSP utilizes evidence-based practices and treatment services are provided by licensed and credentialed professionals. The assessment completed at the OMSP determines an ASAM treatment plan. Participants engage in 16 group sessions per month for the duration of the five month program in addition to individual weekly sessions with a treatment provider. The OMSP utilizes these evidence-based best practices to provide comprehensive treatment of opioid use disorders to support long-term recovery.

## Feasibility – 25 Points

Demonstrate that the organization has the ability to deliver on the proposal.

The Ionia County CCAB has been utilizing the services of the OMSP since the FY24 grant year. OMSP accepts referrals from counties participating in Community Corrections, PA 511 funding, which Ionia County does. It provides services to numerous counties throughout the state and is growing each year as a successful treatment option. Ionia County's referrals for this fiscal year have exceeded the state's grant award for this program. By awarding the Ionia County CCAB the requested additional funding, it will be able to continue to serve participants who are in need of treatment while also showing the State that there is an increased need for future funding for this program.

**Evaluation – 15 Points**

Submit a work plan listing outcomes to be measured.

Consistent with our Ionia County Community Corrections Key Performance Measures, successful participants are tracked at 6- and 12-month intervals with the goal that 70% of those who successfully complete the OMSP will not be rearrested with an opiate or meth-related charge. This information is traced by the CCAB Manager on a quarterly basis.

**Suitability – 25 Points**

Indicate how the proposal fits Ionia County's needs. How will the proposal be sustainable? Will the proposal involve a person or persons with lived experiences?

This program achieves Ionia County's needs by addressing two of the top criminogenic needs and risks for Ionia County sentenced felons based on the COMPAS assessment: those being substance abuse and criminal personality. Ionia County has such a high need for the OMSP program that referrals to the program exceed the grant award such that additional funding sources are being sought.

The OMSP includes transportation services for individuals who are entering the program by picking clients up from either jail or a probation office which negates any concerns with Ionia County residents being excluded from treatment due to lack of transportation. It supports long-term treatment and recovery by providing services necessary to support those long-term changes such as case management, physicals by medical professionals, including prescribing needed medications, medication assisted treatment, budget and resume services, housing, phone assistance, college assistance, arranging additional medical appointments, dental services, vision services, mobile Secretary of State services, GED and restaurant ready classes, and therapy services.

This proposal does utilize persons with lived experiences as the OMSP utilizes peer recovery coaches as part of best practices.

**Equity – 5 Points**

Describe how the project addresses community needs in a fair and equitable manner.

The OMSP project addresses the community needs in a fair and equitable manner in that it targets those who have the highest risk/need for the program. Referrals are made for those who are currently involved in the criminal justice system who have a clinical substance use disorder specific based on an objective assessment. It provides those suffering from opioid use disorder access to treatment to support long-term recovery and can be utilized as a diversion from a prison sentence or to reduce the amount of time spent otherwise incarcerated. Referrals are made on the basis of these high-risk/high-needs and does not deny access to treatment based on race, sex, gender, socioeconomic status, insurance status,

**Reach – 5 Points**

Describe how the project reaches/targets those most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Ionia County.

The project reaches those most impacted by the opioid epidemic in that it targets those who have an opioid use disorder to the extent that they have been involved in the court system. It targets those who have a clinical need for treatment and who are at high risk/need for intervention. By supporting long-term treatment and recovery, OMSP also reaches the families of those involved in the court system, whether it be minor children still living at home with a participant who is receiving treatment and tools necessary to become a better parent, or other close friends and family members who have been affected by the participant's opioid use disorder.

**Additional Items – 5 Points**

Indicate how the budget is comprehensive and meets the criteria for indirect costs not exceeding 15% of awarded funds.

The cost for the OMSP program is all-inclusive in that the OMSP provides transportation for incoming referrals, medical, vision and/or dental treatment provided while at the facility is also included at no extra cost to participants and counties. Program staff also assists participants with obtaining housing, phone assistance, in-house and community medical appointments, college assistance, birth certificates, mobile Secretary of State services, and GED and restaurant ready classes. These services are included without additional cost.

Monthly reimbursement at the rate of \$35 per individual counseling session x 4 per month and \$35 per person per group counseling session x 16 per month.  
Total=\$700 per person per month x 5 months (150 day program length) + \$125 per assessment = \$3,625 per successful completion

The Ionia CCAB is seeking funds to send an additional 15 participants for a total request of \$54,375 with \$0 allocated to indirect costs.

**Applicant Signature:**



**Date:** 8/6/24



# Opioid Settlement Funds

Application - 2026

Responsible Party: Selina Schmidt - ARC Coordinator

Date: 5 / 7 / 26

Contact Name:

Contact Email: *sschmidt@ioniacounty.org*

Contact Phone: (616) *527-5315*

Organization Address: *100 W. Main St.*

Time Frame:

Questions to be answered by the applicant, along with the criteria reviewers will use to evaluate the responses, are below. Unless otherwise specified, applicant responses are limited to 5,000 characters.

## Evidence Based Strategy – 20 Points

Describe how the proposal uses an Evidence Based Strategy.

The 8th Circuit Adult Recovery Court "ARC" has been certified by Michigan's Supreme Court Administrative Office. ARC is a locally based collaborative approach utilizing the strengths of our community to intervene and abate the substance use disorders of the high risk high need population of the 8th Circuit who have engaged in drug driven or drug related crimes. It complies with the 10 key components promulgated by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. The 8th Circuit ARC utilizes proven best practices such as maintaining appropriate caseload ratios for the ARC case manager, probation agents, and treatment providers. The 8th Circuit ARC emphasizes incentivizing productive behaviors, as well as sanctioning behaviors not conducive to the goals of the program. Phase promotions are based on achieving realistic and defined behavioral objectives, including maintaining sobriety for a specific period of time. The 8th Circuit ARC utilizes a multidisciplinary team, using the observations and recommendations of team members' respective areas of expertise to oversee the delivery of legal, treatment, and supervision services. In keeping with best practices ARC team members include Circuit Judge Suzanne Kreeger, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Anthony Mrzlack, Defense Attorney Walter Downes, North Kent Guidance treatment providers Dr. Beverly Shepard, Ph.D. and Lexie Tabor, MSW, Department of Corrections Probation Agent Jason Spear, ARC Case Manager Nikota Jennings, and Recovery Coach Glen Tyson.

## Feasibility – 25 Points

Demonstrate that the organization has the ability to deliver on the proposal.

The 8th Circuit ARC has been operational for over 15 years, providing services to 100s of participants, has been recertified by the Michigan SCAO in 2025, and is eligible for continuing grant funds, which are utilized to run much of the day-to-day operations of the program encouraging and holding participants accountable in their sobriety. The ARC team is comprised of a robust group of people all bringing their particular area of expertise to the table indicating community wide commitment, collaboration and investment into making Ionia County a healthy and safe place to live. The 8th Circuit ARC is continually expanding as allowed by funding sources and will continue to provide much needed services to those who are eligible.

**Evaluation – 15 Points**

Submit a work plan listing outcomes to be measured.

The 8th Circuit ARC utilizes a program offered by the State Court Administrative Office to track successful and unsuccessful outcomes. Program sanctions, program violations, information regarding substance abuse testing, treatment, and supervision reports are all tracked and monitored using this program. The SCAO also monitors recidivism for program-solving courts showing how many successful graduates return to the court system. This allows us to track program success by monitoring recurring substance abuse and recidivism.

**Suitability – 25 Points**

Indicate how the proposal fits Ionia County's needs. How will the proposal be sustainable? Will the proposal involve a person or persons with lived experiences?

The 8th Circuit ARC consistently runs at capacity with a waiting list, which shows that the need is high in Ionia County for these services. The 8th Circuit ARC plans to utilize opioid funds to support program services above and beyond those that can be supported by the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program. These funds will supplement and not supplant the current funding of the ARC program. Current tracking of the criminogenic risks/needs for Ionia County sentenced felons shows that substance abuse is the top criminogenic need, followed by criminal personality. The ARC program addresses these top two needs using the evidence-based strategies detailed above and utilizes best practices.

The ARC also utilizes the supports of persons with lived experiences through peer recovery coach services and the Alumni program. ARC Peer Recovery Coach Tyson engages participants through the lens of his own lived experiences with SUD and provides invaluable support services for participants. Additionally, the recently formed Alumni group allows past program commences to stay engaged in recovery and provide peer support to other commences and current program participants.

**Equity – 5 Points**

Describe how the project addresses community needs in a fair and equitable manner.

The 8th Circuit ARC allows all felons who are statutorily eligible, meaning non-violent with high risk of recidivism and high need for SUD treatment and intervention, who live in Ionia County to be considered for participation in the program. Individuals with SUDs who have children and are otherwise prison bound, meaning they have a straddle cell or presumptive prison guidelines at sentencing, are prioritized to leverage the most wide spread results and long-term cost savings otherwise incurred with long-term incarceration.

Admission to the program is collaborative in that the prosecutor, by statute, must agree to it and all team members participate in the decision of whether a particular applicant will be accepted. To assist the team in this decision, the case manager interviews prospective participants at the jail and administers the SASSI, a Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory tool. In addition, the peer recovery coach meets with potential participants in the jail to help gauge the level of readiness for change and to begin the establishment of a relationship even before formal acceptance and admission to ARC. The case manager and peer recovery coach provide input and recommendations to the ARC team to help in the determination as to whom will be accepted for participation. This collaborative approach with input from all team members promotes and ensures fairness and equity in the selection process.

**Reach – 5 Points**

Describe how the project reaches/targets those most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Ionia County.

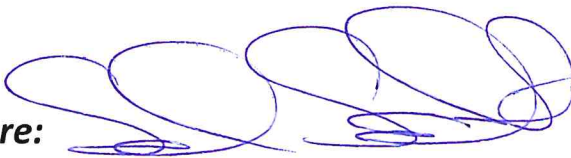
This project reaches those most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Ionia County as it is structured in a way that targets those with felony involvement due to opioid abuse. Participants must live in Ionia County. By supplementing the ARC's state grant award, the program will be able to assist with the cost of regular substance abuse testing, therapy and other treatment for participants, and assist with sober living housing costs. By prioritizing participants with minor children, the ARC also impacts prevention in future generations by providing participants with the tools necessary to break the cycle of generational trauma and SUDs.

**Additional Items – 5 Points**

Indicate how the budget is comprehensive and meets the criteria for indirect costs not exceeding 15% of awarded funds.

The ARC is requesting \$50,000 in funds to supplement services provided to participants. These funds will be used to offset participant costs for regular weekly substance abuse testing, uninsured costs of treatment or insurance copays for substance abuse treatment. It will also support sober living housing costs for eligible participants to ensure the participants are in an environment conducive to recovery. There are no indirect costs associated with this request.

**Applicant Signature:**



**Date:** 8/21/20



# Opioid Settlement Funds

Application - 2026

Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) 527-5341 Organization Address: 175 E. Adams Street, Ionia, MI 48846

Time Frame:

Questions to be answered by the applicant, along with the criteria reviewers will use to evaluate the responses, are below. Unless otherwise specified, applicant responses are limited to 5,000 characters.

## Evidence Based Strategy – 20 Points

Describe how the proposal uses an Evidence Based Strategy.

## Feasibility – 25 Points

Demonstrate that the organization has the ability to deliver on the proposal.

**Evaluation – 15 Points**

Submit a work plan listing outcomes to be measured.

**Suitability – 25 Points**

Indicate how the proposal fits Ionia County's needs. How will the proposal be sustainable? Will the proposal involve a person or persons with lived experiences?

**Equity – 5 Points**

Describe how the project addresses community needs in a fair and equitable manner.

**Reach – 5 Points**

Describe how the project reaches/targets those most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Ionia County.

**Additional Items – 5 Points**

Indicate how the budget is comprehensive and meets the criteria for indirect costs not exceeding 15% of awarded funds.

***Applicant Signature:***

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



# Opioid Settlement Funds

Application - 2026

Responsible Party: The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness

Date: 05 / 28 / 26

Contact Name:

Contact Email:

Contact Phone: (616) 527-1736

Organization Address:

Time Frame:

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Questions to be answered by the applicant, along with the criteria reviewers will use to evaluate the responses, are below. Unless otherwise specified, applicant responses are limited to 5,000 characters.

## Evidence Based Strategy – 20 Points

Describe how the proposal uses an Evidence Based Strategy.

The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness (TRD) is proposing the staffing equivalent to 1.0 FTE (either 1 full time or 2 half time) Peer Recovery Coach(es) who will work with inmates in the Ionia County Jail providing specialized group facilitation, "pre-out date" individual services to assist in strengthening the community supports to inmates with a history of Substance Use Disorders (SUD) upon discharge and "post out date" individual services to aid in successful community transition.

The Peer Recovery Coach(es) will focus on screening for and promoting the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) with the inmates they are working with to enhance stability as the inmates transition out of the local jail and into the community. Elements of the SDOH include food insecurity, interpersonal safety, housing insecurity, transportation insecurity, education, employment, finances, family and community support, substance use, physical activity, mental health, disabilities, and utilities. The use of recovery coaches is an evidenced based intervention noted throughout SAMSHA literature as well as one of the areas noted within Michigan's Opioid Remediation Plan ("Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any other co-occurring MH/SUD conditions and or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose." -Opioid Remediation Uses).

TRD will supply Naloxone Distribution sites throughout Ionia County, include free Naloxone availability to all three TRD locations (Belding, Ionia, and Portland), and Samaritas' Belding office, as well as other targeted locations in the community. Naloxone (commonly known by brand names as Narcan) may be used to reverse the impact of an opioid overdose. Naloxone distribution is considered a beneficial means to reducing the number of accidental overdose deaths and considered a part of a model of best practices related to abating the negative impact of opioids.

Additionally, with support from the Ionia County Jail, inmates will be discharged with Naloxone. "Individuals with a history of incarceration are, in general at higher risk of overdose. Periods immediately following release from supervision or treatment, when a person's opioid tolerance is low, are especially dangerous: an individual is more than twenty-five-times more likely to overdose in the first weeks following the cessation of treatment than during treatment, and release from incarceration, also defined by abrupt reintegration in the context of lowered opioid tolerance, places individuals with opioid dependency at similar risk. Naloxone distribution programs operated within treatment and correctional settings are an effective way to train and equip this extremely high-risk group-as well as their friends and family members- with life-saving naloxone." (cdc.gov).

## Feasibility – 25 Points

Demonstrate that the organization has the ability to deliver on the proposal.

TRD has a long-standing history of fulfilling grant funder expectations, including local, State, and Federal grantors. This proposal will involve the staffing of 1.0 FTE equivalent (1 full time or 2 half time) Peer Recovery Coach(es) who will work both within the Ionia County Jail and in the community with those being discharged from the jail. The process will involve posting the position if not already filled, prior to being awarded the grant to expedite the process. TRD will follow internal hiring practices including background checks and additional security clearance checks provided to TRD employees who provide services within the Ionia County Jail. TRD has employed a Peer Recovery Coach who as provided some group and individual services at the Ionia County Jail for past 8 years, so TRD does have experience providing these types of services in the jail and community settings.

## Evaluation – 15 Points

Submit a work plan listing outcomes to be measured.

• Outcomes:

Enhanced Peer Recovery Services will be provided to inmates with SUD history in and recently discharged from the Ionia County Jail, including group and individual services. Enhanced Peer Recovery Services will secure a minimum of one warm hand-off to community providers within 30-days post discharge for a minimum of 80% of inmates discharged from the Ionia County Jail with a substance use diagnosis and/or substance related charges.

Work Plan:

Timeframe: Activity: Comments:

Pre-grant award Post for Peer Recovery Coach Position (s) (pending grant approval) If position(s) not filled from prior year

June 2026 Grant awarded to TRD

Interview and ensure staffing of recovery coach(es)

Aug 1, 2026 Free Naloxone will be on sites for distribution; marketing will be initiated

August 2026 Recovery Coach(es) will begin providing services at the jail and follow up post-out services.

Sept 2026 Peer Recovery Coach(es) will complete CARR training, if not already certified

Prior to June 1, 2027 Peer Recovery Coach will apply for MCBAP CPRM (Certified Peer Recovery Mentor) certification; requirements including training (e.g. CARR), additional 15 CEs in ethics, etc, plus 500 hours of work experience.

## Suitability – 25 Points

Indicate how the proposal fits Ionia County's needs. How will the proposal be sustainable? Will the proposal involve a person or persons with lived experiences?

TRD utilized feedback from a person with lived experience for this proposal. Additionally, TRD has completed a Stakeholder Survey as part of an Annual Community Needs Assessment. The stakeholder survey for 2026 identified substance use disorders, drug use, and prescription addiction as a priority and concern in Ionia County. Substance Use Disorders was an area of need identified by DHHS, Justice System/Law Enforcement, Courts, Jail, Non-profit Organizations, Persons served/Advocates, Primary Health Care, Public Health, churches, and the schools, in the most recent Stakeholder Survey completed by TRD.

The 2023 Michigan Opioid Annual Report noted that justice-involved individuals are an identified population that is more vulnerable to the harms caused by the opioid crisis and less likely to engage with or access services or experience health disparities. A Recovery Coach would be able to work with the person while in jail to make for a more planful "out date" from the jail and then follow the person post incarceration to help them link up to on-going resources and community supports.

Free Naloxone distribution sites within Ionia County have historically been isolated to Ionia City Proper. Having free Naloxone distribution sites in multiple and accessible locations throughout the county encourages those most vulnerable to have the ability to secure this potentially life-saving tool. "MDHHS believes that Naloxone kits should be in as many locations as possible. The American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates, the legislative and policy-making body of the AMA, supports the widespread implementation of easily accessible Naloxone rescue stations (such as public availability of naloxone through wall-mounted display/storage units that also include instructions) throughout the country following distribution and legislative edicts similar to those for automated external defibrillator (AED)." ~2023 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Opioid Annual Report.

The majority of this proposal for grant funding would be utilized to secure/maintain 1.0 FTE equivalent (1 full time or 2 half-time) staffing of recovery Coaches. A person with lived experience is required to be (or in process) a Peer Recovery Coach and for Certification as Peer Recovery Mentor (CPRM). CPRM is a component of this proposal. Should this grant funding not be available for the continuation of free Naloxone distribution nor for the 1.0 FTE of peer recovery coaching, funding will need to be sought via other avenues to secure the necessary resources. TRD does not have sufficient funding to provide these services with the jail setting currently. Alternative funding would need to be explored and TRD is committed to taking the lead in attempting to secure continuation funding should this particular grant funding not be available.

## Equity – 5 Points

Describe how the project addresses community needs in a fair and equitable manner.

The need for the interventions this proposal identifies is great and is reflected in Stakeholder Surveys completed by The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness. The Peer Recovery Coach functions outlined in this proposal will be available to all inmates within the Ionia County Jail who have a substance use diagnosis or who have been charged with substance related crimes, regardless of religion, race, color, national origin, genetic information, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, and disability. The Naloxone distribution will be available free to all community members.

**Reach – 5 Points**

Describe how the project reaches/targets those most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Ionia County.

As noted above, the 2023 Michigan Opioid Annual Report noted that justice-involved individuals are an identified population that is more vulnerable to the harm caused by the opioid crisis. This proposal specifically targets those persons who are most vulnerable and most impacted by the opioid epidemic in Ionia County.

The Ionia County Community Corrections Advisory Board FY24/25 grant submission document indicated "Defendant and offenders are screened for substance use services beginning with the COMPAS Criminogenic Needs and Risk Profile." Substance abuse is ranked as the top need at 76%.

**Additional Items – 5 Points**

Indicate how the budget is comprehensive and meets the criteria for indirect costs not exceeding 15% of awarded funds.

TRD is seeking a total of \$75,346 grant funds for the initial annual budget (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027). The monies will be utilized to fund 1 FTE of Peer Recovery Coach (either 1 full time or 2 half time), related expenses (e.g. fringe benefits, cell phone, lap top, and travel expenses), Narcan display cases and potentially Narcan, if it is not to be obtained free from state or federal sources. At this time, TRD is able to secure free Narcan and is not anticipating it to be a significant cost to the grant during this year. TRD has included 15% (\$9,828) indirect costs to cover administrative and associated costs.

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