

Projects recommended for funding under the OCH Stronger Together Funding Opportunity					
Project Name	County	Project Goal Area	Project Summary	Partners involved	Amount funded
Building Healthcare Career Pathways	Jefferson	Partner with schools and colleges & creative workforce approaches	This program aims to develop and implement workforce development programs for East Jefferson County school students.	Port Townsend School District, Chimacum School District, Quilcene School District, East Jefferson Fire & Rescue, Brinnon Fire & Rescue, Quilcene Fire & Rescue, Brinnon School District	\$150,000
Career Ladders	Clallam	Partner with schools and colleges & creative workforce approaches	The purpose is to find innovative ways to enhance enrollment in existing medical assisting programs at Peninsula College while simultaneously increasing the pool of qualified applicants for local healthcare employers, beginning with NOHN. This project will develop a robust recruitment pipeline and clear pathway from high school to employment in the health-serving workforce and to demonstrate to incumbent workers at NOHN and elsewhere on the Peninsula that career ladders do exist. This project is aimed at high school students from Port Angeles School District and current employees of NOHN to explore advancement opportunities. This will help residents of the Olympic Peninsula obtain local, living wage jobs in the allied health fields, and demonstrate that we can "grow our own" workforce.	North Olympic Healthcare Network, Peninsula College	\$200,000
Clallam County in Jail SUD Services	Clallam	SUD services in jails & mobile units	Expanded partnership to offer treatment services onsite for incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders. Olympic Personal Growth will provide assessments, group and individual therapy, intensive case management, and referral services in collaboration with staff from the jail.	Olympic Personal Growth Center, Clallam County Sheriff's Department/ Corrections Facility	\$100,000
Community Medical Respite - PCHS	Kitsap	Hospital transitions	Provide a 22-bed medical respite housing for patients discharged from the hospital and transitioning out of inpatient care. With support from all partners, services such as medical, behavioral health, pharmacy, outpatient SUD support, social services and nutrition would be incorporated into this transitional housing model. The project is currently waiting on permits from the county to begin construction to build. This transitional housing project would serve Kitsap residents, along with individuals throughout the Olympic region being discharged from St. Michael's Medical Center (SMMC). Some funding has already been secured by partners, including contributions from the state, city, and county levels.	Peninsula Community Health Services, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, Kitsap Public Health District, City of Bremerton, Kitsap Mental Health Services, Bremerton Police Department, Bremerton Fire Department	\$225,000
EJFR CARES	Jefferson	SUD services in jails & mobile units	Continue the FIRE CARES program, originally launched in January 2023, to function as a specialty unit responding to behavioral health-related crisis calls and issues in East Jefferson County. Through partnership with a Firefighter, SUD professional, and mental health professional the EJFR CARES team responds to individuals where they are, providing field-based, quality care, education, intervention, and referral.	East Jefferson Fire & Rescue, Believe in Recovery	\$130,000
Expanding SUD services in schools	Clallam	Address & reduce stigma + SUD services in jails & mobile units	Expand mobile health clinic operations to include services at Peninsula College, embedding opioid treatment coordination and education into mobile units, and developing community trainings to combat SUD stigma. SUD stigma education will be available for students, teachers/faculty, staff, and families. Mobile primary care and behavioral health services will continue at Port Angeles school district locations and Peninsula College will be added as a new location for mobile health clinic. The opioid treatment program will facilitate warm hand offs for individuals released from jail.	North Olympic Healthcare Network, Port Angeles School District, Clallam County Jail, Peninsula College	\$275,000
Healthcare Career Camp	Kitsap	Partner with schools and colleges on workforce	Pilot a healthcare career camp, reaching fifty high-school students. The camp will promote stations featuring different healthcare career options. Students will be tracked for outcomes around graduation and engagement in secondary education to determine efficacy of the project.	Olympic College, Marvin Williams Recreation Center, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health	\$21,875
LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) in Jefferson County	Jefferson	SUD services in jails & mobile units	This proposed project is designed to follow the LEAD National Support Bureau model. Partners from Jefferson County will embed substance use disorder professionals with law enforcement, diverting arrests by offering supportive solutions with intensive case management. This project will broaden the SUD services that we already provide within the Jefferson County Jail, by allowing the jail access to our SUD providers 24/7 if needed.	Believe in Recovery, Port Townsend Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney, Jefferson Associated Counsel, Olympic Community Action Programs, Jefferson County Jail	\$100,000

North Kitsap Health and Resource Center	Kitsap	Address & reduce stigma	Implement the Health and Resource Center within North Kitsap. This project will increase access to care and treatment for vulnerable and at-risk populations around substance use disorders. Many of the partners already have a formal partnership bringing SUD support to the community via a mobile unit and Poulsbo Cares. HRC would be the next phase of the existing program, providing a "one top shop" to North Kitsap. HRC will provide support services including care coordination, housing, SUD interventions and more. The project also proposes to work with the Poulsbo Municipal court for individuals in the new Community Court program.	City of Poulsbo, Peer Washington, Believe in Recovery, Kitsap Homes for Compassion, Olympic Peninsula Health Services, Kitsap Mental Health Services	\$200,000
Person-First Modeling at the Market	Clallam	Address & reduce stigma	Hire a full-time social worker embedded at the farmers market to model person-first language to combat stigma. The Food Bank will also provide space for community education events where Reflections Counseling and the social worker will facilitate discussion and education to combat community stigma.	Port Angeles Food Bank, Reflections Counseling	\$50,000
The Right Choice & Eagles Wings	Kitsap	Long-term transitional & respite housing	Provide wrap-around services to support individuals through their recovery journey. Eagle's Wings does transitional housing and The Right Choice does substance use disorder counseling, domestic violence, and anger management classes so they intend to combining resources to make a comprehensive program between the two services. The funds requested would provide additional housing opportunities to program participants and reduce the number of individuals who would reenter the court system or continue to be homeless. This includes victims of domestic violence, individuals with SUD and working towards recovery. Program participants will be provided therapeutic, safe housing placement with clinical services and intensive case management, and with their overall well-being.	Eagle's Wings Coordinated Care, The Right Choice Counseling	\$100,000
Stigma Busters: Shifting the Substance Use Narrative	Jefferson	Address & reduce stigma	Building off existing collaboration, partners will continue a youth engagement project in East Jefferson County. They will work to further address stigma of substance use disorder in the community through empowerment, platforms, harm reduction, improved access, community engagement, and resource sharing. Building off existing work, they will implement events, safe spaces, and youth activities to build protective factors among young people.	OWL360, Believe in Recovery, Mandala Center for Change, Jefferson County Juvenile Services, Recovery Café, Jefferson County Public Health	\$100,000
Workforce Development	Jefferson	Partner with schools and colleges on workforce	A number of partners serving East Jefferson County propose a unique project aimed at creating pathways to address local workforce shortages. The team will build on and expand on addressing the struggles of emerging adulthood. They will collaborate with local businesses to increase the number of youth and young adults who complete a pre-employment certification program, increase job shadowing and mentorship, and the number of youth seeking employment in the community. Their focus is on students who are not working or in school.	OWL360, Jefferson County Juvenile Services, Port Townsend School District, Worksource #114, Skillmation	\$89,000
Youth SUD Stigma Awareness and System Change	Kitsap	Address & reduce stigma	Collaboration between the three partners to implement a program aimed to address self-stigma and bias that exists within students who are abusing substances and provide targeted education and mental health support to help them heal and achieve their goals. Both educational partners have instituted a self-referral form for students or staff to refer a student for mental health support and educated staff on student mental health and student's rights to confidentiality. All new incoming students will be provided an opportunity to discuss their needs and potential barriers to success at their new school. In addition, program would provide animal/nature assisted experiential therapy workshops for students at One Heart Wild and parenting classes for families.	One Heart Wild, Discovery Alternative High School, Explorer School (South Kitsap School District)	\$50,000