Cumberland **County**

POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

TO:	Cumberland County Commissioners
FROM:	Liz Blackwell-Moore
DATE:	3/13/25
SUBJECT:	Proposal in response to the State of Maine's Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program

Requested Action:

Authorize the County Manager to submit a proposal to the State of Maine Department of Public Safety in response to the FY 2025 Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program Request for Applications

Background & Purpose of Request:

The Maine Department of Public Safety recently released a Request for Applications for the FY 2024 Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program. The purpose of the program is to assist persons with presumed substance use disorder using liaison strategies both before and after arrest to refer alleged low-level (non-felony) offenders into community-based treatment and support services. The program will run from April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026. The Department of Public Safety anticipates make multiple awards with $500,000 in available funding.

The Department of Public Safety's Substance Use Disorder Assistance Program has funded the Pathways of HOPE program since 2023 – a collaboration between the Cumberland County Public Health Department and the Portland Recovery Community Center. To date, this program has served over 500 Cumberland County residents and supplied nearly 700 months of recovery housing to persons in the program. The County Public Health Department and PRCC are working on a proposal in response to the RFA with a proposed budget of around $350,000-$400,000 to be spent in one year. No matching funds are required and no additional county funding will be needed to complete the requirements of the grant. The purpose of this Position Paper is to inform the Commissioners of the plan to apply for the Substance Use Disorder Assistance funding and receive authorization to submit.

Funding Amount and Source: none

Attachments:

- Staff memo on SUD Assistance Program RFA

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