Opioid Settlement Funds

Please complete the application below in its entirety. You may attach additional pages as needed. Applications will be accepted for up to $100,000.00 for direct services and $50,000.00 for indirect service projects. Funds are limited due to the amount of settlement received and projects may not receive full request. A 20% match of funds will be required for all projects; however, a waiver of match may be requested and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Waiver Request forms are available upon request. Funding decisions are at the sole discretion of the City and the City reserves the right to deny any request for funds and/or waivers of match for any reason.

Once submitted, this application and any supporting documents are considered a public record and will be posted on the City's website and made available to the public and the media upon request.

☑ **CERTIFY THAT YOU HAVE REVIEWED EXHIBIT A, SCHEDULE A - CORE STRATEGIES and SCHEDULE B APPROVED USES**

☑ **CERTIFY THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT A REPRESENTATIVE(S) OF THE CITY MAY MAKE VISITS DURING THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND DURING THE GRANT PERIOD FOR MONITORING PURPOSES *WITHOUT* PRIOR NOTICE.**

Section One: Contact Information

Name of Organization and Contact Persons Name for application*

Fairmont Fire Department, Capt. Dustin Lambert

Address*

500 Quincy St., Fairmont, WV 26554
500 Quincy St., Fairmont, WV 26554

Website, if applicable:

Fairmontwv.gov

Phone Number*

304-363-7620

Email address*

[redacted]

FEIN*

[redacted]

UEI*

[redacted]

Registration in SAM.gov ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**

***If yes, please list expiration date** 10/26

Are you in good standing ☑ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Section Two: Project Summary

Executive summary of the proposal*

Please include details regarding the design and strategy of your proposal.

3.5 page maximum

See attached*

Which of the following Core Strategies and Approved Uses will be met?

Please check all that apply:

Schedule A Core Strategies *

- [x] Naloxone or other FDA -Approved Drug to reverse opioid overdoses.
- [ ] Medication Assisted Treatment ("MAT") Distribution and other opioid related treatment Pregnant & postpartum women.
- [ ] Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
- [ ] Treatment of incarcerated population
- [ ] Prevention Programs
- [ ] Evidence based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies Law Enforcement
- [ ] Research

Schedule B Approved Uses*

- [x] Treat opioid use disorder (OUD)
- [ ] Support people in treatment and recovery.
- [ ] Other

Provide specific information on how your project will meet the Core Strategies and Approved Uses. *

3.5 page maximum

This project directly advances West Virginia's Core Strategies and Approved Uses for opioid settlement funds by improving overdose response capabilities through better airway management and cardiac arrest care. Upgrading the Fire Department to Advanced Life Support (ALS) would enable responders to provide the advanced airway support, oxygenation, cardiac monitoring, and post-overdose stabilization identified in Schedule A – Naloxone and overdose response and Schedule B – Treatment of OUD and overdose emergencies.

Key anticipated outcomes*

• Improved survival for opioid overdose patients through faster airway management, oxygenation, and ALS-level interventions during critical minutes before Narcan takes full effect.
• Reduced incidence of overdose-related cardiac arrests and better outcomes when arrests occur, supported by ALS equipment and the LUCAS mechanical CPR device.
• Enhanced community readiness and early intervention through expanded CPR/AED training for city employees, partner agencies, and the public using new AED training units.
• Citywide coverage by ALS-capable apparatus, ensuring faster access to advanced care, even when transport medic units are delayed or unavailable.

Individuals or communities served*

The residents and visitiors of the City of Fairmont and immediate surrounding areas.

Describe your organization's connection to the City of Fairmont*

The Fairmont Fire Department has been bravely protecting its citizens with full-time professionals since1897. The department expanded its services in 2000 with by providing rapid-response BLS emergency medical care.

Amount of funding requested*

$95,270

Amount of matching funds raised or committed by your organization*

$181,526.70

Source of matching funds raised or committed by your organization*

The above amount is the total wages for staffing the three current paramedics. The training budget will cover additional costs for training future paramedics (at least one per year) to continue to increase service availability.

Project timeline*

Include how long it will take you to implement and complete the project if awarded funding. *The project period is 12- months.*

3.5 page maximum

The equipment will be ordered immediately, and application to the WV office of EMS (WVOEMS) submitted at the same time. Training on the new Lucas CPR device can be provided within weeks of it being placed in service. The limiting factor will be the timeline that WVOEMS can visit to inspect the equipment on the trucks for final approval (likely within 90 days from application). Additional paramedics will take approximately 12 months to complete training.

Section Three: Proposal Details

Describe the problem or need that your project seeks to address *

3.5 page maximum

See attached: Problem Statement

Total proposed budget*

**Include the following:

- *A detailed proposed budget*

Example:

Category	*Amount*	*Purpose*	*Source(s) of Funding*
Personnel	$181,526.70		
Contracts			
Travel/Training	$5,000		
Equipment	$95,269.82		
Other			

- *Proposed budget narrative**

Describe how you will use the requested funding to complete the proposed project.

3.5 page maximum

See attached: Problem Statement

List any partners in this proposal, the partners' roles, and your relationship with them. *

3.5 page maximum

N/A

List leadership/key personnel*

Identify the anticipated leadership/key personnel of the proposal and attach resumes for each person.

3.5 page maximum

See attached: Key Personnel

Describe your plan for sustainability after the grant award has been exhausted. *

3.5 page maximum

See Attached: Sustainability Plan

Section Four: Organization Information

Provide your organization's mission statement. *

Members of the Fairmont Fire Department will work diligently to prevent and suppress hostile fires, provide aid in medical emergencies, and give reasonable assistance to all other emergencies requiring our services while protecting and preserving the health and safety of our membership to return them safety to their families.

Describe the history of your organization. *

The Fairmont fire department was organized in 1897. Since its formation, FFD has provided full-time professional service to its citizens and visitors. The department has provided more than just suppression and prevention through its existance. In the 1940's FFD provided the city and county with an emergency car (the areas first ambulance). This service continued until the 1970s with the formation of Marion County Rescue Squad as the primary EMS service. in 2000, FFD again began providing medical care in the form of a Rapid Response Basic Life Support Agency. the premise is that the three stations can supplement the current EMS system on the front end by providing medical care sooner and sustaining life until an ambulance can arrive.

Tell us about your current programs and activities: *

The Fairmont Fire Department provides comprehensive emergency services, including fire suppression, fire prevention education, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous materials response, and fire inspections. We also conduct community risk-reduction programs such as our recent free smoke alarm outreach initiative that distributed and installed alarms for residents. Additionally, the department is preparing to launch a child safety seat installation and education program in spring 2026. These activities reflect our commitment to public safety, prevention, and community engagement.

Describe three significant accomplishments of your organization within the last three years. *

- Expanded EMS Capability: Increased the number of certified EMTs so that more than half of the department now holds EMT or higher medical credentials, strengthening overall emergency medical response.
- Community Risk Reduction: Launched a successful free smoke alarm installation program, improving fire safety and early-warning protection for vulnerable residents across the city.
- Enhanced Training and Readiness: Expanded training opportunities by adding improved training props, upgrading facilities, and growing the department's instructor cadre, resulting in higher proficiency and readiness across all operational disciplines.

All sources of funding*

List all funds received by your organization from any federal, state, local or private grant awards or funding received in the last year and the current status of those funds.

The department is funded through city budget and fire fees.

Organization Members*

- *List your Organization's Owner(s), Board of Directors, senior staff members, and other key members of your organization.*
- *List the staff involved with this project and describe their roles and responsibilities:*

Fire Chief: Brian Starn;
Fire Prevention and Training Captain: Dustin Lambert (drafted budget, narrative, and researched needs)

Attach the Following:

Certifications *

- Certifications of good standing with the Secretary of State
- All licensures required from the city
- All licensures and certifications for all individuals that will be working on this project.
- All special licensures and certifications required by the state

Audited financial statements*
Attach one year of the most recent audited financial statements.

Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, & Appropriations and Cash Flow*
Attach your organization's most current monthly Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, & Appropriations and Cash flow statement

Current operating budget*
Attach your organization's current operating budget.

****If you have made an application for funding for this project from other sources (city, state, private or non-profit organizations) please list the same here.**

None

Section Five: Supplementary Information

Third-party reference*

Enter contact information for at least one outside third-party reference.

EMAIL PHONE NUMBER

[redacted]

Supplementary information or documentation

Attach any supplementary information or documentation (such as letters of support) that you feel will be essential to the City's review.

_____

Signature

_____

*Name (*Print)

_____

Title

_____

Date

While we are unable to help you complete this application, we are more than happy to provide you with clarification. Please contact Rene Graves, Grant Administrator, with any questions at rgraves@fairmontwv.gov or 304-366-6212 x 321.

All projects will run for 12 months from the time of the signed contract with the ability to apply for a one-year no cost extension.

Executive Summary of the Proposal

The Fairmont Fire Department (FFD) respectfully requests $95,270 in opioid-settlement funding to expand the department's emergency medical service capability from Basic Life Support (BLS) Rapid Response to a fully licensed Advanced Life Support (ALS) non-transport agency. This project directly enhances Fairmont's ability to respond to opioid overdoses, opioid-related cardiac arrests, and other medical emergencies by equipping all three fire stations with the state-required ALS minimum equipment, completing fleetwide AED coverage, adding modern AED training units for community CPR outreach, and purchasing a LUCAS mechanical CPR device to significantly improve resuscitation quality.

FFD responds to over 1,500 medical emergencies every year, and an estimated 5-9% of these incidents involve overdoses or suspected overdoses. The opioid epidemic continues to place a major burden on Fairmont's EMS system, and despite having three certified paramedics, FFD is not permitted to provide ALS-level care because our agency is currently licensed only at the BLS level. This funding will finally allow those trained professionals to practice at their full scope.

Most people know that Naloxone (Narcan) is the medication used to reverse opioid overdoses. Narcan is extremely valuable — it blocks the opioid from the receptors in the brain. However, Narcan alone does not save a person's life if they have already stopped breathing or gone into cardiac arrest. The true life-saving intervention is oxygen.
Opioids kill by causing the body to slow breathing until it stops, which leads directly to a lack of oxygen. Within minutes, the brain begins to suffer damage, and shortly after, the heart stops. Narcan can take several minutes to fully work, and during that time, the patient may still have no effective breathing. In those critical moments, airway management and oxygenation are what keep the person alive long enough for the Narcan to take effect.
In simple terms: Narcan reverses the drug, but oxygen keeps the person alive until the reversal occurs.

ALS-level providers can perform advanced airway procedures, ventilate the patient, monitor the heart, administer cardiac medications, obtain IV/IO access, and treat cardiac arrest medically — none of which BLS responders are permitted to do. Because many opioid overdoses progress into full cardiac arrest, particularly with fentanyl, these ALS interventions can be the deciding factor between life and death.

How This project Meets Core Strategies and Approved Uses:
This proposal aligns with multiple sections of West Virginia's approved opioid-abatement strategies (Schedule A and Schedule B of the MOU).

This project directly advances West Virginia's Core Strategies and Approved Uses for opioid settlement funds by improving overdose response capabilities through better airway management and cardiac arrest care. Upgrading the Fire Department to Advanced Life Support (ALS) enables responders to provide the advanced airway support, oxygenation, cardiac monitoring, and post-overdose stabilization identified in Schedule A – Naloxone and overdose response and Schedule B – Treatment of OUD and overdose emergencies

Key Outcomes:

- **Improved survival for opioid overdose patients** through faster airway management, oxygenation, and ALS-level interventions during critical minutes before Narcan takes full effect.
- **Reduced incidence of overdose-related cardiac arrests** and better outcomes when arrests occur, supported by ALS equipment and the LUCAS mechanical CPR device.
- **Enhanced community readiness and early intervention** through expanded CPR/AED training for city employees, partner agencies, and the public using new AED training units.
- **Citywide coverage by ALS-capable apparatus**, ensuring faster access to advanced care even when transport medic units are delayed or unavailable.

Problem Statement:
The City of Fairmont continues to face a significant and persistent impact from the opioid epidemic. The Fairmont Fire Department (FFD) responds to roughly 1,500 medical emergencies each year, and an estimated 5–10% of these calls involve opioid overdoses or suspected overdoses. These incidents frequently require rapid, advanced medical intervention—particularly airway management, oxygenation, and cardiac care—to prevent death or long-term neurological damage. However, despite having trained paramedics on staff, FFD is currently licensed only at the Basic Life Support (BLS) level, which legally limits responders to minimal treatment options during the most time-critical moments of an overdose.

Opioids kill by causing a person to stop breathing. When oxygen is lost, irreversible brain injury begins within minutes, and the heart often stops shortly after. Although Naloxone (Narcan) is an essential medication, it does not breathe for the patient. Narcan can take several minutes to work, and during that time, many overdose victims are in severe respiratory failure or cardiac arrest. Without the ability to secure an airway, ventilate the patient, administer ALS medications, or deliver advanced cardiac life support, BLS responders are unable to provide the level of care required to stabilize these patients. This gap puts overdose victims at higher risk of death before a transport medic unit arrives.

The challenge is worsened by the limited availability of ALS ambulances in Marion County. The Marion County Rescue Squad frequently experiences simultaneous calls, leaving Fairmont residents dependent on medic units responding from outside the city—including from Mannington or other districts more than 20 minutes away. In cases of opioid overdoses, these delays can be fatal. FFD is often the first to arrive on scene, but without ALS licensure and equipment, our responders are prevented from using the full scope of their training.

The opioid crisis has also increased the number of cardiac arrests related to overdoses, many of which require prolonged, high-quality CPR. Manual CPR, especially during extended resuscitations, can become inconsistent and physically exhausting for responders. A LUCAS mechanical CPR device dramatically improves survival odds by delivering perfect, uninterrupted chest compressions, ensuring oxygenated blood continues to circulate during overdose-related arrests.

Additionally, while FFD has AEDs on most frontline vehicles, our fleet is not yet fully equipped. The remaining gap—an AED for the Training Captain's vehicle—limits the department's ability to respond uniformly across all districts. Fairmont also lacks adequate AED training equipment to support large-scale CPR education programs for city employees, community partners, and the public, despite an increasing demand for overdose-preparedness training.

In summary, Fairmont's opioid burden, delayed ALS transport availability, and the inability of FFD's paramedics to provide ALS-level care create a critical and urgent need. This project addresses that need by enabling faster, more effective treatment for overdose victims, improving cardiac arrest outcomes, and strengthening community readiness to respond to opioid emergencies.

Proposed Budget Narrative

The Fairmont Fire Department (FFD) requests $95,270 in opioid-settlement funding to implement Advanced Life Support (ALS) services and strengthen overdose-response capability across all three fire stations. The project directly aligns with the Core Strategies and Approved Uses outlined in the West Virginia Opioid Settlement MOU by improving overdose survival, enhancing first-responder capacity, and expanding community preparedness.

1. ALS Equipment for Three Stations

Funds will be used to purchase the state-required ALS equipment necessary for licensure. These items—including advanced airway tools, oxygen delivery equipment, IV/IO access supplies, cardiac medications, suction devices, and medical bags—will allow FFD's paramedics to perform advanced airway management, ventilation, cardiac monitoring, and medication administration. These interventions are essential during opioid overdoses, where patients often experience respiratory failure or cardiac arrest before Narcan takes

effect. This directly supports Core Strategy A (Naloxone and overdose response) and Schedule B (Treatment and stabilization of OUD-related emergencies).

2. LUCAS Mechanical CPR Device
A portion of the funds will purchase one LUCAS mechanical CPR device, which delivers consistent, uninterrupted chest compressions during opioid-related cardiac arrests. Because fentanyl overdoses frequently progress to cardiac arrest, the LUCAS significantly improves oxygen delivery and survival odds, supporting approved uses for first responder enhancement and overdose mortality reduction.

3. AED for the Training Captain's Vehicle
The project includes one AED to complete 100% fleetwide AED coverage. Opioid-induced cardiac arrhythmias can occur suddenly, and ensuring an AED is present on every apparatus reduces treatment delays and improves outcomes.

4. Three AED Training Units (CPR Outreach)
Three updated AED trainers will support CPR and overdose-response instruction for city employees, partner agencies, and the public. This aligns with Core Strategy A(1), which emphasizes expanding overdose-response training for first responders and community members.

5. Fairmont Fire Department's Matching Contribution:
FFD will contribute $181,526.70 in wages for its three existing paramedics, whose training and ongoing salary costs represent a substantial in-kind match supporting the implementation of ALS service. Additionally, $5,000 from the department's training budget is allocated to support the certification of an additional paramedic within the next year. These contributions demonstrate the department's long-term commitment to sustaining ALS capability and improving overdose outcomes.

Together, these investments will allow FFD to begin ALS operations upon state approval, reduce preventable overdose deaths, improve cardiac arrest outcomes, and expand community readiness—directly supporting the opioid-abatement goals of the settlement program.

Key Personnel

The project will be led by the Fire Chief and Training Captain, who oversee EMS operations, compliance, and quality assurance. Three certified Paramedics will provide ALS care, implement advanced airway and overdose-response protocols, and assist with training. Additional support will come from the EMS Medical Director, who provides clinical oversight, and the Administrative/Training staff, who manage documentation, data tracking, and coordination for CPR/AED outreach. As ALS service expands, one additional firefighter will complete paramedic training through Pierpont Community and Technical College to support long-term program sustainability.

Sustainability Plan

The ongoing costs of ALS service are minimal. FFD already maintains state licensure for all paramedics, so there is no added cost for certification. Continuing education and routine medical supplies are low-cost and already built into our EMS training program. ALS equipment used during patient care can be billed and reimbursed through standard EMS billing. Major equipment—such as cardiac monitors—has a lifespan of five or more years, and future replacements will be included in the City's regular capital budget. This ensures full sustainability after the grant period ends.

Cost Estimates and Budget

Item	Price	Qty (Min)	Total
Chest decompression large bore needles:			
Adult: minimum of 3.25" length 14 – 16 gauge	$13.29	2	$26.58
Child: 1.5" 16 gauge for pediatrics	$2.79	2	$5.58
Monitor			
Patient monitoring system capable of cardiac rhythm monitoring, 12-lead acquisition, data, pacing, defib, cardioversion	$19,995.00	1	$19,995.00
Spare battery for patient monitoring system	$434.99	2	$869.98
Cables, probes and supplies for ECG monitoring			
Adult and pediatric defibrillation and transcutaneous pacing cables/pads and electrodes for patient monitoring system	$120.00	2	$240.00
Medications			
Atropine, 1 mg, pre-loaded syringe	$16.91	3	$50.73
D50W, 25 gm pre-loaded syringe	$89.33	1	$89.33
Normal saline, 0.9%, 1000 ml	$6.79	2	$13.58
IV Equipment			
60gtts/ml Mini-drip IV administration set. May utilize Select-3® sets or equivalent	$3.19	2	$6.38
10 to 15gtts/ml Macro-drip IV admin. set. (May be Select-3® sets or equivalent)	$2.59	2	$5.18
Extension sets. May utilize Select-3® sets or equivalent	$1.79	2	$3.58
Saline locks and flushes	$1.19	2	$2.38
Adequate site preparation materials – alcohol or povidone *Quoted start kits*	$3.19	2	$6.38
Venous tourniquets **See item above**			
IV catheters: sizes 14g, 16g, 18g, 20g, 22g and 24g	$2.79	12	$33.48
Other Equipment			
Braslow tape	$32.62	1	$32.62
Drug bag (Merit VERSA Pro-X)	$329.95	1	$329.95
Intubation Kit (ideally video Laringiscope)	$549.99	1	$549.99
ET TUbesSizes 5.0mm through 8.5mm	$3.79	8	$30.32
I.O. Drill kit	$664.00	1	$664.00
Nasal Airway Kit	$29.39	10	$293.90
	Subtotal	**Per Truck**	**$23,248.94**
Lucas Device (refurbished)	$21,338.00	1	$21,338.00
Lucas device case	$642.00	1	$642.00
AED for S4	$2,100.00	1	$2,100.00
BLS AED Trainers	$481.00	3	$1,443.00
Three equipped ALS Apparatus (3x above quote)	$23,248.94	3	$69,746.82
Total Grant Request		**TOTAL**	**$95,269.82**
Department's Contribution			
Wages (3x paramedics for one year)			$181,526.70
Training (one extra paramedic initially)			$5,000.00
		TOTAL	**$186,526.70**