

Attachment A: Sample Approaches to Overdose Prevention for People Experiencing Homelessness

There is no one single evidence-based playbook for reducing fatal overdoses among people experiencing homelessness. However, there are emerging innovative or promising approaches, informed by the perspectives of people experiencing homelessness who use drugs. Some of these innovative programs that the hubs could support include:

- Integrated care teams for people who use drugs that include a harm reduction provider, a housing specialist, a health care provider, a social worker/nurse, and a community health worker or peer support specialist
- Mental health services, including grief counseling, chaplain services, traditional healing, peer recovery, and therapy, for those affected by overdose
- Housing-based overdose prevention initiatives. Applicants could seek to replicate programs that have been designed in other communities (for example, San Francisco's [DOPE SRO Project: Overdose Prevention in Supportive Housing \[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16X-Bdr-gcm_Psv0Q1Pt-ZmcNifLTE98v/view\]](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16X-Bdr-gcm_Psv0Q1Pt-ZmcNifLTE98v/view) or Vancouver's [Addressing Intersecting Housing and Overdose Crises in Vancouver, Canada: Tenant-Led Overdose Response Intervention \[https://ighhub.org/resource/addressing-intersecting-housing-and-overdose-crises-vancouver-canada-opportunities-and/\]](https://ighhub.org/resource/addressing-intersecting-housing-and-overdose-crises-vancouver-canada-opportunities-and/)) or create their own
- Hiring dedicated staff to focus on overdose prevention across programs, including distribution of harm reduction supplies, monitoring overdose trends and implementing or improving overdose response protocols
- Providing culturally responsive gathering places to foster social connections and community-building to support recovery

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