



Street to Stability: 2026 Application Overview

PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

Street to Stability expands Inner Beauty Center's existing trauma-informed outreach and drop-in services to reduce opioid overdose deaths, promote healthier coping strategies, and connect women experiencing exploitation, human trafficking, substance use, homelessness, and instability with life-saving resources and long-term support. By meeting women where they are—both physically and emotionally—the program builds trusting relationships that serve as the foundation for healing, stability, recovery, and self-directed change.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

The initiative focuses on five primary goals:

1. Reducing overdose risk through increased access to naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and overdose prevention education.
2. Expanding relationship-based outreach that engages women who are disconnected from traditional systems of care.
3. Increasing the use of healthy coping strategies through trauma-informed support and practical wellness resources.
4. Improving access to housing, healthcare, substance use treatment, mental health services, employment, and other community resources through individualized advocacy and warm handoffs.
5. Empowering participants to move toward long-term safety, stability, and independence.

SCOPE OF WORK AND KEY ACTIVITIES

To accomplish these goals, Inner Beauty Center will strengthen and expand its current outreach model through five integrated strategies. Weekly mobile outreach will be conducted in areas where women experiencing exploitation and homelessness are most likely to be found, providing food, hygiene supplies, clothing, naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and overdose prevention education. Outreach staff will build consistent, compassionate relationships through nonjudgmental engagement, recognizing that trust is often the first step toward meaningful change. The project will also expand drop-in center services by increasing opportunities for one-on-one advocacy, peer support, healthy coping resources, and individualized case management in a safe, welcoming environment. Participants will receive assistance navigating complex systems while staff provide transportation support, warm handoffs, and ongoing advocacy to connect women with treatment programs, recovery services, mental health care, healthcare providers, housing resources, employment assistance, and other community partners. Peer mentors with lived experience will play a key role in outreach and engagement, helping reduce stigma, inspire hope, and demonstrate that recovery and stability are possible.

TARGET POPULATION

Street to Stability serves women throughout Milwaukee County who are experiencing or are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation, human trafficking, substance use disorders, homelessness, and other significant barriers that contribute to poor health outcomes and increased overdose risk. Many participants have experienced severe trauma and remain disconnected from traditional healthcare and social service systems, making relationship-based outreach essential to reaching this underserved population.

COMMUNITY IMPACT:

Success will be measured through outreach records, participant engagement, service referrals, and follow-up outcomes, with a focus on reducing overdose risk, increasing participants' confidence in healthier coping strategies, and strengthening connections to long-term care and support. Through compassionate, trauma-informed outreach, Street to Stability seeks to save lives while creating sustainable pathways from survival to healing and lasting stability.