

Overdose Prevention Strategies for Local Public Health Authorities

Overview of Concept for CLHO Discussion – October 17, 2019

Overview: *Overdose Prevention Strategies for Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs)*: This funding opportunity is designed to build capacity for local public health authorities (LPHAs) serving jurisdictions with a high burden of drug overdose deaths. Grant funds will leverage existing resources, capacity and infrastructure to obtain and regularly report high quality, comprehensive and timely data and use those data to inform prevention of drug overdose and substance misuse. Through close collaboration with multisector stakeholders and partners the components of surveillance, prevention and health care will be linked into a dynamic system that generates insight to drive data informed action in response to the drug misuse and overdose crisis. This effort will lead to increased capacity for local drug overdose outbreak response, as well as prevention and treatment, through new partnerships to build community response capacity and resilience, linkages to care, and community recovery and treatment resources.

Funding: IVPP anticipates nine awards of \$150,000. annually for three years. This is an additional \$50,000. per award compared to the previous funding cycle.

Eligibility: LPHAs may apply for a \$150,000. award individually or as regional collaborations with two or more LPHAs. Regional collaboration is strongly recommended in order to increase the geographic reach of the limited funds available, but not required. Applications from regional collaborations of LPHAs will receive additional points in the competitive application scoring process.

Grant Requirements: Recipients are expected to implement activities that address their community's challenges related to drug overdose deaths in two or more of the following categories of work:

- Establishing Linkages to Care
 - Encourage partnering with Hospital Peer Mentor (HB 4143); syndemic approach; OR HOPE.
- Providers and Health Systems Support
 - Encourage partnering with Academic Detailing; addressing overdose prevention using a syndemic approach.
- Partnerships with Public Safety and First Responders
 - Development, planning and implementation of an Overdose Emergency Response Plan; encouraging use of OD MAP.
- Empowering Individuals to Make Safer Choices
 - Encourage partnering with health education; media campaign, "Heal Safely" expansion; harm reduction initiatives.
- Prevention Innovation Projects
 - Encourage local projects or CDC Evidence Based Strategies for Opioid Prevention <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/59393> All Innovation Projects must be approved by OHA.

Selection Process and Criteria:

Applications will be reviewed by a team of stakeholders and OHA staff. Applications will be scored based on the following criteria. The budget will not be included in the scoring criteria but is required for complete application submissions.

- Staff experience.
- Capacity to collect or obtain data.
- Sustainability plan.
- Capacity and capability to accept and expend project funds within the project period.

25% **Proposed outcomes/deliverables**

- Describe the overall purpose and target populations in terms of the problem you are trying to solve.
- Applicants must provide a clear and concise description of the strategies and associated activities they will use to achieve the period of performance outcomes, according to categories of work identified by the applicant.
- Include any relevant background and community context.
- Add measurable outcomes that the program intends to achieve by the end of the period of performance.

25% **Overdose Burden**

- High Burden counties scores will be considered in the grant application scoring

25% **Regional Partnerships/Collaboration**

- Applicants must demonstrate strong, multi-sector collaborations to support their work, including but not limited to community-based organizations, such as (501(c)(3)s that are embedded in the area of focus; hospitals or health systems; Community Care Organizations (CCO's) public safety and first responders; and/or other key authorities involved in work funded in the county.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide (a) Letter(s) of Support (LOS) to show that collaborators support the application and agree to regular meetings to support and coordinate activities.

General Information:

- Funds will be awarded through a competitive application process.
- All geographic locations within the state will be considered - urban, rural and frontier.
- Applicants must ensure broad partnerships that will advance overdose prevention.
- Applicants must ensure staffing at an appropriate level to address the grant requirements.
- Applicants must designate a lead staff as an OHA contact.
- OHA approved local program plans will be required of awardees. Local program plans must include strategies included in the list of CDC Evidence Based programs <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/59393> or SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit/SMA18-4742>

Timeline:

Oct. 17, 2019 Present to CLHO for discussion

Nov. 21, 2019 Present PE to CLHO for Approval

TBD Request for Proposal Application disseminated to LPHAs.

TBD Application Submission deadline

Feb 1, 2020 Start of Year One projects

Aug 31, 2020 End of Year One

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