Eligibility

Does this award specifically have to go to a health department, or can it go to another municipal agency, hospital, or non-profit?
Yes, the local health department would need to serve as the lead applicant and fiscal agent for this funding opportunity.

May we have a multi-agency partnership to apply? For example, a local health department, a non-profit harm reduction program, and a hospital?
Yes, a multi-agency partnership is allowable, partnership with at least a hospital and local treatment program is required, and more partnerships are encouraged. Note that the local health department must serve as the fiscal agent.

Can we work with two other jurisdictions in my county?
Yes, however, the maximum funding amount per application is $300,000, even if multiple agencies apply together and plan to work together on the same project.

Are all local health departments eligible to apply? Are there other criteria based on overdose burden?
All local health departments that can agree to the terms of the RFP and put together an application in accordance with the RFP requirements are eligible to apply. There are no criteria based on overdose burden. However, departments within a jurisdiction with an above average rate of overdose deaths will be prioritized during selection. Priority jurisdictions are listed here: https://www.naccho.org/uploads/body-images/IOPSLL-Eligibility-Y5-Upload-Rate.pdf

Are there restrictions for departments that already receive CDC and/or NACCHO funding?
No, there are no funding restrictions based on existing funding.

Can funds be used to expand an existing program to other hospitals in your region/state?
Yes, this is allowable, though the work should also include evaluating the current protocols and determining if and how they should be updated before expanding.

Budget

Can fentanyl test strips be purchased?
Fentanyl test strips can be paid for with these funds. There is a list of unallowable activities and purchases in the RFP.
Is equipment eligible for purchase with IOPSSL funds?
Equipment costs for individual items may not exceed $5,000. Equipment near this threshold may require further review by NACCHO.

Can this directly pay salaries?
Yes, salaries are an acceptable expense, as are associated fringe and indirect costs.

Clinical care is not allowable, but peers are involved in this project. Are peer salaries an eligible expense?
Yes, however, note that these funds cannot pay for direct medical care so the role of the peer navigators and clinicians would need to be clearly defined.

Can syringes be purchased with this funding?
This funding cannot be used to pay for syringes. This is also true for glass pipes such as are often included in safe smoking kits.

Can naloxone be purchased with this funding?
No, naloxone cannot be purchased with these funds.

Can food be purchased with this funding?
Yes – however a food request form must be completed before reimbursement. NACCHO will share this form with successful applicants who have requested funds for food in their budget.

Can we pay for transportation to treatment from the ED?
Yes, this is an allowable cost.

What should TX and FL applicants know about their contract language?
NACCHO has worked with the states of TX and FL to come to an agreement on specific contract language. Contact ivp@naccho.org to receive a copy of your state’s contract language.

Can funds be used for peers to complete credentialing processes?
Yes, this is an allowable cost.

Do the peers have to be hired by the hospital or the health department?
The health department or the peers may hire the peers, or either the health department or the peers may be contracted through a third party organization. However, the health department must be the fiscal administrator for the grant and will receive funds from NACCHO, which they may then provide to the hospital or contractor through a subcontract.

Specific Peer Strategies

Are there restrictions on providing peer services to individuals who have SUD but choose to not initiate MOUD?
No - there is not a limitation. Patients not ready or willing to begin MOUD can be connected to community-based harm reduction organizations and resources.
Are the drug screening in the ED is consent based?
Yes, the goal is to provide services that individuals desire and find supportive for their personal health goals. Toxicology one method of screening but is not required.

Will Peers be expected to report on screening results? I’m concerned about the relationship between mandated reporting and arrest for folks uninterested in MOUD.
There are no specific required reporting metrics for this funding opportunity. Your protocols, including data and metrics collected, will be tailored to your specific community and can, for example, be designed to avoid triggering mandatory reporting requirements that may be present in your jurisdiction.

Does MOUD have to be available for initiation in the ED?
Ideally, MOUD induction for patients who are interested would occur in the ED and an appointment for follow up MOUD care with a partnering organization would be made. However, we will consider applications that just propose the latter.

Do the protocols have to support Medicaid populations only or can we use this for all payors?
Peers would be available to support all folks presenting in the ED who screening positive for substance use and who are interested in services.

Can the peers be from an independent agency? Not affiliated with hospital or LHD?
Yes, as long as MOUs with the hospital are established for their work in the ED.

What if we can't find peer support coverage 24/7?
Universal screening refers to the protocol that all people in the ED would be screened for substance use, not necessarily that peers would be available 24/7. Your protocols will be established based on the level of peer support that you are able to provided. 24/7 coverage is not required.

Are the peers used exclusively in the Emergency Department?
The ED is the source of referrals for the program, but peers offer continued support and connections to care in the community for individuals who engage with the program.

Do hospitals need to have buprenorphine on formulary before the start of the grant?
No, this is not required.

Can these funds be used for direct outreach or post overdose mobile visits?
Yes, however the primary point of referrals for the peer program should be the ED.

Will virtual peer support be an option for funding or is it strictly in-person peer support?
Virtual peer support is allowable.
GENERAL QUESTIONS

What is the funding amount for this opportunity?
Each applicant may request up to $300,000 to support project activities. If two or more LHDs apply together they will still be limited to $300,000 total funding.

Can you provide the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number associated with the grant?
The CFDA number is 93.421.

Who should the letters of support be addressed to?
They may be addressed to NACCHO’s Injury and Violence Prevention Team. There is no need to direct it towards anyone in particular.

What is the page limit for the project narrative portion (and logic model) of this application?
You’ll find word count limits for each section of the narrative in the RFP. The logic model does not have a word count.