Embedding Peers in Emergency Departments

Opportunity for Funding - Informational Webinar

October 20, 2022, 2:00-3:00pm EST
About NACCHO

• Non-profit membership serving approximately 2,800 local health departments (LHDs) across the country
• Provides capacity-building resources to support LHDs
• Advocates on behalf of LHDs with federal policymakers
Background and Eligibility Requirements
Project Goal

Build the capacity of LHDs and their hospital partners to utilize peer recovery specialists (PRS) to provide linkages to and support retention in ongoing care for people who use drugs (PWUD) after discharge from the emergency department (ED).
Eligibility

An eligible applicant:

• Is a Local Health Department (LHD)*
• Has or can immediately acquire an active System for Award Management (SAM.gov) number
• Can sign and execute a contract within approximately 30 days of receipt
• Can commit to the project requirements and the completion of all associated deliverables

Priority will be given to jurisdictions serving counties with a 2020 age-adjusted drug overdose death rate equal to or greater than of 28.3/100,000
Project Background

- Cooperative agreement between NACCHO and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Up to five (5) awards available.
- Up to $300,000
- 12-month project period beginning February 1
  - First contract period: February 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023
  - Second contract period (following approval of an extension): August 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024
# Project Timeline

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Overview of Project Activities

With the support of NACCHO, CDC, and Mosaic Group, selected LHDs will **design, implement, maintain, and evaluate** a set of protocols to

- screen patients presenting in the ED for substance use and
- offer eligible patients initial MOUD induction and links to ongoing community based MOUD, treatment, and harm reduction services.
Detailed Project Activities

1. Formalize a partnership with one or more local EDs to implement new protocols.

2. Develop new ED protocols along with necessary trainings to hospital staff (clinical and administrative) and updates to the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system.

3. Hire and train PRS staff prior to implementation of protocols.

4. Implement Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) protocols to formalize the screening of all ED patients for substance use and identify their needs and appropriate level of care.
   1. Those identified would be paired with a peer to assess their interest in MOUD or, if not applicable or interested, to provide links to community-based harm reduction services.

5. Initiate MOUD for ED identified patients who are motivated for and agree to treatment. PRS staff then refer patients to a community-based MOUD provider partner for same day or next day MOUD continuation.

6. PRS staff provide ongoing follow up to encourage MOUD maintenance and/or offer harm reduction support for ED patients who agreed to engage in the program.
Expectations and Requirements:

Awardees, with support from NACCHO, CDC, and Mosaic Group, will:

- Participate in regular technical assistance and peer-to-peer learning calls
- Develop a detailed workplan
- Implement the workplan activities to stand up an ED protocol program
- Develop an evaluation plan
- Evaluate activities
Contract Terms

• Selected applicants will be required to identify and designate an agency to enter a contract with NACCHO, to serve as a fiscal agent for the project and to submit the deliverables specified in the contract.

• Agreement with NACCHO’s standard contract terms and conditions is required. Please notify us as soon as possible with any issues with the standard contract.

• Contract will be deliverable based – NACCHO will work with awarded applicants to develop a detailed Scope of Work
Application Process
First Steps

Review the program and contract requirements to plan for and ensure you have the capacity and ability and to complete them.

Discuss the program requirements, goals, and capacity for implementation with local partners, particularly the implementing hospital.

Route contractual forms for signature.

Create or use MyNACCHO.org account to begin the online application.
Application Components

• Project Narrative
  • Statement of Need
  • Proposed Project Plan
  • LHD and Partner Readiness
  • LHD Administrative Capacity
  • Budget Justification and Narrative

• Required Contractual Forms
Application Components: LHD and Partner Readiness

Given the timeframe of the project, conditions must be in place in each jurisdiction to allow feasible completion within 12 months. This section of the application includes:

• A series of questions that will be answered collaboratively by the LHD and hospital

• A letter of support from a hospital partner

• A letter of support from at least one local Opioid Treatment Program or other treatment facility that provides medications for Opioid Use Disorder

• Optional additional letters of support from community-based organizations
Application Components: Budget Justification and Narrative

• The budget is not scored, but it must be approved for contract execution. Budgets will be reviewed and approved based on:
  • Reasonableness of costs
  • Cost allowability
  • Sufficient staffing to support grant activities
  • Sufficient justification of costs

• Budgets used to develop final deliverables schedule and price

• NACCHO strongly encourages applicants to allocate sufficient funds to pay PRS at least a living wage
  • See MIT’s living wage calculator: https://livingwage.mit.edu/

• No preference given for award amounts less than the maximum ($300,000)
Contractual Forms

- NACCHO Standard Contract for review
- Vendor Information
- W-9 Form
- Certification of Non-Debarment
- FFATA
- Proof of active registration with SAM.gov in accordance with an active DUNS number
Unallowable Costs

• Clinical care and direct services
• Furniture
• Incentives such as gift cards greater than $25
• Reimbursement of pre-award costs
• Equipment purchases greater than $5,000.
• Legislative activities
• Materials falling under federal paraphernalia guidelines (syringes, pipes)
• Purchase of naloxone
Application Portal

- OpenWater platform
- Create or use MyNACCHO.org account
- Add information and upload all documents directly on site
- Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt
Q & A
Closing

• These slides and a recording of this call will be posted here: https://www.naccho.org/programs/community-health/injury-and-violence/#EPED-fund

• An FAQ document will be uploaded to the same location by CoB on 10/24

• You may e-mail additional questions to IVP@NACCHO.org
This webinar has now ended. 
You may disconnect.

Thank you!