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## **Health Equity & Drug Overdose Mentorship Program** **RFA Informational Webinar** **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs )**

**Does this program cover opioids, all drugs or only ones on which the population overdoses (for example, excluding marijuana)?**

This program covers any drugs on which the population overdoses.

**How many mentees are you expected to award?**

At most 5 mentees will be awarded up to \$15,000 each. At most 5 mentors will be awarded up to \$30,000 each.

**Can state health departments, universities or other organizations apply for this grant opportunity?.**

Unfortunately, due to limitations in funding, this opportunity is just for our local health departments. We do, however, have some upcoming opportunities around health equity and drug overdose that will be accessible to all. We are, currently, in the process of revising our *Health Equity in the Response to Drug Overdose* course that will be housed on our [NACCHO University](#) platform early next calendar year.

**Can you define what constitutes a health department?**

Health departments refer to city or county health officials or departments that are connected to the local government within your jurisdiction.

**Can you confirm if all parts of the application (i.e. Mentee Point of Contact, Key Strategy Areas, Statement of Need, Staffing Plan, and the Budget Justification) are all included in the 3 page limit with just the letter of support being separate?**

The budget narrative, any letters of support, and resumes/CVs are not included in the page count for applications, but are required submissions for a complete application.



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**The RFA states under eligibility that applicants should have an interest in building capacity to address their jurisdictional drug overdose situation in *one* of the five key health equity areas. However, on page 5, it says that at least *two* key strategies should be identified.**

Mentees will be paired with a mentor based on their interest in addressing health equity in one key strategy area. However, we ask that you provide (a) "runner-up" strategy area/s to aid us in matching to best fit should we be unable to find a mentor that can support you in your primary key strategy area.

**Can we submit two mentee applications for two different mentees who work in the same department?**

Each health department should submit one application. If there are multiple staff members that would take part in the program, these can each be included within the staffing plan. The staff member who is identified as the point of contact will be the person NACCHO communicates with directly regarding the program, contract, deliverables, invoicing, etc.

**Can you provide some examples of how to use the funding?**

We'd expect that most of the funding will go towards staff salaries. However, your funding will depend on your proposed activities for the deliverables. Examples of how participants have used the project funds in our prior mentorship program include: pre-packaged hygiene kits, supplies for narcan distribution trainings, software and training for that software, and (for quick response teams) jackets or materials identifying yourself. We, also, had some instances where mentors packaged mailings to send to their mentees.

**What is the allowable indirect rate is for this opportunity?**

The allowable indirect rate is 10% for no justification or additional information required. Any more than this requires proof of a federally approved rate (or a detailed breakdown of what's included as a letter on your letterhead).

**Is there a minimum amount of funding that can be requested through the program?**

We have not established a minimum amount that can be used for the funding.