



National Association of County & City Health Officials

The National Connection for Local Public Health

Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

This document includes all questions that NACCHO has received regarding the [RFA](#). Note that some of these questions were also addressed on the [informational webinar](#). Where responses differ between the webinar and this document, answers in this document should be considered final. Questions and answers will be added periodically through the application period, which ends October 23, 2019, by 11:59 PT.

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Q: We were ineligible to apply for the CDC Overdose Data to Action grant directly; however, we will be receiving funds from our state on a contract basis. If we meet all other eligibility requirements, are we eligible to apply for the ‘Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level’ grant?

A: Sub-recipients of CDC’s OD2A award are eligible. Your application should specify how proposed strategies and activities align with or complement existing efforts supported by OD2A, without duplication.

Q: We are the largest county in the state and have the most drug overdose deaths. How do we determine our true “service population”?

A: We are defining service population by county using Census data to determine edibility. Applicants must cover a jurisdictional county that serves a population of 700,000 people or more.

Q: Is there is any flexibility in the eligibility criteria?

A: No, eligibility is restricted to LHDs that meet the criteria outlined in the RFA.

Q: Can we purchase sharps disposal containers or pipes to be distributed in our harm reduction programs?

A: The sharp containers **are** allowable expenses, however, purchasing pipes **is not** allowable.

Q: Are we able to pay for syringe testing of fentanyl?

A: This funding opportunity can support the testing of syringes for fentanyl if it is classified in the “Innovation Projects” category of work and is used for surveillance. Approaches focused on surveillance can be supported.

Q: Can we contract funds out to subcontractors to be used after the end of the grant time?

A: No, the award will have to be spent during the period of the grant. If you are awarded, there may be approval for a no cost extension post-award, but please expect and plan to spend down the entire



amount that you're requesting during your application. We highly encourage you to work with your community partners and subcontract where possible, but those subcontracts would have to follow the same period of performance, which is July 31, 2020.

Q: Does the application need to come from a county level health department or the city health department?

A: The application can be submitted by a county or city health department on behalf of the county; more than one jurisdiction that serves the same population as another recipient will not be funded. Where there's more than one health department in the jurisdictional county serving 700,000 people or more, health departments are encouraged to work together on one application to serve the entire county.

Q: Can the funds be used to expand a project that is already implemented?

A: Yes.

Q: Can innovation funds be used for piloting safe injection sites?

A: No. At this time that is not allowable.

Q: If a county population is too small can two adjacent counties work together?

A: No, eligibility is restricted to counties that serve 700,000 people or more.

Q: Is there any chance that this funding mechanism will be extended beyond July 2020?

A: We do not have any indication from our CDC partners that we would extend this program. The strategies and the work plan that is submitted should be under the impression that the grant period ends July 31, 2020.

Q: Is there any travel or grant meeting required as part of this award?

A: Yes, we have one in person meeting required of the grant recipients scheduled in February 2020.

Q: Is the requirement for the Peer-to-Peer Learning supplemental to develop a written training material?

A: The application should include a training curriculum for a specific area of expertise within one of the five categories of work. The curriculum should describe the learning objectives and how the training will be delivered, either as a workshop during the in person meeting or virtually through a series of webinars or conference calls where speakers, other health department staff, or community partners are invited to share elements of their work with the rest of the cohort.

Q: Can we apply for funding in partnership with another local health department with a combined drug related death for the two counties greater than or equal to 300?

A: No, a single county must have reported 300 or more drug overdose deaths in 2017.

Q: We are wondering if only the LHD can submit invoices to NACCHO. Could our partnering organization submit invoices directly to NACCHO?



A: Yes, only the LHD can submit invoices to NACCHO. The contract for this award will be between the LHD recipient and NACCHO, therefore, reimbursement will only be provided to the awardee. The LHD may propose to subcontract any other community partner to support their work, in which case the community partner may invoice the LHD directly.

