



NC Department of Health and Human Services  
**Justice System Innovation Section**

# **NC Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program: Justice System**

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# NC DHHS DMH/DD/SAS

## Request for Applications

- The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), on behalf of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (DMH/DD/SAS), is soliciting applications for organizations to develop or expand services in the areas of:
  - (1) pre-arrest diversion programs,
  - (2) jail-based overdose prevention education programs, and
  - (3) comprehensive jail-based medication-assisted treatment programs
- In addition, a technical assistance manager to support programs developed or expanded in these three areas.
- Funding will be available for a period beginning on February 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023.

# Background and Goals

## Strategic Goals

1. Advance health equity by reducing disparities in opportunity and outcomes for historically marginalized populations
2. Help North Carolinians end the pandemic, control the spread of COVID-19, recover stronger, and be prepared for future public health crises
3. Build an innovative, coordinated, and whole-person centered system that addresses both medical and non-medical drivers of health
4. Turn the tide on North Carolina's opioid and substance use crisis
5. Improve child and family well-being
6. Support individuals with disabilities and older adults in leading safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives

## Implementation or Expansion

Eligible applicants may apply to implement one, two, or all three of the following strategies, either by establishing a new program or expanding or augmenting an existing program:

1. Pre-arrest diversion programs
2. Jail-based overdose prevention education and naloxone distribution upon release programs
3. Comprehensive jail-based medication assisted treatment (MAT)

# Eligibility

- The following entities and organizations are eligible to receive funds under the program:
    - Local government entities (e.g., local law enforcement agencies, jails, community corrections, health departments, EMS agencies, etc.)
    - Substance use disorder treatment providers
    - Hospitals
    - Health centers
    - Clinics
    - Pharmacies, or
    - Other non-profit or for-profit organizations that have a documented history of working with the justice involved persons or people with substance use/abuse disorder
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# Scope of Work

- All proposals must include:
    - A plan for identifying individuals to be served by the program, including any use of screening and assessment tools as appropriate
    - A description of how programs will plan for warm transfers from justice partners to appropriate community services and supports; plan may include use of peer support, care coordination or case management.
    - A clear statement on the readiness of the organization to engage in this work based on level of experience:
      - Entry level: programs that have not delivered this work before but have demonstrated a clear understanding of the need and requirements to be successful;
      - Mid-level programs, with demonstrated experience in one of the three options but wish to build on then initiative;
      - Experienced programs seeking to expand geographically or begin delivering an additional element of the pathway (for example, a re-entry service wishing to expand into jail-based MAT).
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# Program Requirements

1. Pre-arrest and pre-trial diversion programs
2. Jail-based overdose prevention education and naloxone distribution upon release programs
3. Comprehensive jail-based medication assisted treatment (MAT) programs

Programmatic requirements depend on which type of program you will implement

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# Pre-arrest and Pre-trial Diversion Programs

- Applications must:
    - Identify law enforcement agency, sheriff's offices, and local court system partners with commitment to implementation of these programs
    - Include letters of support from partners
    - Identify behavioral health services and supports committed to working with LEO and courts to ensure availability of tools to utilize for implementation
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# Jail-based Overdose Prevention Education and Naloxone Distribution Upon Release Programs

- Applications in this category must:
    - Utilize a standardized curriculum based on research and expertise in implementing best practice education programs that include components outlined in SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit
    - Have staff, contractors or volunteers identified to implement the curriculum must attend training organized by the state in order to ensure program consistency and peer-to-peer learning opportunities
    - Include naloxone distribution to individuals upon release from incarceration
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# Comprehensive Jail-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Programs

- Comprehensive MAT programs, which include providing buprenorphine, methadone or both, are the gold standard for opioid use disorder treatment
    - Sites may only utilize FDA approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder
    - Applicants must detail how they are collaborating with organizations experienced in the provision of MAT, or appropriately training clinical staff in the provision of MAT
    - Plan that includes in-reach strategies, when possible, for connecting individuals in jail-based MAT to continued treatment with community-based MAT programs upon release from jail
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# Technical Assistance Provider Requirements

- Provide clinical expertise on evidence-based best practices for treating individuals with substance use disorder, including the provision of medication-assisted treatment in correctional settings, to each recipient of this Justice & Health RFA to improve health outcomes. Successful TA manager applicants will either possess this clinical expertise internally or will subcontract with another organization to provide it
- Provide onboarding training to applicants selected in Strategies (A), (B), and (C). Training must include best practices for program implementation, cultural humility and working with persons who use drugs, and centering race and equity in their work. TA Manager may provide this training themselves or work with experienced partners to provide this training
- Provide a detailed technical assistance plan that includes method, frequency, and audience of TA to support programs from orientation to implementation and sustainability

# Performance Measures and Expectations

## Options A-C

- Number of unique individuals served
- Number of contacts with individuals
- Demographic information, including race, ethnicity, age, and gender identity of program participants and individuals served
- Demographic information, including race, ethnicity, age, and gender identity of baseline population (demographics of detention center or current program participants if applicable, or demographics of population program is aiming to serve)
- Number of connections to partner services
- Type of partner services connected to (MAT, other treatment, other recovery supports, SSP services, social services, etc.)
- Number of naloxone kits distributed by the program
- Number of referrals made to obtain naloxone from another source
- Challenges to completing project goals, strategies for overcoming these challenges, and lessons learned from engaging in the work

# Performance Measures and Expectations

## Technical Assistance Option

- Number of programs provided with technical assistance
- Types of technical assistance provided
- Frequency of technical assistance provided
- Challenges in providing technical assistance, strategies for overcoming these challenges, and lessons learned from engaging in the work

# Reporting Requirements

1. Reports – Monthly, Quarterly, and as Requested
  2. Monthly Reimbursements/Invoices
- Both Due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of Each Month

# Budget Categories

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-and-substance-abuse-services-grant-opportunities>

- Human Resources
- Salary/Wages
- Fringe Benefits
- Supplies and Materials
- Equipment
- Travel
- Utilities
- Repair and Maintenance
- Staff Development
- Media/Communications/Public Affairs
- Rent
- Professional Services
- Subcontracting Grants
- Indirect Costs

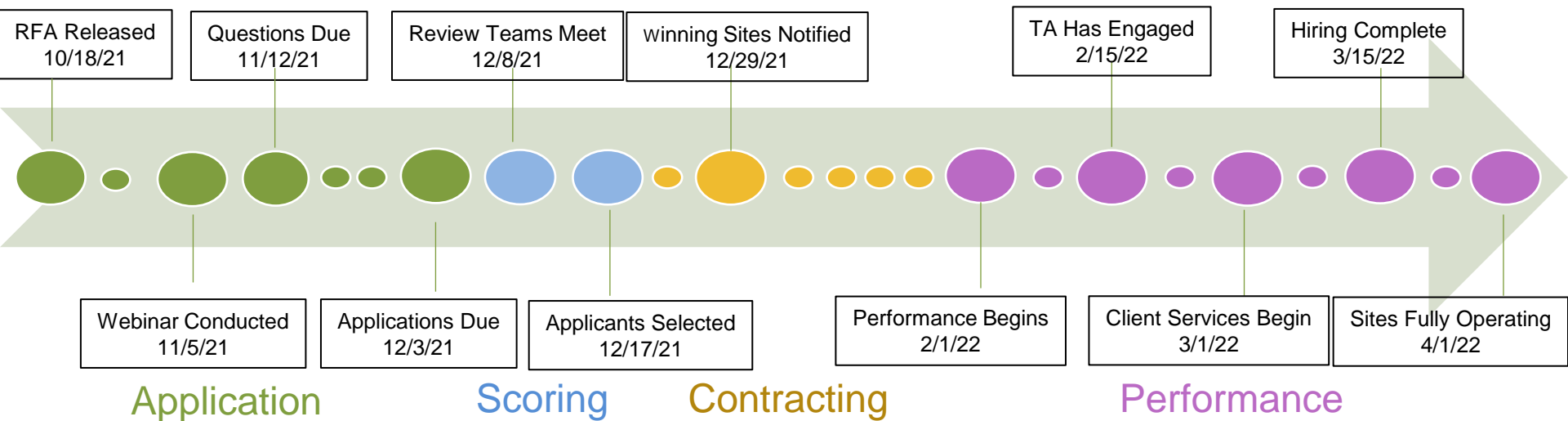
# Application Content

- Cover page with all fields completed
  - Face page
  - Proposal summary (500 words)
  - Organization background and qualifications
  - Assessment of Needs/statement of the problem
  - Project description and narrative
  - Collaboration and community support
  - Project evaluation
  - Potential impact
  - Sustainability
  - Line-item budget and budget narrative
  - Supporting documents excluded from the 20-page limit
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# NC Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Programs

## Timeline for Application, Selection, and Implementation



● One week

# Resources

North Carolina Opioid Action Plan <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/department-initiatives/opioid-epidemic/north-carolinas-opioid-action-plan>

NC Division of Public Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (Related data available here) <http://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/DataSurveillance/Poisoning.htm>

National Sheriffs Association Jail Based MAT guide <https://www.sheriffs.org/Jail-Based-MAT>

SAMHSA Use of Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder in Criminal Justice Settings

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Use-of-Medication-Assisted-Treatment-for-Opioid-Use-Disorder-in-Criminal-JusticeSettings/PEP19-MATUSECJS>

SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit <https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/system/files/naloxone/SMA16-4742.pdf>

Naloxone Saves NC

[www.naloxonesaves.org](http://www.naloxonesaves.org)

Community Catalyst Promising Practices for Pre-Arrest Diversion Programs

<https://www.communitycatalyst.org/resources/publications/document/Promising-Practices-for-Pre-Arrest-DiversionPrograms.pdf>

Pre-arrest Diversion Program

<https://www.nchrc.org/programs/lead/>

NC Safer Syringe Initiative

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/north-carolina-safer-syringe-initiative>

North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist Program

<https://pss.unc.edu>

# Questions?



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Questions due November 12, 2021

Applications due December 3, 2021