

OAI RFA Q&A

- **Is there a local match requirement for the grant?**
 - No, there is not a local match requirement for any application.
- **How current is the data on the resource page?**
 - All of the pages included in the resource section state what year the data is from.
- **Can you please share a link to the SFY 2019 Master Budget Template? I saw it referenced in the packet, but don't see it attached and haven't found it online. Thank you!**
 - A link for the SFY 2019 Master Budget Template can be found along with the RFA posting and is available [here](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/grant-opportunities/mental-health-developmental-disabilities-substance-abuse-services-grant-opportunities).
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- **Will capital requests for remodeling or up fit of an existing facility be considered?**
 - The RFA says, "Two quotes must be included for any single piece of equipment or software costing \$5000 or greater and for any type of building or facility modification/renovation costing \$5000 or more."
- **Can we propose projects that have elements of items under Cat A and Cat B? Does that help us or hurt us to address more than one priority?**
 - Applications can propose one or more of any of the activities included in the 'List of activities supported through grant funding.' Applications should make it clear which activities they are including as part of their proposal. Applications that include one item from Category A will be considered before those that only include activities from Category B. Further, it is anticipated approximately 75% of total grant funds will be apportioned to activities from Category A.
- **Do we allow indirect costs?**
 - There is a de minimis rate of 10%, anything over that must be negotiated with the Controller's office. Applicants are required to provide a letter from the Office of the State Controller attesting to the negotiation and confirming the indirect cost rate if higher than the de minimis rate.
- **Can funding be utilized for MAT medications?**
 - Yes, funding can be used for FDA approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorders. However, a purchase of these medications must fit into the approved activities described in Categories A and B that are supported through the grant funding.
- **Can grant funding pay to train peer support specialists in the community**
 - Yes, funding certified peer support specialists in the community would be considered as part of the supported activity in Category A "1) Fund certified peer-support specialists or North Carolina certified peer-support training within organizations including but not limited to hospitals, treatment settings, syringe exchange sites, emergency medical service (EMS) agencies and others to improve linkage to or retention in recovery and treatment."
- **Can smaller counties join together to submit an application for the grant as a region?**
 - Yes, smaller counties may submit a joint application. For all applications that involve direct collaboration or joint collaboration, partners should submit letters of support clearly describing their organization's roles and responsibilities. Letters of support

should be included as an appendix and will not count towards the page limit for the narrative page.

- **Will applications with additional match funding sources be given preferential status?**
 - Applications that include funding from other sources including additional match funding will be scored higher only in so far as the funding demonstrates project sustainability. Applicants are asked to detail any funding from other sources used towards the project in the Organizational Sustainability section of the narrative.
- **If we need to build out space to complete these activities, is that allowable and is there a ceiling on the amount that can be utilized out of the \$150K?**
 - No construction or conversion is allowable.
- **Did I understand that we have to submit the universal measures form prior to submitting our RFP? Or do we just submit the universal measures with our RFP?**
 - Please submit all metrics, both the universal metrics and the activity specific metrics, as part of the RFP.
- **Can the funding be used for incentives to attend classes in the community?**
 - It would depend on the proposal and how it would support activities in either category A or B.
- **If smaller counties join together will they be held to the \$150,000 max?**
 - Yes, each application will be held to the maximum award of \$150,000.
- **Can funds be used to purchase naloxone?**
 - Yes, funds may be used to purchase naloxone as part of one of the supported activities in either category A or B.
- **Can you purchase suboxone for uninsured?**
 - Yes, funds may be used to purchase FDA approved medications, however any purchase of suboxone must be a component of activities in either Category A or B.
- **Can a county have solely a Category B plan, they would just be considered later?**
 - Yes, applicants may submit a proposal that only includes one or more activities in Category B. It is anticipated that approximately 75% of the funding will go towards projects that include at least one activity from Category A.
- **If you have a mix of categories what would you be considered as?**
 - Applications that include one item from Category A, including those that contain activities from both Category A and Category B, will be considered before those that only include activities from Category B.
- **Can we purchase non-syringe SEP materials?**
 - Non-syringe Syringe Exchange Program materials may be purchased with project funding as long as purchases comply with the drug paraphernalia law. For example, supplies for safe sex, wound care, and hygiene products and educational materials are allowable. Please refer to Section 8 of NC General Statute 90-113.27 (https://www.ncleg.net/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bysection/chapter_90/gs_90-113.27.html) for guidance on allowable purchases. As per code “No State funds may be used to purchase needles, hypodermic syringes, or other injection supplies.”
- **One attachment including budget and budget narrative?**
 - Yes, please submit everything as a single attachment. Only electronic copies will be accepted. Emailed applications should be sent to: Opioidinitiative@dhhs.nc.gov.
- **In Category A, it seems limited to Peer Support, CJS programs like LEAD, and Rapid Response Team work for Opioid Overdose Survivors. Does that mean that other**

initiatives will not be considered? For example, our hospital, along with another non-profit, want to propose further development of an initiative specifically working with opioid dependent pregnant women pre & post-delivery would that be considered under Category A?

- These funds are to support activities described in Category A or B.
- **With the Peer Support initiative, does this mean that safety net OTPs who currently receive non-UCR funding for peer support will NO LONGER get that support/funding continued after July 1st?**
 - Pending notification of funding, it is the intent to continue to provide funding for current non-UCR peer support services to the LME-MCOs.
- **On the Summary of Evaluation Criteria & Baseline Data, for the second Universal Measure, is the number of unduplicated people served referring to the number of people served by the grant project?**
 - Yes
- **Category B1 states that funding cannot support the cost of syringes. Can it be used for all other SEP supplies? Naloxone? Cookers? Cottons? Alcohol swabs? Sharps Containers? Tourniquets? Bags?**
 - Please refer to Section 8 of NC General Statute 90-113.27 (https://www.ncleg.net/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bysection/chapter_90/gs_90-113.27.html) for guidance on allowable purchases. As per code “No State funds may be used to purchase needles, hypodermic syringes, or other injection supplies.”
- **Can it support rent?**
 - Yes, rent can be requested, as part of activities described in Category A or B.
- **Are “for profit” entities eligible to apply?**
 - Yes, for profit entities are eligible to apply.
- **Due to the quick turn-around for this submission. MOU’s will be difficult to acquire in such a short amount of time. Is there any flexibility with that piece?**
 - In the event an MOU cannot be fully executed, a letter of support outlining the specific agreed upon activities and deliverables, as well as the working relationship may be submitted.
- **The RFP states questions may be submitted to you through today. Will you be available beyond this date?**
 - No, the cut-off for submission of questions was 04.16.18.
- **Can I use this grant for other purposes other than those listed?**
 - No
- **Is there a form-fillable version of the application? The only one I can find is attached to the grant funding solicitation and I am not able to type on that document.**
 - Yes, we will post a copy of the word document on the web [here](#).
- **Is there an opportunity in this grant for NCHRC to provide TA, especially to other sites implementing (with or without this particular funding) several activities to include LEAD, SEP, and overdose teams?**
 - Only application proposing activities described under category A and B will be considered for funding with these monies.
- **Is this the first year for this award? If not, please provide a list of previously awarded grantees.**
 - This is the first year for this announcement and award.

- **Are governmental agencies, counties, and health providers the main target for this resource?**
 - Governmental agencies, counties and health departments are eligible applicants; please refer to the RFA for additional information.
- **Eligibility for non-profit organizations specifically states they must have a history of working with people directly impacted by drug use; what information is necessary to document this experience?**
 - This information should be addressed in the “Organization Background” section of the RFA.
- **When I listened to the webinar, it appeared to be counties and governmental agencies I am applying from a non-profit and I am trying to understand who I would be competing with. Any insight?**
 - We expect a mix of applications from non-profits, governmental agencies, etc.
- **What types of incentives are permitted? We learned from the webinar that food is not a permitted incentive, but are \$5 restaurant vouchers permitted? Are \$5 Walmart vouchers permitted? Are \$5 gas vouchers permitted?**
 - Grant funds cannot be used to purchase incentives or vouchers of any kind.