

**North Carolina  
Department of Health and Human Services**

**Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse  
Services**

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION No. DMH22-011CK-RFA Opioid Settlement RFA**

**Questions and Responses**

Section 11.0, #13 “General Information on Submitting Application” shall now read as follow:

13) Subcontracting

Subcontracting Agencies and organizations may propose to subcontract portions of work, provided that their applications clearly indicate the scope of the work to be subcontracted, and to whom. All information required about the prime grantee is also required for each proposed subcontractor. **A subcontractor contract template must be submitted with the contractor’s application.**

Section 11.0, shall have the following additional information added:

17) Insurance

**Proof of insurance is required for the contractor and all subcontractors upon award**

**Q)** Who is eligible to apply? The RFA says *eligible applicants are community-based substance use disorder providers in good standing with DMHDDSAS*. If an organization works with a number of partners such as community-based organizations, (reentry organizations, housing entities), syringe services programs, and health departments that offer MOUD at their location and/or link people to treatment for OUD, would they be eligible to apply for the funding in this RFA?

**A)** The RFA has been updated to include community based providers. Community-based provider organizations that work with multiple partners are eligible to apply.

**Q)** Can you please define community-based provider under the eligibility section of the RFA? Can you clarify this statement?

**A)** Community-based providers are community-based agencies and programs.

**Q)** Is a certification required to be considered a community-based organization?

**A)** No

**Q)** What type of organization is considered a SUD provider?

**A)** N/A – the requirement to be an SUD provider has been removed

**Q)** Are registered non-profit organizations that work in drug user health, offering syringe services, naloxone access, referral and linkage to care, mutual aid, and more eligible applicants?

**A)** Registered non-profit organizations are eligible

**Q)** Under Section 5.2 "Performance Standards and Expectations" there is not a list of expected data points to report on if we were to choose option #3 "to expand evidence-based treatment supports etc." under the scope of work. Are applicants expected to create their own metrics to report on or would the State prefer applicants to address one of the other given performance measures and expectations?

**A)** Metrics will vary based on services and supports provided. Applicants are expected to report on the metrics outlined in the RFA. Additional metrics may be required based on the scope of services and supports.

**Q)** Are the following allowable costs under the funds available in this RFA?

1. A medical providers salary and benefits
2. Patient medication (Buprenorphine/Naloxone) for evidence based Opioid Use Disorder treatment
3. A vehicle (for peer supports or community health workers to use to assist patients/clients)
4. Uninsured Patient co-pays for MAT treatment
5. Uninsured Patient MAT related prescription costs

Salary and benefits can be covered if the medical profession is providing SUD treatment. Buprenorphine and naloxone costs can be covered. Uninsured patient co-pays for MAT treatment and MAT related prescription costs can be covered. Vehicle purchases cannot be covered with these funds.

**Q)** Can applicants subcontract for MAT treatment and counseling and syringe service programs?

**A)** Applicants may subcontract for services.

**Q)** Are non-profit organizations eligible applicants?

**A)** Yes

**Q)** Can applicants who are tax exempt utilize this status?

**A)** Yes

**Q)** If an applicant already has a contract in place with DMHDDSAS, can this funding be added to the current contract?

**A)** No, a new contract is required.

**Q)** Do applicants have the ability to choose from the four different “Key Strategies” and how they relate to the current work being provided, as well as any expansion of services the applicant may currently provide?

**A)** Applicants can choose from any one or more programs outlined in the RFA in Section 5.0 Scope of Work/Programmatic Requirements. Funds can be used to develop new programs or expand existing programs.

**Q)** Can this funding be used to address social determinants of health/direct clinical care for justice involved individuals?

**A)** More information is needed to answer this question. Justice involved individuals can be served with these funds

**Q)** Will there be an informational webinar/meeting to discuss RFA and Q&A?

**A)** No, there will not be a webinar at this time.

**Q)** Are for profit providers eligible to apply for funding under this RFA?

**A)** No

**Q)** If an organization is billing for Opioid Treatment Services already, will they be eligible this grant?

**A)** Funds cannot be used to replace an existing funding source.

**Q)** Have rural areas with high opioid use being targeted with this grant been identified?

**A)** Information on opioid use in North Carolina can be found on the State Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan Data Dashboard at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/opioid-and-substance-use-action-plan-data-dashboard>

**Q)** Can local governments that have experience and the capacity to provide services apply for funding under this RFA?

**A)** Local governments are not eligible

**Q)** Can a nonprofit apply and pass through 100% of funds to a local government to carry out the work?

**A)** No

**Q)** Can the funds potentially be used to purchase supplies - specifically syringes?

**A)** Syringes may be purchased for the purpose of safe syringe exchange

**Q)** Is there a cap or limit on the indirect rate in the budget?

**A)** The selected organizations may request up to 10% in indirect costs on the modified total direct costs (unless a higher indirect cost rate has been approved by a cognizant agency). The letter of approval must be submitted with your application. These costs are included as part of the total amount awarded.

**Q)** Would a provider that traditionally does not provide mental health or substance use services but provides services to prevent and end homelessness with permanent housing and support and works with the LME/MCOs, to provide case management services for participants be eligible to apply for funding under this RFA?

**A)** Community based providers are eligible to apply and are not required to be a mental health or substance use provider.

**Q)** Appendix A is missing from the RFA.

**A)** Please see the attached Appendix A.

**Q)** Is the funding available in addition to the settlement funds to LG or is this part of each County's funding?

**A)** This funding does not include the funds going to local governments.

**Q)** The RFA mentions Section 5.5, Qualification Requirements, but this section is not included in the RFA. Can you please provide this information?

**A)** Please refer to Section 5.5 on page 7 of the RFA.