



WRIGHT COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH

Opioid Epidemic Response Request for Proposals

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Introductions



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Overview

August 2021 – Minnesota joined the multi-state settlement agreements with opioid distributors and manufacturers to bring millions of dollars to Minnesota counties and cities. Wright County's expected portion of the settlement is over \$6 million in 18 years.

- ▶ 2022 – \$3,770,945

Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and Mallinckrodt

- ▶ 2023 – \$3,044,607

CVS, Allergan, Teva, Walgreen's, and Walmart

August 2022 – applications for the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council members opened. The Council helps facilitate equitable and effective use of the funds.

January 2023 – a Funding Prioritization Survey was disseminated to the community to help guide where/how funds should be used. Results order: Treatment & Recovery, Prevention, Criminal Justice, and Harm Reduction

Opioid Settlement Advisory Council (OSAC)

- ▶ Addiction Medicine
- ▶ Board of Commissioners
- ▶ Community of color and other communities affected by historical patterns of discrimination, such as Indigenous and LGBTQ+
- ▶ Community Members At Large
- ▶ Corrections
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- ▶ Human Services
- ▶ Legal Professional
- ▶ Law Enforcement
- ▶ Local Municipality
- ▶ Primary Care
- ▶ Public Health
- ▶ Recovery (individual in recovery or recovery professional)
- ▶ Treatment
- ▶ Veteran Services
- ▶ Other

Request for Proposals (RFP) Details

April 17	RFP open
April 27	Information Session
May 1	Submission portal open
May 18	Drop-in Information Session
May 22	Closing date for all questions
May 23	All questions and answers posted to webpage
May 31	Proposals due by 4:00 pm
August 1	Services start date

RFP Details – Project Funding

Funding details

- **Total funds available:** \$500,000
- **Minimum/maximum funding per project:** \$5,000-\$100,000
Ideas for projects less than \$5,000? Email opioids@co.wright.mn.us, as other funding may be available
- **Funding period:** 17 months, ending December 31, 2024

Activities for all grantees

- Enter into contractual agreement with Wright County
- Complete approved projects written in the RFP
- Attend quarterly check-ins with Chief Strategist
- Present to the Council
- Complete yearly report

RFP Details - Eligibility

Agencies that serve Wright County residents, such as:

1. Healthcare organizations
2. Neighborhood organizations
3. Youth groups
4. Schools
5. Human services
6. Law enforcement
7. Any other organization that serves a specific group, community, or geographic area within the County

RFP Details – Project Examples

Each application may only address one category with the MOA

- ▶ **Categories: Treatment, Prevention, and Other (*)**

Each application can address multiple subcategories and abatement strategies within the one category

- ▶ **Subcategories: A-M (†)**
- ▶ **Abatement Strategies: Numbered within subcategory (§)**

* **PART ONE: TREATMENT**

† **A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)**

Support treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (“*OUD*”) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health (“*SUD/MH*”) conditions through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs⁵ or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, those that:⁶

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1. Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (“*MOUD*”) ⁷ approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, including by making capital expenditures to purchase, rehabilitate, or expand facilities that offer treatment.
2. Support and reimburse evidence-based services that adhere to the American Society of Addiction Medicine (“*ASAM*”) continuum of care for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.
3. Expand telehealth to increase access to treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including MOUD, as well as counseling, psychiatric support, and other treatment and recovery support services.

* **PART TWO: PREVENTION**

† **F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING AND ENSURE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS**

Support efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids through evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

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1. Funding medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including providers at hospitals (academic detailing).
2. Training for health care providers regarding safe and responsible opioid prescribing, dosing, and tapering patients off opioids.
3. Continuing Medical Education (CME) on appropriate prescribing of opioids.
4. Providing Support for non-opioid pain treatment alternatives, including training providers to offer or refer to multi-modal, evidence-informed treatment of pain.

RFP Details – Application Sections

- Applicant Information
 - Organization Overview
 - Project Narrative
 - Workplan
 - Budget and Budget Narrative
 - Letters of Commitment
 - Additional Required Attachments
 - 1. Insurance policy or waiver request
 - 2. W-9
- completed within portal
- upload

RFP Details – Allowable Expenses

- ▶ Staffing and benefits
- ▶ Staff time to attend conferences, events, and trainings that link to project
- ▶ Capital improvements or construction projects
- ▶ Transportation, lodging, meals, and other travel costs that link to project
- ▶ Printing and copying
- ▶ Education and informational campaigns/outreach materials
- ▶ Equipment needed for project
- ▶ Youth/community member stipends
- ▶ Costs for events are allowable, but the applicant must demonstrate a plan for larger program development/community change that stems from the event
- ▶ Other items that serve to further the goal of project

Additional guidance included in RFP regarding how to choose rates of services, best practice guidance, etc.

RFP Details – Application Submission

Due date: Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 by 4:00 pm

Submission portal available: May 1st by 4:30 pm at
www.co.wright.mn.us/1166

Individuals wishing to submit a hard copy of their application can review instructions on how to do so within the RFP

RFP Details – Application Review

Following submission, all complete applications will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary team cleared of conflicts of interest.

Each application will be scored out of 80 points, consisting of:

- ▶ 10 points – Organization Overview
- ▶ 40 points – Project Narrative
- ▶ 20 points – Workplan
- ▶ 10 points – Budget and Budget Narrative

The composite of all reviewers' scores is the application's final score.

Applications that don't score above a 65 will automatically not be considered for funding.

OSAC will review all final scores and make a formal recommendation to the Wright County Board of Commissioners regarding which proposals to fund. Final grant award decisions will be made by the Board of Commissioners.

RFP Details – Next Information Session

May 18th from 4:00-6:00 pm

- ▶ Drop-in style
- ▶ No presentation
- ▶ Available to answer questions from applicants

All questions received during the RFP process and the information session recordings will be posted at www.co.wright.mn.us/1166

Questions?

Thank you for your time.