

# Department of Finance

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## NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY CLACKAMAS COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANTS RESPONSE TO CLARIFYING QUESTIONS #2 APRIL 11, 2024

Note that these are questions submitted by interested organizations to the above referenced Notice. The below answers are for clarification purposes only and in no way alter or amend the Notice as published.

1. Our program involves opioids but also other addictions. Is that an issue?

### Answer:

No, that is not an issue. In <u>Exhibit E</u>, co-occurring Substance Use Disorders/Mental Health conditions is mentioned throughout each of the approved strategies listed.

2. Can we fund existing staff or do we need to expand dedicated staffing to have a strong application?

## Answer

Funding existing staff is allowable as long as you can demonstrate that it addresses a gap and is sustainable. Per the Notice of Funding Opportunity, funding can be used for existing programs; however, the budget must clearly show how the awarded funds will expand Opioid-related services within the organization.

3. Are agencies outside of Clackamas County eligible to apply?

### **Answer**

Only if the agency will be serving Clackamas County residents with this funding. Funding cannot be used to serve individuals in other counties.

4. It appears that there is little prospect for sustainable funding for projects funded by this grant, even those that prove to be valuable and successful. Is that correct? How will this attract participation from the organizations and agencies that might want to provide long-term service options that would actually have a positive impact on SUD rates in Clackamas County?

### **Answer**

As stated in the NOFO, a potential renewal option exists at the conclusion of the initial project period, contingent upon the county's needs, its sole discretion, and the continued availability of funding from the Opioid Settlement. Decisions about continued future allocations and community grants require approval from the Clackamas Board of County Commissioners. We encourage organizations in the community to leverage other funding sources and braid funding to sustain long term programs that can successfully reduce substance use and overdose rates in Clackamas County.



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5. There appears to be no actual funding available for the implementation of primary prevention strategies, only late stage intervention strategies for individuals already embroiled in SUD struggles? Why is the funding being directed in such a way as to likely create a MORE imbalanced service system than already exists?

#### **Answer**

Please refer to Exhibit E, Prevent Misuse of Opioids on page 11. This funding can be used for primary prevention strategies outlined in that section. Applications that address specific gaps and priority communities will be scored higher.

6. Is it possible to apply for two different groups under this NOFO? One would be for the prevention services at the \$100,000 annual limit and the second would be for IOP for adult services with a focus on pregnancy and post-partum care, also at the \$100,000 annual rate.

#### **Answer**

Yes, an organization can submit more than one application and they will be reviewed and scored independently according to the evaluation criteria.

End of Clarifying Questions #2