

Johnson County Opioid Remediation Grant Program

This is a Request for Proposals announcement (RFP) issued by the Johnson County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with The Johnson County Opioid Remediation Grant Program Advisory Board. This RFP is intended to publicize the availability of grant opportunities for services described herein. Neither the issuance of this RFP nor the receipt of any responses thereto, shall create any obligation to Johnson County to make any award pursuant hereto. The award of any grant(s) as a result of this RFP shall be at the sole discretion of the Johnson County Commissioners. Neither this RFP nor any response ("proposal") submitted hereto are to be construed as a legal offer.

SECTION I. Statement of Purpose

This grant program aims to promote innovative, collaborative, community-driven, cross-sector responses to substance opioid use disorder issues as allowed under **Exhibit E** of the National Opioid Settlement document outlining the approved abatement uses. The state of Indiana received approximately \$507 million dollars as part of the \$26 billion dollar settlement over 18 years, against drug manufacturer Johnson & Johnson and national distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen for their roles in the opioid crisis. Funds in both the Local Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Account and Local Abatement Opioid Settlement Account are continuously appropriated to the state Attorney General's office for distribution to participating cities, counties, and towns by formula. The settlement funds are governed by Indiana Code §§ 4-6-15. Under the terms of the statute governing distribution (IC 4-6-15-4), the funds are distributed to each political subdivision whereby those cities and towns receiving less than \$5,000 annually in abatement funding will have their distribution sent to the county directly. The Johnson County Board of Commissioners is making available funding opportunities across Johnson County through this grant program to support evidence-based prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, behavioral health workforce, enforcement, jail treatment, recovery residences, and other services and initiatives as allowed under **Exhibit E** of the National Opioid Settlement document.

SECTION II. Uses of Grant Funds

The Indiana Commission to Combat Substance Use Disorder has adopted the Johns Hopkins Five Guiding Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation to guide Indiana's spending of the national settlement. The principles are as follows:

1. Spend the money to save lives
2. Use evidence to guide spending
3. Invest in youth prevention
4. Focus on racial equity
5. Develop a fair and transparent process for deciding where to spend the funds.

With those principals in mind, Funds received from opioid litigation settlements may be used for treatment, education, and prevention programs for opioid use disorder and any co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health issues in accordance with **Exhibit E** of the National Opioid Settlement document. Applicants shall choose from among the abatement strategies listed under **Schedule B** in their request for grant funds.

Schedule A: Core Strategies

1. Naloxone or other FDA-Approved Drug to Reverse Opioid Overdoses
2. Medication-Assisted Treatment Distribution and other Opioid-related treatment
3. Pregnant & Postpartum Women
4. Expanding Treatment for neonatal abstinence syndrome
5. Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
6. Treatment for incarcerated population
7. Prevention programs
8. Expanding syringe service programs
9. Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state

Schedule B: Approved Uses

1. Treat opioid use disorder (OUD)
2. Support people in treatment and recovery
3. Connect people who need help to the help they need (connections to care)
4. Address the needs of criminal justice-involved persons
5. Address the needs of pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome
6. Prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids
7. Prevent misuse of opioids
8. Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)
9. First responders
10. Leadership, planning and coordination
11. Training
12. Research

SECTION III. Eligible Applicants

Respondents should be embedded in, and working with their communities and interested in submitting innovative proposals for programming that includes but is not limited to the provision of and access to treatment for substance use disorder, stronger connections to recovery supports, development and implementation of prevention practices, and expansion of harm reduction efforts. Applicants that can provide evidence of revenue generation and direct community impact will be considered with preference. Applications for projects or programs that have an established record of success of three (3) years or longer will be given greater preference

than newly established projects or projects in the early stages of development. Applications that are submitted jointly by two or more entities that can provide evidence of greater community impact will be considered with preference. All award recipients will be required to submit quarterly program outcome reports until project completion; format and report due dates TBD.

SECTION IV. Recommended Grant Amounts

Respondents may request funding for any of the listed services and initiatives. All applicants should carefully consider the amount of funding requested in the Opioid Remediation Grant Application submitted. In order to enhance the impact and maximize the reach of the funding available, Johnson County has established the following recommended grant amounts to guide potential applicants. Maximum award per individual applicant should not exceed \$50,000 within a single grant cycle, with all funding to be distributed on a reimbursement basis following submission of an invoice or paid receipt. Applicants submitted jointly by any two or more entities – a total request of not more than \$100,000 in a single grant cycle.

SECTION V. Application Procedures

The Board of Commissioners has established an advisory board, the Johnson County Opioid Remediation Advisory Board, to assist it in screening applicant eligibility, evaluating and scoring grant applications, and making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for awarding Opioid Remediation funding. The Johnson County Opioid Remediation Advisory Board will review all grant applications in accordance with this document and the Interlocal Agreement Establishing the Johnson County, Indiana Opioid Remediation Grant Program Advisory Board, passed July 8, 2024, to ensure that each applicant and proposed project meets eligibility requirements. Applications shall be processed once a year. Proposals must be submitted in a written format. Applications grants awarded by Johnson County must be emailed to agadberry@co.johnson.in.us with the subject line: Johnson County Opioid Remediation Grant Program Application, or delivered to the Johnson County Commissioners Office at 86 W. Court Street, Franklin, IN 46131 by the close of business at **4:30 p.m. EST on October 31, 2024**. If mailed, applications must be postmarked by October 30, 2024. Grants will be awarded by the Johnson County Commissioners at a public meeting. Once awarded, all Opioid Remediation Grants will be administered by the Johnson County Board of Commissioners.

SECTION VI. Submission Requirements

Applications must be in writing and contain the four elements below. Applicants may attach additional documents as needed.

1. A cover letter that includes contact information for the primary organization/agency with a brief description of the project or program.

2. How their proposed project aligns with the abatement strategies listed under **Schedule B**, and if applicable the core abatement strategies, as described in Section II above in their request for grant funds.
3. An outline of the project or program objectives expected outcomes, and measurable project deliverables that identify how the proposed project will mitigate the harms stemming from opioid use disorder.
4. A projected schedule and detailed timeline of the project or program.
5. A budget accompanied by a description of the basis of costs for the project and sources of funding and identify the financial sustainability of the project or program. For any multi-year project, cost information should be broken into phases, and applicants must detail the projected sources of funding for all phases and project completion.

SECTION VII. Scoring Criteria and Evaluation

All eligible applications will be scored and evaluated in accordance with the County policies and practices utilizing the scoring criteria table below. Applications awarded funding and amounts for each grant award will be determined by the availability of County funds.

Evaluation Criteria	Max Point Values
Section 1: Overall Program or Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizational information including the program’s ability to provide services to citizens. (10) - Estimated number of individuals impacted by proposed project/program. (10) - Program’s experience or existing community relationship. (10) - Description on existing gaps and how this funding will help. (10) - Program’s plan to serve disparate populations and specific plan to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion with the population being served. (10) 	50
Section 2: Project alignment with abatement strategies under Schedule B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program objectives and expected outcomes including supportive data/statistics. (15) - Program’s evidence-based expected outcomes including how it will measure success, including specific tools used. (15) 	30
Section 3: Budget and financial sustainability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget with basis of costs and applicable sources. (10) - Sustainability beyond the requested funding. (10) 	20
Total Possible Points	100

SECTION VIII. Procedures for Accessing Funds

A grant agreement between the grantee and Johnson County will be required prior to the release of grant funding. All grant agreements will include deliverables and funding amounts as awarded to the project. The other terms and conditions of the grant agreement are firm. In addition to the terms and conditions stated in the grant agreement, grantees must acknowledge and adhere to the following conditions and program requirements:

1. **Nondiscrimination** - Pursuant to Ind. Code § 22-9-1-10, no funding will be awarded to a grantee unless it certifies to the grantor that it shall not discriminate against any employee or against any person seeking employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry.
2. **Project Account** – Grant monies are typically disbursed on an after-expenditure basis. For record maintenance and audit purposes, all Opioid Remediation grant funds must be deposited in a separate project account and be maintained by the grantee to hold and disburse all project funds.
3. **Project Records** - The grantee must maintain full and accurate records with respect to the projects. The grantor shall have access to such records, as well as the ability to inspect all project work, invoices, materials, and other relevant records at reasonable times and places.
4. **Reporting** - The grantee must submit a close-out report on the use of the Opioid Remediation funds consistent with the grant agreement.

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