

South Dakota Opioid Settlement Funding Framework

Support for Resource, Organizational, and Transformative Projects

The Opioid Settlement Funding Framework centers on a robust outcome-based process, allowing applicants to request funding across a wide range of award amounts.

Statewide Share Funding Opportunities

DSS invites proposals from South Dakota-based organizations seeking to impact the opioid crisis at the local, regional, or state level. Proposals are encouraged at any dollar amount in alignment with the applicant's scope and need.



The Funding Framework expands upon the established Community Grant Program by inviting proposals for major capital expenditures and other transformational projects aimed at addressing significant gaps in a community's response to opioid misuse. To qualify for Transformative Project-level funding, applicants will identify the gap(s) they aim to fill and the measures by which they will determine if their innovation was successful. Projects must demonstrate broad community support for the proposed innovation, including but not limited to partnership with civic leaders, local law enforcement, the judicial system, and treatment or medical providers.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from South-Dakota based organizations working to prevent, treat, or reduce the impact of opioid misuse and co-occurring behavioral health considerations within the state. Examples may include but are not limited to:

- Counties and municipalities
- South Dakota Medicaid-enrolled mental health and substance use disorder providers
- Non-profit organizations working on opioid abatement
- Hospitals and healthcare systems
- Educational institutions and training providers
- Community-based organizations with missions focused on substance use disorder
- Faith-based organizations
- Tribal administrations and other tribal-managed providers or clinics
- Recovery support service organizations
- State agencies

Example Projects

\$66,300 to provide integrated care coordination services and supporting recovery services within a hospital

to provide immediate street-level support for homeless individuals impacted by opioid use and other substance use in Sioux Falls **\$35,000**

to incorporate trauma-informed care practices for individuals with family members who have opioid use disorder and co-occurring conditions **\$11,000**

to develop and deliver evidence-based prevention curriculum in K-12 settings **\$125,250**

to support overdose education and to host a health fair educational event at the local level **\$10,000**

Project Funding Priorities

Collaborative Development is essential to building comprehensive community response. Key partners may include civic leaders, local law enforcement, mental health providers, public health agencies, schools, peer and recovery networks, housing/social service agencies, and community organizations.

Data and Outcome Measures must be appropriate and relatable to the scale of the project scope of work. Ongoing monitoring ensures project effectiveness and alignment with settlement fund approved uses.

Statewide Impact with broad reach ensures the statewide share of settlement resources are allocated to all populations and in all communities.

Program Evaluations that demonstrate the ability to assess whether or not the goals are achieved, ensure accountability to the settlement fund approved uses, monitor progress towards project goals, and demonstrate impact or change.

Strategic Investments

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Statewide Share

All proposals need to align with advancing prevention, treatment, and recovery from opioid use.

Purpose

Grant Size

Project Timeline

Application Requirements

Funding Availability

Example Project Ideas

This is not an all inclusive list. Examples can be found through reviewing past awards as well as examples from other states.



Support local projects with one-time expenses.

Up to \$5,000

Fast implementation or one-time events.

Short online application form

Offered year-round; reviewed and awarded as received.

- Healthcare provider training in treating opioid use disorder
- Hiring incentives in shortage areas
- Resources to support diversion and relapse
- Host an educational event on a college campus
- Speakers, community and/or targeted education events
- Local prevention efforts including health fairs
- Stigma reduction and resource awareness



Support grassroots, community-driven projects with local or regional impact.

Up to \$50,000

Complete in less than one year.

Online grant application with budget

Apply anytime, but applications are reviewed twice per year (November and March) with award notification letters issued within 30 days.

- Implement substance use prevention curriculum in schools
- Provide transitional housing
- Education programs delivered by coaches to athletes
- Purchase of medical equipment to monitor inmates experiencing withdrawal
- Supplemental services for incarcerated individuals re-entering communities



Provide capital or seed funding for large-scale projects that establish new resources or fill critical service gaps.

More than \$50,000

Multi-year awards, based on need.

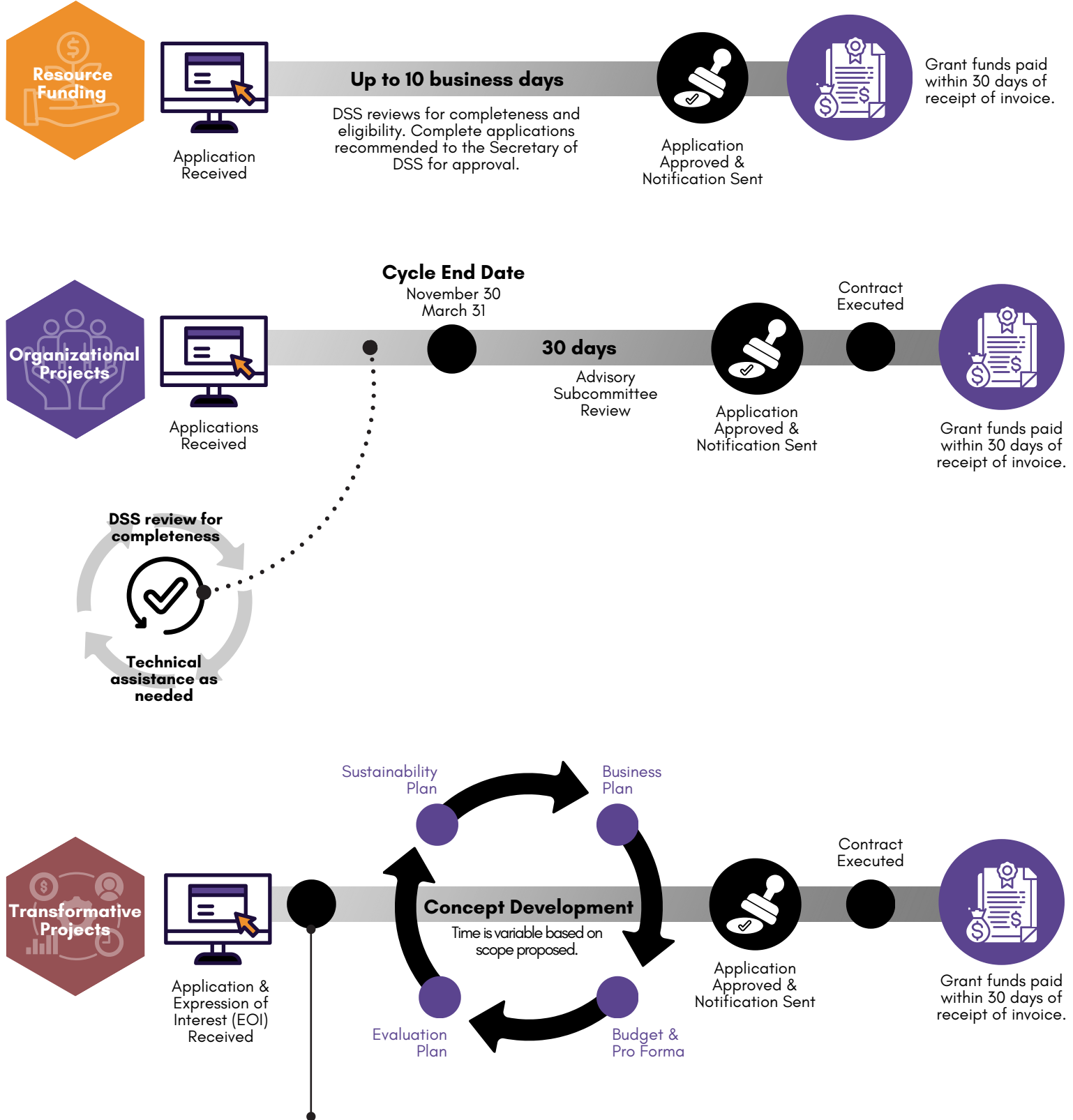
Short Application Form and Expression of Interest
Selected concepts will be asked to prepare case statements with business and projected impact information.

As funding allows, resource opportunities will be reviewed as received.

- Diversion programs to connect individuals with low-level charges to treatment
- Education and workforce training opportunities
- Co-responder programming
- Capital projects that expand capacity and support ASAM level of care programming
- Establish coordinated care systems such as but not limited to CCBHCs
- Establish and maintain treatment courts

What to Expect after you Submit an Application

Once an application is received, the Division of Behavioral Health within Department of Social Services will take lead in assuring the submission is complete and reviewed internally or by the Opioid Advisory Subcommittee in a timely manner. If awarded, grant funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis per the approved budget.



Within 30 days of receipt, DSS will:

- Share the application and EOI with the full Opioid Advisory Committee for feedback.
- At the recommendation of the Committee, forward the concept to the Secretary of DSS for final recommendation.

Background Information

South Dakota began receiving funds from the National Opioid Settlement in 2022. These funds were placed into the Opioid Abatement and Remediation Fund to support efforts related to opioid abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery across the state. Settlement funds were divided proportionally across all participating state and local governments, with 70% allocated to the state (statewide share) and 30% to participating local governments (localized share). Per the direction of the South Dakota Legislature, the Department of Social Services (DSS) has been tasked with the oversight of these funds under the advisement of a 22-member, Opioid Advisory Committee consisting of six local government representatives, six state representatives, five subject matter experts, and five at-large representatives. The committee considers input from communities, provider organizations, and local governments on the opioid crisis to make recommendations to the Secretary of DSS for best uses of the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Initial settlement fund distributions were directed primarily toward addressing the immediate crisis and stabilizing urgent needs related to opioid use in South Dakota. Since that time, the Advisory Committee has recommended a statewide needs assessment to identify gaps in prevention, treatment, and recovery services. This assessment will be used to guide future funding priorities as well as provide baseline information from which to measure impact of funded initiatives.

South Dakota Opioid Strategic Plan

Goals and Strategies jointly developed by DSS, the Department of Health, and the SD Opioid Advisory Committee

Prevention and Early Intervention	Programs focus on trauma-informed care, stigma reduction, and culturally appropriate services for individuals, families, and communities. Education initiatives include school and youth-focused programs, community-based interventions, public media campaigns, and engagement of non-profits and faith-based organizations.
Treatment and Recovery	Services can include FDA-approved MAT, counseling, peer support, case management, and wrap-around supports such as housing, transportation, childcare, education, and job training.
Reducing Illicit Supply	Efforts focusing on increasing electronic prescribing, expanding public education on safe drug disposal, and implementing drug take-back and destruction programs. Additional priorities could include innovative supply-side enforcement (disrupting illegal activity targeting individuals, manufacturers, etc.), improved detection of mail-based delivery of synthetic opioids, and qualitative and quantitative studies on illicit drug markets to inform public health and lifesaving strategies.
Response to Opioid Misuse	Response strategies can include mobile intervention, fentanyl testing, infectious disease testing, naloxone distribution, peer recovery support, and safe disposal programs. Emergency departments, EMS, schools, and communities are equipped and trained to respond to overdoses, while mobile units, telemonitoring, and outreach ensure timely connection to treatment, recovery services, and MAT initiation