South Dakota Opioid Settlement

Support for Local Community Needs

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

- **What is the application timeline?**
  Applications open November 2nd and close November 30th. Submissions received by the close date will be reviewed by the independent review panel following the close of the cycle.
- **What are the basic requirements to apply for funding?**
  Projects must benefit communities and individuals in South Dakota and demonstrate alignment with the Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Agreement and its Approved Uses. Funds are to be used to abate and alleviate the opioid crisis and may address co-occurring substance use concerns in South Dakota.
- **Can my organization submit more than one application?**
  Yes, if the scope of each is distinctly different.
- **Who is eligible to apply for funding?**
  South Dakota-based organizations working to prevent, treat, or reduce the impact of opioid use, including nonprofit providers, Medicaid-enrolled providers, community organizations, and counties. Applicants who do not have a tax identification number may apply for funding through a fiscal agent. Tribal nations and local governments within the state are also eligible to apply.
- **What other entities in South Dakota are participating in the Opioid Settlement?**
  A list of the Participating Local Government(s) to the National Opioid Settlement Agreement within South Dakota is available here. In addition, there is a Tribal Opioid Settlement, suits brought forth and negotiated by lawyers for American Indian Tribal nations. The participating entities may also have funds available to support similar activities.
- **Is collaboration with local government required?**
  Depending upon the level of funding being requested, collaboration with Participating Local Governments may aid in demonstrating local commitment or support for a project. It is recommended that applicants have planful conversations with applicable Participating Local Governments to ensure that the project being proposed is complementary to and not duplicative of any efforts they may be pursuing with their localized share of funding. See the application form for more information.
- **What level of organizational experience is expected?**
  Applicants must demonstrate capacity to accomplish their proposed project. Applicants with no demonstrated capacity or experience in opioid-related prevention, treatment, or recovery efforts will not score as highly as those with a strong track record and staff expertise. Partnerships may be leveraged to boost capacity and should be described in the application.
- **What are the minimum or maximum awards available through this program?**
  Minimum = $5,000 Maximum = $50,000
  The Review Committee reserves the right to consider award amounts at the upper end of this range if the proposed project is determined to show strong alignment with the Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Agreement and its Approved Uses. Projects requesting funding above $50,000 should apply through one of the Targeted Initiative Requests for Proposals (RFPs) posted online, rather than through this application.
- **How long should my project timeline be?**
  The project timeline is at the discretion of the applicant based on what is needed to accomplish the proposed activities. The timeline cannot exceed 12 months. If continuing funding for an initiative or project is desired, applicants must submit a new application at the next application cycle. There is no guarantee for continuing awards beyond the initial grant period.

BUDGET & ALLOWABLE COSTS

- **Are matching funds required?**
  No matching funds are required.
- **Are there any unallowable costs or uses?**
  If the expenses are necessary to the applicant's ability to effectively complete their project, are reasonable in scale and scope to the project presented and are in alignment with the Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Agreement and its Approved Uses, it can be included in the budget for consideration.
- **My organization has already incurred expenses related to our proposed scope; are those eligible for reimbursement?**
  No. Eligible expenses must occur after the start date and before the end date of the agreement established post-notice of grant award. No pre-payment of expenses or any pre-award costs will be allowed.
- **Can our budget be edited after it is submitted?**
  Yes. Any material can be resubmitted prior to the application close date; please contact opioidgrants@state.sd.us for assistance with that request.
- **Are indirect costs allowable?**
  Indirect costs can be requested as appropriate but may not exceed 15% of the total award.