

Opioid STR FOA (TI-17-014) FAQs

Q: Can you please clarify who can apply for funds under this FOA?

A: Only the Single State Authority is eligible to receive funds under this opportunity.

Q. Can funds be used for all medication-assisted treatment?

A. Opioid STR funds can be used to purchase all FDA-approved medications as part of a medication assisted treatment program.

Q. Can funds be used to offset deductibles or co-pays?

A. Yes, as long as the costs are specific to addressing an individual's opioid use.

Q. Can funds be used for HIV assessments and/or Hepatitis-C screening and/or referral?

A. Yes, as long as this activity is connected specifically to addressing the opioid issue in the state/territory.

Q. Can funds be used for syringe services?

A. Funds can be used for syringe services by states that have been approved for such use of federal funds through the CDC as long as there is a clear link to opioid use. A state that has not received that approval must complete the process and be approved by the CDC before Opioid STR funds can be used for that purpose.

Q. Please describe the budget allocation of the grant further.

A. Of the total grant award, states should take 5% off the top for administrative/infrastructure costs. Of the remaining award, states are required to use no less than 80% for treatment and recovery support services.

Q: The FOA states that funds cannot be spent on any type of housing. Can this be clarified?

A: Funds cannot be used to directly pay for housing but can be used to support activities that assist individuals in finding housing.

Q: What is the expectation of Tribal involvement in the strategic plan?

A: Since tribes cannot apply independently, states should ensure that tribes are considered and document how this will be done. States will be required to do this in their strategic plan.

Q: Can funds be used to support community prevention and coalition building?

A: Yes, as long as these activities are directly related to preventing opioid misuse/abuse in the state.

Q: Is it possible to use funds for medication such as Vivitrol, lifesaving naloxone kits, etc.?

A: Yes, as long as medications are FDA approved and part of a comprehensive approach.

Q: For states that have little or no organized recovery community organizations of recovery support network, can funds be used to establish these and build infrastructure and capacity over the two years?

A: Yes, as long as these activities are part of a state's comprehensive approach to addressing the state's opioid crisis.

Q: Can any funds be used for ambulatory detoxification or residential level detoxification services, such as if these services are needed prior to MAT? If the county already has funding for detoxification services but not to the extent we are seeing a need for, can funds be used to expand on what the county is currently doing?

A: Yes. Please note that any service you are proposing to use must be supported by an evidence base. Detoxification services may be hard to justify on their own but can be justified as part of a continuum of care. Funds cannot be used to replace funding that is already being put towards that type of activity.

Q: Will grantees be permitted to provide these funds to private for-profit OTPs and OBOTs?

A: Yes, as long as these activities are done through a contract mechanism.

Q: Grantees are required to "design, implement, enhance, and evaluate primary and secondary prevention using evidence-based methods defined by SAMHSA or CDC proven to reduce the number of persons with OUDs and OUD associated deaths." Can funds be used to support naloxone purchase and training on its use?

A: Yes.

Q: Can these funds be used to supplement care for pregnant and post-partum women who are receiving Medicaid but the services is not enough to cover care?

A: This population is a priority population of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG). Grantees will be required to justify the use of Opioid STR funds beyond what is currently available from SABG and Medicaid funding.

Q: Does each state have a separate amount they can apply for?

A: Yes, please see Appendix E of the FOA for each states annual award amount.

Q: Can a state apply for more than what is listed in Appendix E?

A: No. A state should only apply for the annual amount listed in Appendix E. This amount should be requested for each of two years.

Q: Will you want letters of support from stakeholder organizations?

A: No, they are not needed at this time.