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Ohio's State Opioid Response (SOR) Project 2.0

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) awarded the State of Ohio approximately \$96M through the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020 SOR program to develop tailored approaches to prevention, treatment, and recovery from opioid use disorders and/or stimulant use disorders. This is the second round of grant funding awarded through the SOR program. This new round of funding will allow the State of Ohio to expand upon the efforts planned for and implemented through the initial SOR 1.0 grant awarded in 2018.

The SOR 2.0 project is focused on building a community system of care that emphasizes integration between physical health, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare. These programs and services will build upon the work established by [Ohio's 21st Century CURES State Targeted Response Initiative](#).

Implementing SOR 2.0

SOR 2.0 funding will be distributed through state and local partnerships as pre-approved by SAMSHA. The majority of the funding will be used to reimburse local Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Boards for continuum of care projects based on requests for proposal (RFPs) submitted to the Department from a list of local funding priorities, found [here](#).

The grant will also be used to fund key state agency partnerships highlighted below.

- Ohio Department of Health: \$6.15M for overdose prevention strategies
- Ohio Board of Pharmacy: \$650K to address the misuse and diversion of prescription drugs through Ohio's prescription drug monitoring program
- Ohio Department of Veteran Services: \$1M to support training for veteran peers and outreach to connect veterans unable to access VA services
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services: \$1.5M to support the OhioSTART program (Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma)
- Interagency Development: \$700K to enter into additional partnerships with state agencies or community partners

Categories	Amount	Explanation
Administration	\$1,433,488	Cost of positions required by SAMHSA for the administration of the SOR 2.
Grant Evaluation	\$1,924,568	Cost of a third party to evaluate grant impact and outcomes.
State to State Partnerships	\$10,000,000	Support RecoveryOhio strategies across state agencies such as distribution of naloxone to reverse overdoses, expanding Fentanyl awareness campaigns, supporting Ohio's prescription drug monitoring system, and bringing together child serving agencies to assist families struggling with a substance use disorder.
Local Continuum of Care Projects (ADAMH Boards)	\$58,884,000	Funds local ADAMH Board efforts to support key SOR 2.0 priorities at the local level.
Community Provider Projects	\$7,000,000	Implements Community stakeholder partnerships to target engagement and retention efforts to best serve Ohioans most in need of treatment. The funds will support initiatives that provide peer support, re-entry supports, recovery housing, and culturally appropriate services
Innovation	\$3,600,000	Identify and deploy innovative technology to manage behavioral health conditions, including the use of Android and IOS apps and medical devices.
Awareness Campaigns	\$5,500,000	Raise public awareness about addiction treatment and harm reduction resources to prevent overdose.
OhioMHAS Strategic Priorities	\$5,616,000	Targeted strategies including crisis supports, rapid response, other service needs.
Early Identification and Intervention	\$2,270,373	Better connect families to care through increased early screening, assessments, and onboarding to treatments in behavioral health, primary care, and educational settings.
Total Budget	\$96,228,429	

SOR 1.0 No Cost Extension

SAMSHA recently granted the state of Ohio a no cost extension to continue allocating funding from the SOR 1.0 grant. SOR 1.0 projects were delayed because the Boards had to shift short-term goals to respond to the pandemic. Because use of this grant money was pre-approved by SAMSHA, the Boards could not change the use of the funds and were unable to complete the projects through the end of FFY 20.

The remaining \$55.8M of the SOR 1.0 money will be used to complete programming for the purposes of the original grant, which include:

- Support for minority-focused efforts
- Support for healthy birth outcomes for babies born to mothers with OUD
- Support for Faith-Based efforts
- Support for Recovery Housing
- Support for overdose prevention, such as naloxone distribution