

## SOR 2.0 Frequently Asked Questions

- Could you give an update on the status of all Board carry-over requests? (SOR Funds)
  - All boards have been renewed within GFMS and renewal information has been sent. The department is approving applications for SOR 1.0 NCE and are being approved as quickly as possible.
- Could you provide a list of the SOR direct funded projects?
  - A list of SOR 1.0 funded projects is being compiled and will be sent to Board Directors by no later than October 23, 2020.
- We would like to better understand how decisions will be made about direct funded projects vs. those that should be considered in Board applications?
  - The Department is interested in funding comprehensive board applications that demonstrate collaborations with key community partnerships. The department is interested in seeing applications that include new partnerships.
- We would like a copy of the final SOR budget negotiated with SAMHSA as well as the grant narrative.
  - OhioMHAS is submitting a revised budget more information will be forthcoming.
- Is funding, outside of SOR, going to be utilized to fund the regional crisis stabilization and withdrawal management projects?
  - The Board applications may include the withdrawal management centers in the SOR proposals. The Department continues to prioritize crisis response initiatives and will notify the field if there is another funding source identified.
- Will the SOR 2.0 funds be retroactive to 9/30/2020? How long will Boards have to spend out SOR 2.0 funds?
  - Yes, the funding will be retroactive to include the project period 9/30/20 -9/29/21. Boards are eligible to submit a 12-month budget for SOR 2.0. Please consider how the NCE funds and the SOR 2.0 funds will be operationalized in your local board area when making this decision.
- How will the SOR 1.0 NCE be coordinated with the SOR 2.0 applications?
  - How long will Boards have to spend SOR 1.0 NCE funds? Responded above.
- Could OhioMHAS give a blanket 1-week extension on the SOR 1.0 NCE 60-day requests?
  - Yes. The NCE application is now due by October 30,2020.
- Will OhioMHAS be providing guidelines for the amount that each Board can request upon the release of the RFP?

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- OhioMHAS has allocated \$50,000,000 for the funding period of October 1, 2020 through September 29, 2021 for this initiative. OhioMHAS estimates awards to range from \$500,000 to \$3,500,000.

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Q: Does the project have to participate for 12 months if they only have a few months of funding?

A: Not necessarily. The budget can be adjusted and structured for twelve months or less depending on the needs of the project. However, the department will be prioritizing the NCE funds where possible.

Q: “Should we continue GPRA interviews and what do we do about follow up?”

A: All projects that are required to complete a GPRA should continue to complete GPRA interviews and follow ups. If the follow up period exceeds the final date of the grant the remaining GPRA interviews are not required to be captured.

Q: Has the target population for NCE changed since the new funding has been awarded.

A: No, the target population for the NCE SOR grant remains individuals with a diagnosis or history of opioid use or overdose.

Q: Can I make budget adjustments?

- Yes, budget adjustments of up to 10% of the budget line item do not require pre-approval.
- Budget adjustments greater than 10% of the budget line item, requires OhioMHAS approval please submit the new [budget change request form](#) to your project lead.

Q: Do I need to sign and upload the Marijuana Attestation?

A: No, the marijuana attestation has been included in the FY21 Agreements and Assurances.

Q: Do documents need to be resubmitted if we had them in the system before the renewal? If they submitted them as part of the FY 20 grant do they need to resubmit them as part of the FY 21 grant?

A: The signature page must be resubmitted. The budget must be uploaded again to ensure compliance with our auditor requirements. If you previously awarded a sub grant award, you must upload their budget in the new grant as well.

Q: Are we able to apply for additional funding since the project is for a year instead of the shortened time we had previously? Are we able to request an increase in funding?

A: We are currently not accepting additional requests or requests for additional funding at this time; however, a standardized request template and process is being developed to accommodate these requests. The standardized process will include standard meetings dates and times. We will continue to

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update awardees, during regularly scheduled meetings, as this process is complete about any additional funding available in the NCE.

Q: When does the funding period end?

- The SOR 1.0/NCE funding period end Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This will conclude the SOR 1.0 NCE grant.
- The SOR 1.0/NCE renewals are for a period of 60 days, or a period of one year depending on the award.

Q: As a small organization we haven't had an audit completed in the past. We plan to have one this year. We did not have to submit it last year what is the process for this year?

A: The audit must be uploaded in the Grants Funding Management System (GFMS).

Q: For the SOR employment GAP funding are there reporting requirements for the funding spent prior to September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 or will all of the reports be due at the end of the funding period?

A: Demographics reports for individuals served up until Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 are still due on October 9th. The process for data submission moving forward will be communicated via correspondence by November 1, 2020.

Q: Will taking this funding affect us applying for the SOR 2.0 funds?

A: No, however, you will not be able to apply for the same deliverables under both SOR 1.0 NCE and SOR 2.0. There must be a demonstration of satisfactory performance, GPRA collection, distinct and trackable deliverables and/or the population, capacity and infrastructure for expansion, and a demonstrated ability to meet grant deliverables in order to qualify for both SOR 1.0 NCE and SOR 2.0 funding. The department will prioritize the NCE funds where possible.

Q: Where do we report data for our outreach and engagement activities?

A: That data must be submitted to your county board and will be reported to OhioMHAS by them. For OhioMHAS direct funded grantees, please send the data to the SOR Project Lead.

Q: Are we continuing conversations if we had the SOR year 2, how do we apply for the 60-day extension if we applied through the board?

A: Please coordinate with the local county board who funded your program.

Q: Am I able to submit my documents from QuickBooks for the financial audit?

A: Please refer to the Agreements and Assurances a formal audit is required.

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Q: Where do I find the applications for the renewal of SOR 1 & SOR 2?

A: In the GFMS grantees can view all of their applications, renewals will appear under fiscal year (FY) with a grant number starting with 21. If you were instructed to create a new grant application, please follow the one-page list of instructions.

Q: Can we use our negotiated indirect cost rate with HSS?

A: If you have a federally negotiated rate you are able to use it with these federal grant dollars. Please include a copy of the federally negotiated rate letter in your GFMS application in the project documents tab.

Q: Community conversations for faith-based providers funding if doing a statewide training program how to we report back all of the data.

A: Please submit attendee information and other data to your project lead.

Q: Are faith-based community conversation providers expected to link OUD diagnosis individuals to direct service providers or are we just continuing the general community conversation with the public? or both, and either?

A: If the point of contact is the faith-based community partner, a warm handoff to a behavioral health treatment agency is preferred. If the faith-based community partner is a behavioral health provider a referral is preferred.

Q: Since these are federal dollars are they subjected to federal audit requirements? Is there a CFDA number?

A: **Response Pending**

Q: Are we able to do evaluation on this project? Secondary evaluator?

A: The evaluation of this project is the responsibility of the Ohio Department of Mental Health; however, local agencies can evaluate the effectiveness of their projects. SOR funds may not be used to cover this cost.

Q: Is the target audience for the opioid awareness funds those with opioid use disorders or the general community?

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A: Opioid awareness is targeted to the general public.