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>>> FFY2020 State Opioid Response Grant Carry-Over Funding Opportunities

Ohio Opiate Response Continuum Grant for Colleges and Universities (MHA-FY20-SOR-UniCol-21)

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to announce an umbrella State Opioid Response (SOR) Carry Over grant opportunity for Federal Fiscal Year 2020. The SOR Project Ohio Opiate Response Continuum Grant for Colleges and Universities (MHA-FY20-SOR-UniCol-21) has made up to \$3,080,000 available through Sept. 28, 2020, to: support and expand existing College Recovery Communities/Programs or the developing of new College Recovery Communities/Programs; provide on-going support for Chemical Dependency Counselors training through live MAT ECHO trainings; and coordinate a large-scale behavioral health training initiative. Ohio Colleges and Universities may apply for one, two, or three of the funding opportunities. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to read the Requests for Proposals. Proposals must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on May 29. Questions may be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 22. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). Awards are expected to be announced with project implementation to begin June 15, 2020. All funds must be expended by Sept. 28, 2020.

[View RFP \(MHA-FY20-SOR-UniCol-21\)](#)
[OhioMHAS Agreements and Assurances](#)

SOR Project Ohio Opiate Response Continuum Grant for County Behavioral Health Authorities (MHA-FY20-SOR-OACBH-Continuum-22)

This SOR Project Ohio Opiate Response Continuum Grant provides an opportunity for Ohio Behavioral Health Authorities to partner with non-behavioral health organizations to expand access to peer support for persons with opiate use disorder and their families through Sept. 28, 2020. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to read the Requests for Proposals. Applications must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 29. Questions may be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 22. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). Awards are expected to be announced with project implementation to begin June 15, 2020. All funds must be expended by Sept. 28, 2020.

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Continuum Grant for Medical Settings (MHA-FY20-SOR-MEDSET-22)

Through the SOR Carryover, \$1,900,000 available through Sept. 28th, 2020, to: (1) Implement case managers in five Emergency Departments (EDs) and five Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to assist with care coordination of OUD patients, (2) utilizing care navigators in HIV and Hepatitis Clinics for patients with opiate use disorder, and (3) facilitating learning communities and providing technical assistance for implementing and providing MAT induction in the ED setting. Medical settings may apply for one, two, or three of the funding opportunities. . Applications must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 29. Questions may be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 22. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). Awards are expected to be announced with project implementation to begin June 15, 2020. All funds must be expended by Sept. 29, 2020.

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>>> Planning for Quarantine and Isolation Sites Checklist: Guidance on Inclusion of Behavioral Health Services

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Ohio Department of Health are working with state partners through the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center (State EOC) to establish a framework for quarantine sites across Ohio. While potential quarantine locations are identified by the State EOC, all other planning for the operation of the quarantine facility is to be undertaken at the local level. The State plan is specific to Quarantine location planning and has been shared with the county level Emergency Management Offices. The State EOC quarantine plan is a living document that will be updated with lessons learned throughout the COVID-19 crisis. OhioMHAS has released a [Planning for Quarantine and Isolation Sites Checklist: Guidance on Inclusion of Behavioral Health Services](#) to assist with planning.

>>> CORRECTION: Adult Advocacy Centers “Wish List” Project

The April 28 *NewsNow* story announcing the Adult Advocacy Centers’ [“Wish List Project”](#) included an [incorrect link for Summit Behavioral Healthcare](#). We apologize for the error. Please click the links below to access updated wish lists for each hospital:

[Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare](#)

[Heartland Behavioral Healthcare](#)

[Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare](#)

[Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital](#)

[Summit Behavioral Healthcare](#) (CORRECTED)

[Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare](#)



>>> Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Mental Health Awareness Toolkits

As part of its work to coordinate the [Suicide Prevention Coalition Partnership](#), the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation has released toolkits to promote mental health awareness. Click the links below to access materials.

[May is Mental Health Month 2020](#)

[Coping with COVID-19](#)



>>> New SAMHSA Publication -- The Opioid Crisis and the Black/AA Population: An Urgent Issue

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [Office of Behavioral Health Equity](#) has announced a new issue brief: [The Opioid Crisis and the Black/African American Population: An Urgent Issue](#). The opioid crisis has not abated and has had a significant impact on African American communities. This issue brief presents recent data on prevalence of opioid misuse and death rates in the Black/African American population; contextual factors and challenges to prevention and treatment; innovative outreach and engagement strategies to connect people to evidence-based treatment; and the importance of community voice.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus>. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov.

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