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>>> Community and Faith-Based Culturally Competent Stigma Reduction Funding

Opportunity

In support of Governor Mike DeWine's commitment to the Investment in Ohio's Future, the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will offer a \$1M funding opportunity for faith-based and community-based organizations. The funds will be directed toward community-based strategies for mental wellness and support during this period of COVID-19. This opportunity is seeking to support Ohio's most vulnerable populations. Local communities can apply for resources needed to empower everyday citizens to identify signs of poor mental health and/or addiction, reduce stigma associated with those issues, provide support, and offer resources to people about where to find help. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than June 5 to OhioMHAS at GOFBCI@mha.ohio.gov. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). **Proposals must be submitted by June 12.**

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>>> Reposted: FY 2020 SOR Continuum Grant for Organizations Serving Minority Populations

OhioMHAS is pleased to re-announce a State Opioid Response grant opportunity for federal fiscal year 2020. The SOR Project Ohio Opiate Response Continuum Grant for Organizations Serving Members of the African American, Hispanic/Latino American, and other Minority Communities ([MHA-FY20-21-OOR-CountyHealth-12](#)) continues to offer up to \$15 million dollars available through Sept. 28, 2020, to provide funding for programs and projects that will increase access to treatment and recovery supports for African American, Hispanic/Latino American, and other minority community members with a primary or secondary diagnosis of opioid use disorder or those with a documented history of opiate related overdose. Eligible applicants are county or city health departments collaborating with their community behavioral health authorities, community behavioral health authorities, or other county- or city-based organizations such as: Metropolitan Housing Authorities, probation departments, etc.; minority community-based organizations (MCBOs), such as UMADAOPs and Urban Leagues and other community-based organizations including faith based, primary care, federally-qualified or school-based health centers, aging living communities, behavioral health organizations, and other non-profit organizations. All questions must be submitted electronically to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 25. An information webinar series will be scheduled and announced at <https://mha.ohio.gov/Schools-and-Communities/Funding-Opportunities>. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). **Applications must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on June 8**

>>> Minority Health Strike Force Announces Preliminary Recommendations

Governor DeWine announced initial findings Thursday from his Minority Health Strike Force. The team was formed in April in response to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on African Americans who make up 14 percent of Ohio's

population, but represent 26 percent of positive COVID-19 cases, 31 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations, and 17 percent of COVID-19 deaths in Ohio. Recommendations were created using feedback from the Strike Force's Health Care, Resources, Data, and Education subcommittees.

Examples of these recommendations include:

- Establishing culturally appropriate and accessible COVID-19 exposure notification services for communities of color.
- Expanding testing capacity and access for minorities and high-risk populations.
- Using data to prioritize resources in the communities that have the highest need.
- Developing and launching a statewide, culturally-sensitive outreach campaign that educates African Americans and communities of color on COVID-19, health disparities, and social determinants of health.

The Minority Health Strike Force's preliminary report will be available soon at coronavirus.ohio.gov. Final recommendations will be issued on June 11. Governor DeWine also announced that the Strike Force will work with Us for Us to unveil a new communications campaign aimed at Ohio's minority populations called, "Stay in the Fight." This campaign will focus on the need to stay informed, stay involved, and stay inspired during the pandemic.

>>> Latest OSAM Drug Trend Report Available

The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network has released its latest six-month drug trend report for the State of Ohio. Click [HERE](#) to view/download the [Surveillance of Drug Abuse Trends in the State of Ohio: January – June 2019](#). Click [HERE](#) to read an executive summary.

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. COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616.

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