



# **Application for Distribution of Drug Destruction Bags (MHA-19-MEDDIR-SOR-DRUGBAGS-56)**

Funding period: December 17, 2018 – September 29, 2019

## **RFA Purpose**

The Ohio State Opioid Response (SOR) Project will focus on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare. The geographic area for this project is the State of Ohio. The population of focus is adolescents and adults with a diagnosis of opioid use disorder and those at risk for misuse of opioids.

The Ohio SOR Project is intended to 1) expand prevention efforts related to naloxone distribution, provide training across systems for professionals to improve system responses to the opioid epidemic, and deploy targeted awareness messaging for communities; 2) expand access to medication-assisted treatment and a clinical workforce with the expertise to provide medication assisted treatment (MAT) and psychosocial treatment to individuals with an opioid use disorder, and 3) expand the use of certified peer supporters and access to recovery housing, in particular recovery housing for families; and development of employment opportunities for persons in recovery from opioid addiction. In achieving these aims, programs and services will build upon the work already established by Ohio's 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES State Targeted Response initiative.

OhioMHAS seeks to award funding to one entity to purchase and distribute drug destruction bags to community networks such as senior centers, schools, police and fire departments, and hospitals. This strategy is an environmental prevention program aimed at reducing access to unused and expired prescription drugs. Drug destruction bags are deactivation pouches that safely renders prescription drugs as unusable in an effort to reduce diversion of prescriptions by ensuring that they do not fall into the wrong hands within the community. The awardee will facilitate the distribution of drug destruction bags throughout the state of Ohio, engage in educational and awareness efforts, and collect and analyze surveys related to the use of the bags.

## **Scope of Work**

One awardee will be funded to assist OhioMHAS with implementation of State Opioid Response Grant activities. The primary duties of the awardee will be to purchase drug back bags and distribute them throughout the state of Ohio. The awardee will develop partnerships with community agencies throughout Ohio for the purpose of providing and initiating the distribution of drug destruction bags to community members. The awardee is required to distribute at least 60,000 drug destruction bags throughout the course of the grant year.

The awardee will provide education and raise awareness about the nature and use of drug destruction bags to increase community understanding of the benefits of the program. The awardee will engage in outreach efforts to develop partnerships and to seek organizations that are interested in distributing the bags. Community organizations may include, but are not limited to, senior centers, schools, police and fire departments, family and youth organizations, and health organizations.

The awardee will collect survey responses from the recipients of the drug destruction bags by attaching postage paid postcard surveys to the bags with the agency return address printed on the card. The awardee will set up Business Reply Mail with their local post office, which enables recipients of the bags to return the post cards via first class mail at the expense of the awardee.

Surveys will ask the following:

1. Did the pouch prompt you to clean out your medicine cabinet?
  - a) Yes, I don't clean out my medicine cabinet regularly.
  - b) Yes, I clean out my medicine cabinet on a regular basis. (Please tell us how you have disposed of your medication in the past in the comments.)
  - c) No, I haven't used the pouch yet. (Please tell us why in the comments.)
2. Was the pouch easy to use?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
3. What types of medications did you dispose of?
  - a) Over the Counter (Tylenol, Advil, etc...)
  - b) Narcotics/Opioids (OxyContin, Percocet, etc...)
  - c) Other Prescription Medications (non-narcotic) (Xanax, Wellbutrin, Cialis, etc...)
  - d) Vitamins
  - e) Not Sure
4. Comments:
5. What is your gender?
6. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
7. What is your race?
8. What is your age?
9. What is your County & Zip Code?

### **Data Collection and Reporting**

As authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 5119.61, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will collect information and data from the awardee. This information and data are outlined in the Reporting Requirements, which will be distributed with all the Notice of Awards. Failure to comply with reporting requirements shall result in further action by OhioMHAS, which may include cessation of funds.

### **Reporting Requirements**

Awardee will report on the following each month:

- Number of drug destruction bags distributed, stratified by agency and county.
- Description of outreach efforts.
- Survey response results with summary analysis of responses (please see the required survey questions above).

A data reporting template will be provided to the awardee by OhioMHAS.

### **Performance Assessment**

Awardee are expected to participate in a performance assessment as needed, including monthly reviews with OhioMHAS staff.

### **PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Eligible Applicants**

Applications will be accepted from organizations that have demonstrated the ability to develop multiple partnerships across the state of Ohio. The awardee must be willing to partner with various organizations to enable widespread distribution of drug destruction bags. Applicants must have the capacity to collect and analyze data reported in survey responses. 60,000 drug destruction must be distributed by September 29, 2019.

### **Permissible Use of Funds**

Funds may be used to purchase of program supplies such as drug destruction bags, printing, postage, and other needs related to meeting the grant deliverables. Funds may also be used for staff time. No funds shall be used for travel or food.

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Application page limit is eight, single-spaced pages in 12 point Times New Roman font. This page limit does NOT include the coversheet, the budget narrative, or the budget expenditure form (Appendices 1 and 2). Applications must include the following:

1. Cover sheet
2. Abstract – Summary identifying how the drug destruction program will be implemented that includes goal(s), objectives, and total amount of funding requested. (300 words or less)
3. Project Description- Provide a description of the proposed project that includes the following:
  - a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant.
  - b. Plan to partner with community organizations across Ohio to facilitate the distribution of drug destruction bags. Plans should identify organizations that will be outreached.
  - c. Plan to purchase and distribute the drug destruction bags.
  - d. Plan to provide education targeted at raising community awareness about the nature, use, and benefits of drug destruction bags.
  - e. Plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including the analyzation of survey responses and compliance with OhioMHAS monthly reporting requirements.
  - f. Budget Expenditure Form (Appendix 1) and Budget Narrative (Appendix 2) documenting implementation period funds. Proposals must include a budget and budget narrative that identifies all costs to complete the project as described in the proposal, as well as how OhioMHAS funds, and other resources will be used.

### **B. RFA Questions and Updates**

1. The Request for Application, accompanying documents and all questions and answers will be posted on the OhioMHAS website at: <https://mha.ohio.gov/Funding/Funding-Opportunities>
2. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than **Friday, December 7, 2018 by 5:30pm** to OhioMHAS at: [SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov)
3. No questions will be answered after the deadline. You may **NOT** contact any OhioMHAS staff member directly with questions regarding this RFA. Contacting staff directly with questions could result in disqualification of an application.
4. Responses to all frequently asked questions (FAQ) will be posted to the OhioMHAS website at <https://mha.ohio.gov/Funding/Funding-Opportunities> and will be updated frequently.

**C. Application Submission**

1. All applications must be submitted electronically to: [SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov) by **December 14, 2018**
2. No faxed, mailed or hand carried applications will be accepted.

**D. Award**

1. Awards are expected to be announced in December for project implementation to begin no later than **February 4, 2019**.
2. All state fiscal year 2019 funds should be obligated by September 29, 2019. No cost extensions are permissible without prior approval from the Department.
3. Grant awards will not exceed \$250,000.

Review Criterion	Points Possible
<b>Scope of Work</b>	
Abstract: Summary identifying how the drug destruction program will be implemented that includes goal(s), objectives, and total amount of funding requested. (300 words or less)	5
Project description components:	
a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant.	5
b. Plan to partner with community organizations across the state of Ohio to facilitate the distribution of drug destruction bags. Plan identifies organizations that will be outreached.	20
c. Plan to purchase and distribute the drug destruction bags.	20
d. Plan to provide education targeted at raising community awareness about the nature, use, and benefits of drug destruction bags.	10
e. Plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including the analyzation of survey responses and compliance with OhioMHAS monthly reporting requirements.	20
Technical Score	80
Budget: Program cost is reasonable and realistic	20
Total Score	100
Rating	Explanation
0	Is Not Addressed. Proposal does not comply with the requirement and/or does not address expectations.
1-2	Weak. Proposal does not substantially meet the requirement and/or does not substantially meet expectations.
3-4	Meets. Proposal meets the requirement, and meets expectations.

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Exceeds. Proposal exceeds the requirement and exceeds expectations.