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## Request for Applications: Opioid and Stimulant Unmet Treatment Needs

### Summary

Tribal nations and counties may apply for State Opioid Response Grant funding for the purpose of providing treatment and recovery support services to people with a primary opioid use disorder or stimulant use disorder, as well as co-occurring substance use disorders. This memo describes this program and the steps to apply for funding. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. November 12, 2024.

### Background

Funding from the State Opioid Response Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration must be used to increase access to all three forms of FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder and to support harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services for opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorder, including cocaine and methamphetamine, as well as other co-occurring substance use disorders.

DHS identified high-need areas in Wisconsin based on 2024 county-level data to assist in making decisions regarding allocation of State Opioid Response Grant dollars. The datasets included:

- The number of people receiving county-authorized services for opioid, psychostimulant-related, or stimulant misuse.
- Opioid, psychostimulant, or stimulant-related hospitalizations.
- Opioid, psychostimulant, or stimulant-related deaths.
- New cases of Hepatitis C.
- Social determinants of health.

Counties were ranked in high-need order based on the averaging of the data, with a rank of one being highest need. All Tribal nations are high-need areas.

County	Rank
Milwaukee	1
Sawyer	2
Ashland	3
Menominee	4
Rock	5
Racine	6
Forest	7
La Crosse	8
Kenosha	9
Jackson	10
Vilas	11
Brown	12
Juneau	13
Winnebago	14
Wood	15
Marinette	16
Monroe	17
Sauk	18
Dodge	19
Dane	20
Douglas	21
Manitowoc	22
Fond Du Lac	23
Shawano	24

County	Rank
Eau Claire	25
Langlade	26
Columbia	27
Burnett	28
Adams	29
Jefferson	30
Waukesha	31
Walworth	32
Outagamie	33
Marathon	34
Oneida	35
Chippewa	36
Florence	37
Barron	38
Richland	39
Green Lake	40
Portage	41
Washington	42
Sheboygan	43
Waushara	44
Rusk	45
Bayfield	46
Oconto	47
St. Croix	48

County	Rank
Waupaca	49
Washburn	50
Marquette	51
Vernon	52
Lincoln	53
Dunn	54
Polk	55
Crawford	56
Ozaukee	57
Grant	58
Clark	59
Green	60
Iron	61
Pierce	62
Price	63
Door	64
Iowa	65
Kewaunee	66
Trempealeau	67
Lafayette	68
Taylor	69
Pepin	70
Calumet	71
Buffalo	72

**Eligibility for funding**

All Tribal nations and county agencies are invited to apply for this funding. Priority consideration will be given to Tribal nations and counties:

- Identified as high-need areas (see table above).
- Located in rural areas.
- Providing all forms of medication for opioid use disorder.
- Proposing to target critical gaps in their current services system across diverse racial, ethnic, geographic and other groups, including specific targeting for transitional age youth ages 16-25 and the incarcerated population.

Counties must comply with all local and state requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification. Tribal nations must comply with all applicable Tribal nation requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification or explain that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist.

## **Award and contract terms**

The total amount of funds available is \$8,528,040. Contracts awarded to selected applicant(s) will be effective from September 30, 2024, through September 29, 2025, with the possibility of two one-year renewals contingent on funding and performance.

If requests for funding exceed the available funding, awards will be prorated based on the amount of funding available and how well the priority needs outlined in this memo are met. Priority consideration will be given to Tribal nations and counties that have been identified as high-need areas.

There is no match requirement for this funding opportunity. There will be no carryover funding as part of this grant opportunity.

Selected applicants using subcontractors are responsible for ensuring the subcontractors abide by all terms and conditions of this request for applications and resulting contract.

DHS reserves the right to reject any and all applications. DHS may negotiate the terms of the contract, including the award amount, with a selected applicant prior to entering into a contract.

## **Reporting requirements**

Selected applicants will be required to comply with multiple reporting requirements and time frames set by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The reporting requirements for this program include multiple points of contact and data collection from recipients of services. It is recommended applicants budget for staff time to complete these interviews and/or incentives (for example gift cards) for recipients of services for complying with the required interviews.

Reporting requirements include:

- **Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA):** For selected applicants that provide treatment and recovery services, data will be collected through interviews using the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) GPRA Client Outcome Measures for Discretionary Programs tool at three data collection points: intake to services, six months post intake, and at discharge.
- **State Opioid Response/Tribal Opioid Response Program Instrument (SOR/TOR):** Selected applicants may also be required to report program-level data on a quarterly basis. The SOR/TOR Program Instrument will collect the following measures: naloxone overdose kits purchase and distribution; overdose reversals; fentanyl test strips purchase and distribution; education of school-aged children, first responders, and key community sectors on opioid and/or stimulant misuse; and outreach activities that target underserved and/or diverse populations.
- **Programmatic Progress Report (PPR):** Selected applicants are required to submit programmatic progress reports at a minimum of twice per contract year. Selected applicants will be notified of the due dates in writing and receive a progress reporting tool to report their data.

Selected applicants may be required to collect and report other data based on requests from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

## **Program design**

Applicants should focus their efforts on one or more of the goals listed below.

- Demonstrate full integration of agonist and partial agonist treatments for opioid use disorder (methadone and buprenorphine), rather than a primary focus on antagonist medication (naltrexone). Offering all three forms of medications for opioid use disorder is preferable.
- Target critical gaps in current service systems across diverse racial, ethnic, geographic, and other demographic groups, including specific targeting for transitional age youth ages 16-25 and the incarcerated population with opioid and/or stimulant use disorder and other concurrent substance use disorders.
- Provide treatment for people with opioid and/or stimulant use disorder and other concurrent substance use disorders.
- Provide education on and distribution of naloxone and drug checking technologies such as fentanyl testing strips.
- Offer recovery support services, such as peer support, recovery coaching, recovery housing, case management/wraparound services, and employment supports such as the [Individual Placement Support](#) model to individuals with opioid and/or stimulant use disorder and other concurrent substance use disorders.

Selected applicants must begin delivering services by January 30, 2025.

## **Application submission**

Send an email with the following information and attachments to the [Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery](#) by 11:59 p.m. November 12, 2024:

- [Opioid and Stimulant Unmet Treatment Needs Funding Request \(Word\)](#)
- Completed and unprotected [DCTS Annual Grant/Contract Application: Condensed, F-21276C \(Word\)](#)
- Completed and unprotected [Budget – Opioid and Stimulant Unmet Needs, F-01601F \(Excel\)](#)

Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of their application within three business days. If you do not receive an email confirmation within three business days, contact the [Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery](#).

If you have a question, email the [Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery](#) no later than 11:59 p.m. October 22, 2024. Answers to the questions submitted will be posted on the [DHS website](#). Questions submitted by phone will not be answered.