

Request for Applications - EMS Leave Behind Program: Supply Support

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This memo outlines a request for applications for Wisconsin Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers operating a Leave Behind Program. Applications in response to this Request for Applications (RFA) must be submitted online through the application link. The deadline to apply for this funding opportunity is 11:59 p.m. on Monday April 3, 2023.

Background

In early 2022, the Wisconsin Department of Justice announced final approval of an agreement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors (Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen) and Johnson & Johnson. On September 8, 2022, the Joint Committee on Finance of the Wisconsin state legislature approved a [plan](https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/settlement-funds.htm) (dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/settlement-funds.htm) for expenditure of the portion of the 2022 settlement funds allocated to Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) by 2021 Wisconsin Act 57. As part of this plan, the DHS, Division of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health Promotion, Behavioral Health Section will provide supply support to EMS Leave Behind Programs.

Increasing access to overdose prevention tools, including naloxone/Narcan® and fentanyl test strip supplies, is an essential component to reducing overdoses and

overdose deaths in Wisconsin. Emergency medical service (EMS) providers across the country and within Wisconsin have instituted public safety-based Leave Behind Programs. Leave Behind Programs allow EMS professionals to distribute, or “leave behind,” overdose prevention tools and resources at the scene of care, or after transport to a hospital, with the patient and/or their social networks (family, friends, roommates, etc.). This model presents an innovative opportunity to expand access to life-saving tools for individuals at high risk for overdose and death.

This opportunity will supply EMS providers with funding for the purchase of naloxone/Narcan® and the purchase of fentanyl test strip supplies for distribution through a Leave Behind Program. DHS intends to award a minimum of five awards.

Eligibility for funding

The following agencies are eligible to apply to participate in the EMS Leave Behind Program: Supply Support opportunity: Emergency medical service providers, or EMS providers, that provide emergency medical services as an emergency medical responder service provider, non-transporting EMS provider, or ambulance service provider as defined by [WI Statute 110.04\(25\)](#) (Wisconsin Legislature: DHS 110.04(25)).

Funding terms and conditions

- The contract period will be **July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**
- Funding applications should not exceed a total budget of \$174,000 - with no more than \$114,000 for naloxone/Narcan® and no more than \$60,000 for fentanyl test strip supplies
- Funding is specific to supplies being distributed to the community. This opportunity does not provide supplies for use or administration by EMS providers.
- Fentanyl test strip supply purchases allowed for this opportunity include fentanyl test strips, testing tins, sterile water, micro scoops, packaging material for the kits (i.e., a small plastic baggie), and the printing of test strip directions.
- Applicants should plan and budget for one year of funding. Carryover of funds into a second year may be possible based on the availability of funds and applicant performance. If additional funding becomes available, successful applicants may receive additional funding for implementation of their plan.
- DHS may negotiate the terms of the contract, including the award amount, with the selected applicant(s) prior to entering into a contract. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully with a recommended applicant, DHS may terminate contract negotiations with that applicant.

- The contracts resulting from this request for applications will be between DHS and the awarded applicant(s). Grantees using subcontractors will be responsible for ensuring subcontractors abide by all terms and conditions of the grant.
- There is no match requirement for this grant.
- Selected applicants must follow all reporting requirements as defined by DHS. Quarterly reporting requirements will include a summary of expenditures, number of harm reduction supplies distributed, and an account of program accomplishments or other relevant metrics resulting from awarded funds.

Funding Application - Section 1: Applicant Contact Information

All applications must be submitted using this online submission format. A courtesy copy of the application is available on the DHS website along with the funding announcement. It is recommended that applicants use a word processing software to complete the sections of the application and paste responses into the online application to ensure that word limits are observed for each question.

This application consists of three sections 1) Applicant Contact Information (not scored), 2) Project Narrative (90 points), and 3) Budget (10 points). All applications will be reviewed and scored by an evaluation committee. Applicants may not contact members of the evaluation team without the contract administrator's written approval.

Note: This example is provided to help applicants prepare. When applying for this opportunity, use the linked survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7218339/Request-for-Applications-EMS-Leave-Behind-Program-Supply-Support>

1) Organization Name*

2) Organization's Street Address*

3) City *

4) Zip Code*

5) Name of person we can contact regarding this application*

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6) Email address of person we can contact regarding this application*

7) Phone number of person we can contact regarding this application*

Funding Application- Section 2: Project Narrative

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8) Describe your agency's Leave Behind Program. Include the date it started (will start), how it is currently funded or supported, and details about how the

program operates/will operate (e.g. will supplies be given to only a person who experienced an overdose or friends/family members as well, will supplies be provided to individuals who refuse transport to a hospital). (500 words)*

9) Provide the date your updated operational plan was submitted or will be submitted, per [DHS 110.35\(2\)\(g\)](#), to DHS – Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC). If you have questions regarding your submitted update, [reach out to your regional coordinator](#). *

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10) Describe the geographic area to be served with this funding. (100 words)*

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11) Evaluation - Describe the data collection and evaluation strategies that will be used to determine if the program is effective. (250 words)*

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12) Sustainability - Describe agency plans, if any, to continue this work beyond the funding period. (250 words)*

Funding Application - Section 3: Budget

Budget should not exceed a total of \$174,000 - with no more than \$114,000 for naloxone/Narcan® and no more than \$60,000 for fentanyl test strips. The budget should plan for one year of funding and is restricted to supplies only. Funding is

specific to supplies being distributed to the community and may not be for use or administration by EMS providers. Fentanyl test strip supply purchases allowed for this opportunity include fentanyl test strips, testing tins, sterile water, micro scoops, packaging material for the kits (i.e., a small plastic baggie), and the printing of test strip directions. Review the Funding Terms and Conditions of this RFA for further details about the allowable costs.

For each budget line item, include a brief description for the amounts you entered. This should include how you arrived at the total dollar amount requested for the expense. Example: Naloxone Supplies: \$100,000; Naloxone Supply Justification: Calculated based on purchasing 1,300 two-dose Narcan® nasal spray boxes at \$75/box = \$97,500 and printing 1,300 resource guides at \$0.52/guide = \$2,500.

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13) Naloxone Supplies Dollar Amount

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14) Naloxone Supplies Justification*

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15) Fentanyl Test Strip Supplies Dollar Amount

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16) Fentanyl Test Strip Supplies Justification*

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17) Total Budget

Confirm and Submit

Please review your application and submit by signing below

Thank You!

Thank you for completing and submitting a response to the EMS Leave Behind Program: Supply Support RFA.
