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To: County Departments of Community Programs  
County Departments of Health and Human Services  
County Departments of Human Services  
Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators

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## State Opioid Response Grants: Second Request

### Document summary

This memo describes the procedure for counties and tribes identified as high need areas to request State Opioid Response (SOR) funding from the Department of Health Services (DHS) Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) for the purpose of decreasing waitlists, service denials, or other unmet needs for individuals seeking treatment services for an opioid use disorder for the period May 1 through September 29, 2019.

### Background

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the SOR grant to Wisconsin on October 1, 2018. For this project, funding is to be provided to the counties and tribes identified as high need, specifically for the purpose of increasing access to Food and Drug Administration-approved forms of medication-assisted treatment (MAT), decreasing waitlists, unmet treatment needs, and service denials for individuals seeking treatment services for an opioid use disorder. ([View the table of unfunded high-need communities.](#))

### Eligibility for funding

Eligible agencies for this funding include counties and tribes not currently receiving DCTS funds through the SOR, State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis, or MAT-Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction grant projects.

### Application process

#### Information to be submitted for funding consideration

Applications are due April 29, 2019, for implementing contracts starting May 1, 2019, for funding available through September 29, 2019. Using the [SOR Grant Program Funding Request, F-02122](#), each county or tribe must describe unmet opioid treatment and recovery needs, the number of additional people the county or tribe is able to serve, a description of planned services, and the cost to provide these services. Awards will be based on need, number of people county or tribe will be able to serve, and prorated based on the amount of funding available. These awards will not be made as an appendix to the state-county contract. These awards will be stand-alone contracts for 2019.

**Applicants must ensure accuracy when reporting the number of individuals they are able to serve and amount of funds they can spend during the contract period as there will be no carryover funding as part of this opportunity.**

A second year of funding may be available. If available, year-two funding would be provided based on performance in year one. All contract requirements for year one must be met to be eligible for potential year-two funding.

### **Conditions for funding**

In order to qualify to receive this SOR funding, counties and tribes must agree to meet the conditions of funding and address the criteria below in a narrative. The narrative can be in the form of a cover letter or attached document. The SOR funding requires the following:

- The applicant is expected to increase the number of people with substance use disorder served during the grant period over the number served in calendar year 2018. The applicant is expected to increase the amount of annual substance use disorder expenditures during the grant period over the amount expended in calendar year 2018.
- Recipients must report on three types of data.
  - Client-level data through the Program Participating System (PPS)
  - Expenditures through the PPS.
  - Government Performance and Results Modernization Act (GPRM) of 2010 data collection, SAMHSA-required elements regarding clients served, including diagnosis, demographic characteristics, substance use, services received, types of MAT received, length of stay, criminal justice involvement, and housing. GPRM data should be collected at intake, three months post intake, six months post intake, and discharge. These data elements are required for SAMHSA to meet its obligations under GPRM. An approved GPRM data collection tool will be provided along with training.

**NOTE:** DCTS will negotiate with tribes regarding a client-level data and expenditure reporting method having adequate integrity. This may include an extract from the Indian Health Service Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) or other in-house database or accounting system.

- Each grantee must develop a system within their programming to register clients into PPS to generate a unique ID number for use in administering GPRM to clients served with SOR grant funds at each data collection point. **GPRM training and technical assistance will be provided.**
- Counties must comply with all local (city, county) and state requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification. Tribes must comply with all applicable tribal requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification or explain that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist.
- Counties and tribes must use evidence-based practices for opioid addiction treatment, including access to MAT for opioid use disorders. Applicant must agree that it will not deny or limit persons the opportunity to receive pharmacotherapy (buprenorphine and naltrexone formulations). Applicants proposing to serve a population with a practice that has not been formally evaluated with that population are required to provide evidence that the practice(s) they propose is appropriate for the population(s) of focus. Evidence for these practices may include unpublished studies, preliminary evaluation results, clinical (or other professional association) guidelines, findings from focus groups with community members, etc. Applicant may describe experience either with the population(s) of focus or in managing similar programs. Information in support of the proposed practice needs to be sufficient to demonstrate the appropriateness of the applicant's practice.

- Counties and tribes must permit access to opioid use disorder services for people reentering communities from criminal justice settings or other rehabilitation settings.
- Counties and tribes must begin delivering services on or prior to September 29, 2019.
- Counties and tribes who complete this application process and are awarded funds must provide DCTS with a list of subcontractors and Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) numbers.

## **Timeline**

The following process will be used for the review and approval of these funds:

- Counties and tribes must email a completed [SOR Grant Program Funding Request, F-02122](#) and a narrative addressing the conditions for funding to [Jason Harris](#) by April 29, 2019.
- Staff in the DCTS Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery will review the applications and forward recommendations to the DCTS Administrator's Office for final approval.
- Staff in the DCTS Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery will contact selected counties and tribes regarding awarding of funds and contracting after final approval.

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