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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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Request for Applications: State Opioid Response Grant – Treatment Funding

Document summary

This memo describes the procedure for counties and tribes to request State Opioid Response grant funding from the Department of Health Services for the purpose of decreasing opioid or stimulant use disorder treatment waitlists, treatment service denials, or other unmet treatment needs for the period of September 30, 2020, through September 29, 2021. The deadline to apply for funding is October 9, 2020. Priority will be given to counties and tribes identified as high-need areas.

Background

Wisconsin has received a new State Opioid Response Grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The grants awarded through the application process outlined in this memo will be for one year (September 30, 2020, through September 29, 2021). A second year of funding may be available. If federal funding is available, second year funding will be based on whether grantees successfully met the contract requirements of the first year. Grant awards will be based on need and number of people expected to be served. The awards may be prorated based on available funding. The awards will be stand-alone contracts for the grant period.

This funding is to be utilized to increase access to Food and Drug Administration-approved forms of medication-assisted treatment for opioid use, increase evidence-based treatment for stimulant use disorder, decrease treatment waitlists, and serve individuals with an opioid or stimulant use disorder who have unmet treatment needs.

In planning for the new State Opioid Response Grant, a needs assessment was performed to assist in making decisions regarding resource allocation. This needs assessment identified high-need areas based on county-level data in the following areas: number of people receiving county-authorized services for opioid, amphetamine-related, or cocaine misuse; opioid- or amphetamine-related hospitalizations; opioid- or stimulant-related deaths; diagnosis of opioid use disorder among Medicaid members; and Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory methamphetamine seizure cases. Counties were ranked in high-need order based on the averaging of the data, with a rank of one being highest need.

Ranking of counties based need

County	Rank
MILWAUKEE	1.0
RACINE	2.0
ROCK	2.0
DANE	4.0
SAUK	5.0
KENOSHA	6.0
DODGE	7.0
WAUKESHA	8.0
LA CROSSE	9.0
COLUMBIA	10.0
WINNEBAGO	11.0
FOND DU LAC	12.0
JEFFERSON	13.0
SHEBOYGAN	14.0
FOREST	15.0
BROWN	16.0
MENOMINEE	17.0
MANITOWOC	18.0
WASHINGTON	19.0
MARQUETTE	20.0
EAU CLAIRE	21.0
WOOD	22.0
JACKSON	23.0
MONROE	24.0

County	Rank
MARINETTE	25.0
OUTAGAMIE	26.0
ADAMS	27.0
SAWYER	28.0
VILAS	29.0
WALWORTH	30.0
ASHLAND	31.0
PORTAGE	32.0
OZAUKEE	33.0
JUNEAU	34.0
SHAWANO	35.0
WAUPACA	36.0
MARATHON	37.0
CHIPPEWA	38.0
DOUGLAS	39.0
WAUSHARA	40.0
GREEN	41.0
RICHLAND	42.0
BAYFIELD	43.0
BURNETT	44.0
LANGLADE	45.0
ST. CROIX	46.0
ONEIDA	47.0
TREMPEALEAU	47.0

County	Rank
IOWA	49.0
GREEN LAKE	50.0
BARRON	51.0
IRON	51.0
LINCOLN	53.0
DUNN	54.0
GRANT	55.0
POLK	56.0
CRAWFORD	57.0
PIERCE	58.0
PRICE	59.0
OCONTO	60.0
VERNON	61.0
FLORENCE	62.0
RUSK	63.0
WASHBURN	64.0
BUFFALO	65.0
DOOR	66.0
TAYLOR	67.0
LAFAYETTE	68.0
CLARK	69.0
CALUMET	70.0
PEPIN	71.0
KEWAUNEE	72.0

Tribes located in high-need counties are considered high need.

Eligibility for funding

All counties and tribes are invited to apply funding. Priority will be given to counties and tribes ranked as high-need areas above and counties and tribes demonstrating high need through data included in their application. Additional consideration will be given to applicants that detail the use of incentives to ensure compliance with data collection.

Application process

Applications are due October 9, 2020.

Application form

Using the [State Opioid Response Grant 2 Program Funding Request, F-02122](#), applicants must describe unmet opioid or stimulant treatment and recovery needs in their county or tribe, a description of planned services, the cost to provide these services, and the number of people expected to be served during the one-year grant period. Applicants should take extra care when estimating how many people may be served during the grant period. There will be no carryover funding as part of this opportunity.

Application narrative

There are conditions to this funding. Counties and tribes must agree to meet these conditions in order to receive a grant. Applicants should address the criteria below in a narrative submitted with their grant application. The narrative can be in the form of a cover letter or attached document.

- 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 2020. 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 2020.
- Evidence-based practices for opioid and stimulant addiction treatment must be used, including medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorders. Applicant must agree that it will not deny or limit people the opportunity to receive pharmacotherapy (buprenorphine and naltrexone formulations) for an opioid use disorder. Applicants proposing to serve a population with a practice that has not been formally evaluated with that population are required to provide other forms of 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.
- Applicants must permit access to opioid and stimulant use disorder services for people reentering communities from criminal justice settings or other rehabilitation settings.
- Counties must report client-level data and expenditures through the Program Participation System. DCTS will negotiate with tribes on a client and expenditure reporting method having adequate integrity such as an extract from the Indian Health Service Resource and Patient Management System or other in-house database or accounting system.
- Applicants must report on series of data elements for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to meet its obligations under the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act (GPRA) of 2010. This includes elements such as diagnosis, demographic characteristics, substance use, services received, and types of medication-assisted treatment received, length of stay, criminal justice involvement, and housing. Each client will have three time points of data collection: intake to services, six months post intake, and discharge.
- Applicants must develop a system within their programming to register clients into the Program Participation System to generate a unique ID number for use in collecting the data elements needed under GPRA. GPRA training and technical assistance will be provided.
- Counties must comply with all local 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.

Successful applicants must begin delivering services prior to November 1, 2020. If subcontractors will be used to provide services funded by this grant, successful applicants must provide the Division of Care and Treatment Services with a list of these subcontractors and DUNS numbers for the subcontractors.

Application steps

1. County and tribes must email applications – a completed [State Opioid Response Grant 2 Program Funding Request, F-02122](#), and narrative addressing the grant conditions – to [Michelle Lund](#) by October 9, 2020.

2. Staff in the Division of Care and Treatment Services will review the applications and forward recommendations for funding to the Division of Care and Treatment Services Administrator's Office for final approval.
3. Staff in the Division of Care and Treatment Services will contact successful applicants regarding their grant award and the contracting process.

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