

Pilot Projects to Advance Harm Reduction and Public Safety Partnerships to Prevent Overdose – Request for Applications FAQs

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Application Questions

What are the project period dates?

We will aim to notify selected applicants by Jan. 9, 2023, and participate in a kick-off grantee call in mid-late January. Project plans should span 12 months starting in February 2023. Training and technical assistance (TTA) will commence in February 2023 and conclude in July 2023.

How much funding is available?

Applicants may apply for up to \$81,250 for a one-year project proposal.

Who may apply for the funding?

Nonprofit organizations in the U.S. that have a SAM.gov Unique ID and provide harm reduction services are eligible to complete the application. They do not need to have a 501(c)(3) status. Examples of types of harm reduction services include syringe services, naloxone or fentanyl test strip distribution, peer-based overdose prevention or response, medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), and linkages to substance use treatment for people who are at risk of a drug overdose. Nonprofit coalitions are eligible to apply; however, the maximum funding amount will remain the same as if a single organization were to apply (\$81,250).

Applications should be led by the nonprofit organization providing harm reduction services, rather than the public safety partner.

How do you define a public safety entity?

Examples of public safety partners include first responder personnel, including police, fire, and paramedics; law enforcement officials (e.g., chiefs and sheriffs); court administrators (e.g., prosecutors and judges); and personnel working in correctional settings or in community corrections.

While using the online application platform, can you start an application and save it to come back to it later?

To start the application, you'll create a free account on Awardforce. You can save your progress and return to complete it at a later time.

Will there be a specific scoring rubric within the RFA?

Yes, there is a scoring rubric based on the strategic priorities outlined in the RFA. Applications will be scored by a panel of National Council staff and project partners.

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Will the budget and/or budget narrative be supplied using a supplied template or do applicants have liberty to format such responses in whatever way is most readable?

A budget template will not be provided. Applicants can submit their preferred budget template as long as line items identify the allocation of funds for project expenses including, but not limited to, salaries and wages, fringe benefits, consultant costs, equipment, supplies, travel, contractual costs, indirect costs and other expenses. A budget narrative of up to 300 words is also required.

What are some of the components you would like to see in the recommended public safety partner's letter of support?

The letter of support should come from someone in a leadership role or position with decision-making authority, such as a sheriff or chief of police. The letter should indicate that the nonprofit organization and public safety entity have a formal or informal relationship in place or have collaborated in the past, and that the public safety partner has been involved in conversations around and is in support of the proposed pilot project.

Project Proposal Questions

Can a pilot program build upon an existing pilot?

Yes, if it aligns with the pilot project goals.

What does pilot program data entail? What do we need to measure? Often with these projects, we are just counting the amount of supplies distributed and where.

Grantees will be asked to define their own metrics for data collection as part of the evaluation of project activities. Typically, these are data that organizations are already collecting.

Do grantees create their own evaluation or does National Council have an evaluation that grantees are required to use?

Grantees will be asked to define their own metrics for success in the application and evaluate their project activities against them. This will support the development of a brief report to be submitted to the National Council at six months.

The National Council will also work with an external evaluator to conduct evaluations with each grantee to understand the outcomes and impacts related to their participation in this funding opportunity. The evaluations will take place at baseline (project initiation) and six months.

Does the project proposal and scope have to include all suggested areas, or can it be one, two or three specific service lines?

The suggested areas are potential options. Project proposals do not need to include all of the suggested areas, but can include as many as you would like.

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