

# Building Community Capacity Through Community Behavioral Health Organizations

Request for Applications (RFA) Office Hour  
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# Opportunity Overview

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing (National Council), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), invites community behavioral health organizations, harm reduction organizations and other community-based organizations to apply for grant funding. Funding will support the implementation of evidence-based or promising strategies to enhance and expand critical services that reduce the risk of overdose by increasing engagement in evidence-based and innovative **harm reduction strategies, linkage to care and peer support services.**

## Goals:

- 1) Support the implementation and enhancement of evidence-based services or promising practices to prevent and reduce overdose and other drug-related harms through innovative harm reduction strategies, linkage to care and peer support services.
- 2) Increase the collaboration between CBHOs, harm reduction organizations, and other community-based organizations to link PWUD and PWSUD to harm reduction services, peer support, treatment and recovery support, and other wraparound services.

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# Opportunity Overview

- Through a competitive Request for Funding Applications (RFA) process, **up to 25 organizations** will be selected for the 12-month opportunity.
- Select organizations will each receive awards up to **\$100,000** and will participate in training and technical assistance (TTA) opportunities offered by the National Council.

Activity	Date
Application launch	Monday, January 9, 2023
★ <b>Deadline to submit applications</b>	<b>Friday, February 3, 11:59pm ET</b>
Selected organizations notified	Friday, February 24, 2023
Kick-off grantee meeting (Zoom) -- REQUIRED	Thursday, March 9, 2023, 11:00am – 1:00pm ET
TA activities	Monthly (days and times TBD)
Mid-year report and action plan due	Monday, July 24, 2023

# Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are CBHOs, harm reduction and other community-based organizations and/or coalitions in the U.S. that:

- Provide services within a city, county, or multiple geographic locations with a total population of 400,000 people or more. Applicants must use the 2020 - 2021 U.S. Census [city](#) or [county](#) data to confirm population for the geographic area to be served.

## Additional Eligibility Requirements

- [SAM.gov Unique Entity ID](#)
- Infrastructure necessary to begin active implementation within five months of the start of the project period.



# Applicant Eligibility

## Applicants that are in line with the goals of this funding opportunity:

- Have established linkages to and partnerships with mental health and substance use treatment, primary care, public health, social services, legal services, and other community-based providers.
- Serve disproportionately affected populations (e.g., justice-involved, homeless, people who have already experienced a drug overdose, people with disabilities/differently able, racial/ethnic minorities such as African Americans, Hispanic/ Latinx and American Indian/ Alaska Native populations).
- Provide a range of overdose prevention and harm reduction services and interventions for PWUD and/or PWSUD.
- Conduct peer-led outreach to individuals who recently experienced an overdose or within areas where overdoses are occurring.
- Engage new drug users in services, prioritizing engagement of PWUD not currently in care.



# Program Requirements

- Use grant funds to support harm reduction and overdose prevention and treatment services to support PWUD over a **project period of 12 months**
- Participate in **technical assistance and peer-based educational opportunities**.
  - To promote meaningful learning and sustainable implementation, we recommend that organization and coalition members participate together in TTA when possible.
- Participate in **project evaluation efforts** at baseline and mid-year, and at 12 months.
- Provide a brief **mid-year report** to the National Council detailing how grant funds have been used to support project activities, and an **action plan** for what activities will be implemented during the second half of the project period and how remaining funds are expected to be used.



# Project Examples

- Health hubs for PWUD
- Community-based overdose response teams, crisis response teams, or rapid response teams that serve communities that are significantly impacted by overdose
- Partnering to ensure access to services that decrease wait times for appointments, have low barrier access, and collaborate on follow-up to re-engage individuals in care
- Co-located services (e.g., MOUD within syringe services programs)
- Low barrier buprenorphine and methadone at multiple locations in a community
- MOUD bridge clinics (face-to-face and telehealth) in transitional places, such as emergency departments, criminal legal settings, and overdose response programs
- MOUD integration within primary care and community health centers
- Mobile clinical wound care, or such care integrated into spaces in which PWUD feel safe
- Emergency department linkage to care after overdose
- Re-entry support and linkage to care for individuals returning to a community after incarceration





# Funding Priorities

**Strategic priorities will guide the allocation of awards to organizations and/or coalitions:**

- Serve populations highly impacted by drug overdose, including PWUD and PWSUD that are:
  - Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC).
  - Experiencing homelessness and housing instability.
  - Not currently in care
  - From jurisdictions that lack or are underserved by MOUD treatment providers.
  - Justice-involved.
  - Overdose survivors.
- Use a health equity approach in their initiatives.
- Have the experience and infrastructure necessary to begin active implementation within five months of the start of the project period.
- Actively collaborate with other organizations that are engaged in overdose prevention and harm reduction activities within their communities.



# Funding Restrictions

## Examples of Allowable Use of Funds

- Enhance and expand existing programs
- Salaries and wages for staff
- Fringe benefits
- Consultant costs
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Travel
- Contractual costs
- Indirect costs

## Examples of Unallowable Use of Funds

- Naloxone (Narcan), syringes, harm reduction kits, furniture, and equipment
- HIV/HCV or other STD/STI testing
- Drug disposal programs or supplies
- Provision of medical/clinical care
- Research

**Please refer to the RFA for a complete list of funding restrictions.**



# Application Overview

## Application Process

The RFA and link to the application via Awardforce platform can be accessed by visiting

<https://ncmw.awardsplatform.com/>

Applications will be reviewed and rated by a panel of external subject matter experts and National Council staff.

## Application Sections

1. Contact Information
2. Organization Overview
3. Project Proposal
4. Budget Proposal
5. Supporting Attachments

## Timeline

Application Launch	Monday, January 9, 2023
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Application Deadline	Friday, February 3, 11:59pm ET
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Award Decisions	Friday, February 24, 2023
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# Next Steps

- 1) Review the application and apply for the funding opportunity by visiting <https://ncmw.awardsplatform.com/>
- 2) Submit your application by Friday, February 3, 2023.
- 3) Questions? Contact J'Neal Woods at [JnealW@thenationalcouncil.org](mailto:JnealW@thenationalcouncil.org)

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