##### 2022

North Dakota

*State Opioid Response (SOR) grant*

**Community Implementation Grant**

# Invitation to Apply (ITA)



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# Funding Opportunity Description

## Eligible Applicants

Applications will be accepted from North Dakota Local Public Health Units (LPHU).

## Goals of Program

The State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment using the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder (MOUD), and for supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder (OUD) and other concurrent substance use disorders. The SOR program also supports the continuum of care for stimulant misuse and use disorders, including for cocaine and methamphetamine. The SOR program aims to help reduce unmet treatment needs and opioid-related overdose deaths across America.

**North Dakota SOR Grant Goals:**

1. Prevent substance (mis)use (specifically focused on opioids and stimulants
2. Reduce harm related to opioids and stimulants
3. Improve access to evidence-based treatment
4. Increase access to recovery support services

The purpose of this Community Implementation Grant is to support communities across the state to address local needs and gaps throughout the continuum of care specific to the opioid crisis, while also addressing stimulant misuse and use disorders.

## Contract Dates

The contract will run from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

## Expectations/Scope of Work

Vendor shall provide services in a manner that is recovery-oriented, trauma-informed and person-centered.

Vendor shall implement evidence-based strategies addressing opioid or stimulant misuse and use disorders through prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery as identified in the submitted “Invitation to Apply”, as approved by the STATE.

Vendor shall implement the following strategies:

* Complete a community naloxone assessment and submit to the STATE by December 16, 2022, following STATE provided template.
* Disseminate naloxone throughout the community, based on where an overdose is most likely to occur.
* Provide training on recognition of opioid overdose and appropriate use of naloxone.
* Promote medication safety by collaborating with local pharmacies to bring awareness of the ONE Program.
* Partner with the STATE and local addiction treatment providers to increase availability of contingency management programs.
* Become aware of all SOR funded efforts and Behavioral Health Division funded programs to connect individuals and entities with applicable information.

Vendor shall ensure all practitioners who serve clients with substance use disorders and are eligible to obtain a DATA waiver, employed by an organization receiving funding through SOR, receive such a waiver. The educational requirements for this waiver necessary to treat more than 30 patients at one time may be completed at no cost to the grant via pcssnow.org.

Vendor shall ensure any organization receiving funding through the SOR perform HIV and viral hepatitis testing as clinically indicated and referral to appropriate treatment provided to those testing positive. Vaccination for hepatitis A and B should be provided or referral made for same as clinically indicated.

Vendor shall ensure third party and other revenue realized from the provision of services to the extent possible and use SAMHSA grant funds only for services to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance programs, individuals for whom coverage has been formally determined to be unaffordable, or for services that are not sufficiently covered by an individual’s health insurance plan.

Vendor shall make any necessary project modifications as deemed necessary by STATE.

Vendor shall coordinate with all STATE-funded SOR sub-recipients to support collective efforts meeting the goals and objectives of the SOR grant program.

Vendor shall coordinate with existing community-based organizations and programs to maximize benefit, avoid duplication and leverage, redirect, and realign resources.

Vendor shall collaborate with STATE-contracted SOR evaluator to ensure all state and federal required data is collected, including the designated measures under the Government Performance and Results (GPRA) Modernization Act of 2010 for approved treatment and recovery activities (pre, follow-up, and post-grant activities).

Vendor shall comply with reporting deadlines as required by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Vendor shall submit monthly reports to STATE by the 10th of each month (unless otherwise directed based on SAMHSA requirements), which may include:

* Project performance; implementation status
* Achievements and barriers
* Any changes to local strategy implementation
* Process and outcome measures, which may include:
	+ Number of individuals trained
	+ Number of providers implementing MAT
	+ Number of naloxone overdose kits purchased
	+ Number of naloxone overdose kits distributed
	+ Number of overdose reversals
	+ Number of Fentanyl test strips purchased
	+ Number of Fentanyl test strips distributed
	+ Education of school-aged children, first responders, and key community sectors on opioid and/or stimulant misuse
	+ Outreach activities that target underserved and/or diverse populations
* Other measures as identified by SAMHSA or STATE

Vendor shall engage in ongoing communication with STATE and project evaluator for monitoring of local strategy implementation and project analysis.

By September 30, 2023, Vendor shall complete a final project summary report to include the following information:

* Summary of progress made for each implemented strategy, including success stories
* Identified barriers to implementation for each strategy and efforts made to address them.

Vendor shall participate in training and technical assistance provided by STATE.

Vendor shall follow all SAMHSA standard funding restrictions.

Vendor shall ensure all communication (i.e. media, partnership meetings, stakeholders, etc.) about efforts related to this project includes the following language:

* *This effort is associated with North Dakota’s State Opioid Response Grant (SOR), funded by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), administered through the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services.*

Vendor shall complete Attachment A: Naloxone Distribution Partnership Agreement and submit to the STATE by October 10, 2022.

## Funding Availability and Distribution

Total available funding for this Community Implementation Grantis approximately **$1,200,000**. Depending on the number of applicants and the requested budget amounts, there is a potential for reductions to the submitted budget. Funding will be distributed among eligible communities who apply and are approved by STATE based on availability of funding.

Community funding is contingent upon STATE receiving SOR award from SAMHSA. As of 9/15/2022, STATE has not been awarded funding from SAMHSA but anticipates receiving funding.

# Application and Submission Information

## Deadline for ITA Submission

Applicants must submit completed *Invitation to Apply (ITA)* form by **September 30, 2022** to Amy Lies at amlies@nd.gov

## Review Process

Completed ITAs will be reviewed by the Behavioral Health Division. Allow up to one week following the application deadline for notice of award.

## Contact Information

Please contact Amy Lies at amlies@nd.gov with any questions.

# Invitation to Apply Form

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| **Local Public Health Unit** |  |
| **Contact Person** |  |
| **E-mail** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Address** |  |

**References:**

* [EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION STRATEGY RESOURCES](https://www.hhs.nd.gov/addiction/opioid/prevention)
* [EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT AND RECOVERY STRATEGY RESOURCES](https://www.hhs.nd.gov/addiction/opioid/treatment)

\*\*Please note these are not all-encompassing lists. If there is an evidence-based strategy you would like to implement that is not listed, please reach out to amlies@nd.gov and BHD would be happy to discuss.

## Required strategies: the following strategies are a requirement of the SOR grant and must be implemented by all funded LPHU.

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* Provide training on recognition of opioid overdose and appropriate use of naloxone.
* Promote medication safety by collaborating with local pharmacies to bring awareness of the ONE Program.
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* Become aware of all SOR funded efforts and Behavioral Health Division funded programs to connect individuals and entities with applicable information.
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| Total dollar amount requested to implement all **REQUIRED** strategies (do not include the cost of naloxone if you plan to receive naloxone from BHD) | $ |

## Optional Strategies: select the strategies you wish to implement, complete an implementation plan, and provide the requested dollar amount to implement the strategy

**Instructions for Implementation Plan Completion**

An implementation plan must include action step(s), who will complete the action step, when will the action step be completed, and process measure(s) related to the action step.

* 1. Example (you can copy and paste this in each box if you need):

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| Implementation plan |
| 1. Action Step #1
	1. Who
	2. When
	3. Process Measure(s)

*\*\*Add as many action steps as applicable* |

**State Goal #1: Prevent substance (mis)use (specifically focused on opioids and stimulants)**

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| [ ]  | Enhance evidence-based communication efforts by bringing public awareness to “Parent Leads” (“Parents Lead” is an evidence-based prevention program developed in and for North Dakota that provides parents and caregivers with a wide variety of tools and resources to support them in creating a safe environment for their children that promotes behavioral health while preventing substance use) *\*Activities may not duplicate existing statewide efforts* | Implementation Plan |
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|  |  | Requested dollar amount  | $ |
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|[ ]  Enhance evidence-based communication efforts by bringing public awareness to “Opioids: Fill with Care” (The mission of the “Opioids: Fill with Care” campaign is to provide education and increase awareness surrounding safe use of medications, proper disposal methods, risks and signs of overdose and the effective response to an overdose) *\*Activities may not duplicate existing statewide efforts* | Implementation Plan |
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|  |  | Requested dollar amount  | $ |
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|[ ]  Increase utilization of safe medication disposal practices (including increasing Take Back locations, increasing awareness of Take Back locations, and increasing usage of Deterra Bags and DisposeRX) | Implementation Plan |
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|  |  | Requested dollar amount  | $ |

**State Goal #2: Reduce harm related to opioids and stimulants**

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|[ ]  ***If LPHU operates a Syringe Service Program (SSP) –*** Enhance service delivery at harm reduction centers (including distribution of fentanyl test strips).  | Implementation Plan |
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|  |  | Requested dollar amount  | $ |
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|[ ]  ***If LPHU does NOT operate a Syringe Service Program (SSP) –***Increase availability of Syringe Service Programs in the community.  | Implementation Plan |
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|  |  | Requested dollar amount  | $ |

**State Goal #3: Improve access to evidence-based treatment**

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|[ ]  Increase access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) by identifying and addressing barriers to treatment  | Implementation Plan |
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|  |  | Requested dollar amount  | $ |

**State Goal #4: Increase access to recovery support services**

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|[ ]  Increase access to recovery supports by identifying and addressing barriers | Implementation Plan |
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|  |  | Requested dollar amount  | $ |

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| Total dollar amount requested to implement selected **OPTIONAL** strategies | $ |

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| Total dollar amount requested to implement **all** strategies (required + optional) | $ |