

April 17, 2025

BHD received the following questions by the Question submission deadline for the North Dakota Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) Grant Notice. The questions and responses are as follows:

1. Question: Is this grant opportunity going to replace the current SOR Community Implementation Program funded by the federal SAMHSA State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant or is in addition?

Response: The Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) Grant is funded by opioid settlement funds deposited in the Opioid Settlement Fund with the North Dakota State Treasury and legislatively appropriated to the North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services. This is different funding than the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant and different than settlement funds received by political subdivisions directly from the settlement.

2. Question: With the opportunity to apply for the Settlement Grant replacing the funds that counties are receiving or in addition to the funds. Also just checking that this grant is different from the SOR grant..?

Response: Please see the response to Question 1 above.

3. Question: As a provider who is right over the ND board in Moorhead, MN. But provide services to ND clients everyday. Can I apply for this?

Response: The successful grantee(s) are not required to be located in North Dakota, however, the efforts provided for the grant award must be used for efforts in North Dakota. The North Dakota OSF Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity states "Grant awards must be used for efforts in North Dakota". No additional applicant requirements are outlined in the NOFO.

4. Question: I am reaching out to seek information on the appropriateness of a potential grant application. I am a Student Services Coordinator for the XXX program with XXX. Our program supports students who have emotional and behavioral health challenges that limit their ability to be successful in our larger school buildings. Many of our students struggle with substance use and some are referred to our program because of it. We are considering applying for grant funds to enhance our work with Seeking Safety, and evidence-based intervention to address trauma and substance use. Additionally, we are looking to facilitate the EQUIP intervention, another evidence-based intervention that supports students through a cognitive restructuring approach to enhance their decision-making skills. We would use the funds to support Social Work positions in our program to facilitate these interventions as well as support students with community collaboration to access supports and services for their

mental health and substance use. We were wondering if this type of proposal would fall into the category of prevention for youth.

Response: The proposed work looks to address treatment rather than prevention. Applicants may propose projects that align with specific item(s) within Attachment A – Opioid Remediation Uses.

5. Question: When submitting, can multiple programs submit separate proposals/projects under the same organization?

Response: Yes, multiple programs may submit separate proposals/projects under the same organization. Each application must follow the content guidelines as stated in the OSF Grant Application section of the North Dakota OSF Grant Notice.

6. Question: Is there a recommended page limit for the grant submission?

Response: No, there is not a recommended page limit for the grant submission. Each application must follow the content guidelines as stated in the OSF Grant Application section of the North Dakota OSF Grant Notice.

7. Question: Is this project intended to be a cost-based or value-based grant?

Response: Grant funding is for actual reimbursable expenses only. Awarded applicants will enter into a Grant Agreement with BHD (Attachment D). No payments shall be made in advance.

8. Question: Are indirect costs capped at 15% for this RFP? If no, what is the cap?

Response: Applicants are to include their indirect costs within their submitted Budget as stated in the OSF Grant Application section of the North Dakota OSF Grant Notice.

9. Question: Can we include letters of commitment/support?

Response: Yes, an applicant may include letters of commitment/support, however, this is not required. Letters of commitment/support will not be scored within an applicant's evaluation on the evaluation tool.

10. Question: For G2 (Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools), would preventing mental health concerns that increase the risk for SUD be responsive? Or is G2 exclusive to the specific substance use prevention?

Response: As it states in Attachment A – Opioid Remediation Uses under Schedule A Core Strategies, Section G. Prevention Programs, item 2, “Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools” as an allowable use of opioid settlement funds.

11. Question: Can a quasi-governmental licensing board apply for OSF funds directly, or must they partner with a fiscal agent or eligible nonprofit/government entity?

Response: As stated in the North Dakota OSF Grant Notice, “An awarded applicant is required to register as a Vendor with the Secretary of State. The North Dakota Secretary of State has registration requirements for individuals and businesses transacting business in North Dakota. If the applicant is determined to have a registration requirement with the North Dakota Secretary of State, they shall be registered before the contract award and registration shall remain active for the duration of the contract period ([N.D.C.C. § 54-44.4-09.1](#)).

- See the OMB [Guidelines to Vendor Registry](#) for more information.

Visit the Secretary of State's [Vendor Registration](#) webpage for information on registration requirements and fees. Visit [FirstStop](#), the Secretary of State's business and licensing software, for online form options.

- Check the [Business Records](#) database to see if a business is registered.
- Contact [Secretary of State's](#) office by [email](#) or call 701-328-2900 (choose menu item 2, then option 1).
- If you need to register, fees apply.
- Vendors may need to obtain businesses licenses. See the [list of licenses required of businesses](#) in the State of North Dakota. The link includes information on who to contact, application fees, renewal dates, and the legal reference.”

12. Question: I am reviewing the page for this year's grant opportunity. Is there an actual application somewhere?

Response: As it states in the North Dakota OSF Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity, “BHD will not be providing an application template; however, applications are recommended to be organized in alignment with the content items...”

13. Question: I am wondering about the eligibility requirements to apply for the OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND (OSF) GRANT.

Response: There are no eligibility requirements outlined in the North Dakota OSF Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity. However, grant awards must be used for efforts in North Dakota. Please see response to question 11 above as well.