

Notice of Funding Opportunity Medications for Opioid Use Disorder - Treatment Access Expansion through Community Partnerships

As part of the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE), the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) will award up to 12 Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Treatment Access Expansion grants. Despite MOUD being the standard of care, many individuals in Kentucky have little to no access to evidence-based treatment. The purpose of the Treatment Access Expansion grants is to increase access to and utilization of the three FDA-approved medications, reduce unmet treatment need, provide assertive engagement with the most vulnerable populations, and reduce opioid-related overdose deaths. Treatment Access Expansion grants will support eligible agencies to implement or expand an evidence-based service delivery model using MOUD.

This unprecedented period during which the COVID-19 pandemic has collided with the opioid epidemic, individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) have been severely impacted not only through a greater risk of contracting the virus and becoming ill, but in experiencing more difficulty accessing treatment, recovery and harm reduction services, as well as social groups of support. This is particularly true for individuals in our communities who may be houseless, lack transportation and internet access to participate in virtual treatment and mutual aid platforms, and for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) who are experiencing increased risks due to systemic health and social inequities. Thus, priority will be given to applications presenting innovative solutions to serve populations most at risk and reduce health disparities in the context of COVID-19.

Partners who may apply for Treatment Access Expansion grants can include, but are not limited to, primary care providers, behavioral health treatment providers, health departments, hospitals, jails, prisons, and Opioid Treatment Programs. Collaborative community partnerships are strongly encouraged to provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of OUD. Settings for service delivery can include the above-listed physical locations or through mobile and/or telehealth platforms.

Evidence-based models utilize MOUD, evidence-based screening and assessment, coordinate care, integrate families, include harm reduction strategies (e.g., naloxone prescribing), support treatment retention, and are recovery-oriented. The following resources serve as examples of evidence-based models and resources to increase access to MOUD:

TIP 63: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder –

https://store.samhsa.gov/system/files/sma18-5063fulldoc_0.pdf

Provider Readiness & Implementation Checklist –

<https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/integrated-health-coe/resources/>

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Corrections –

<https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/MOUDCorrections.aspx>

Principles Community-based Behavioral Health Services for Justice-Involved Principles of Individuals –

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Principles-of-Community-based-Behavioral-Health-Services-for-Justice-involved-Individuals-A-Research-based-Guide/SMA19-5097>

Mobile Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) –

<https://nhchc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/mobilehealth.pdf>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6370453/>

Office-Based Opioid Treatment –

<https://projectobot.com/>

Treatment of Stimulant Use Disorders –

https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Treatment-of-Stimulant-Use-Disorder/PEP20-06-01-001?referer=from_search_result

Applicant Eligibility

- Lead applicant must be either a non-profit organization with 501c3 status or a quasi-governmental entity.
 - For-profit agencies may partner as a sub-awardee or sub-recipient of the nonprofit organization
 - Whether applying as the lead applicant or as sub-awardee/partner, all behavioral health/SUD treatment providers must be licensed and enrolled with Medicaid
 - Applicants must have at least two (2) years of experience serving individuals experiencing OUD and their families
 - Proposed projects must include at least two prescribers who are DATA 2000 waived or willing to obtain a DATA 2000 waiver within 60 days of Notice of Award
 - For Community Mental Health Centers, funds awarded under this grant mechanism must be used to provide services in locations within the counties for which your Board is duly recognized as the Regional Community Mental Health Center
 - Vendor Code from the Finance Cabinet*
 - <https://finance.ky.gov/services/eprocurement/Pages/doingbusiness.aspx>
 - Kentucky Secretary of State Vendor Code*
 - <https://onestop.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- * Please be prepared to provide the following within 14 business days of award notification.

Award Information

- Federal Funding Source: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA; TI-83-283)
- Funding Mechanism: Grant funding from KDBHDID
- Award Ceiling: \$350,000
- Budget: Submit a 12-month budget with an anticipated start date of December 1, 2020
- Cost Sharing/Match Requirement: No
- Service Delivery Data: To begin no later than 30 days from receipt of contract.
- Reporting Requirements: Awardees must submit monthly progress reports and participate in client-level longitudinal data collection using the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) tool and submit online through the Redcap platform. For more information on the GPRA, visit the Additional Information section of the KORE website (kore.ky.gov) or directly through the following: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dbhdid/Documents/KORE-GPRA%20Manual%20for%20Providers%202.0.pdf>

Funding parameters

Grant funds may pay for the following:

- Non-billable or start-up staff time and recovery support services.
- Supplement existing activities. “Supplement” is defined as adding new programmatic components or capacity to existing activities.
- Pay for a building or vehicle lease, but not beyond the project period.

Grant funds may not pay for the following:

- Supplant current funding of existing activities. “Supplant” is defined as replacing funding of a recipient’s existing program with funds from a federal grant.
- Pay for the purchase or construction of any building or structure to house any part of the program.
- Support non-evidence-based treatment approaches.

Multi-Tiered Review and Selection Process

Proposals will be screened to ensure minimum eligibility requirements have been met. Proposals meeting minimum eligibility requirements will be assessed by the KORE review committee and funded on a competitive basis.

Criteria	Possible Points
1. Mandatory Submission Requirements	Pass/Fail
2. Project Narrative Evaluation Criteria	
A. Organization Qualification	15
B. Population of Focus and Statement of Need	20
C. Description and Implementation of Program Services	50
D. Sustainability	10
E. Performance Data Collection and Reporting	5
Total points possible for technical proposal	100

Mandatory Submission Requirements

1. Cover letter on agency letterhead.
2. Project abstract/summary of proposal.
3. Project Narrative Sections A-E.
 - Sections should be organized and labeled such that each is clearly identifiable to the reviewers (e.g., B-1, B-2, etc.)
 - Proposals must be double-spaced using Times New Roman 12-point font
 - Pages must be numbered consecutively from beginning to end of the Proposal Narrative
 - The page limit for the Proposal Narrative is 10 pages, excluding the cover page and attachments. Any narrative information that exceeds the 10-page limit will be excluded from the review process
4. Detailed Budget Worksheet and Narrative using template provided.
5. Letters of commitment (minimum of 2) for direct service provider organizations that will assist in increasing access to MOUD and a recovery-oriented system of care. Do not include letters of support.
6. Signed Attestation to Access to FDA-Approved Medications for Opioid Use Disorder form.
7. Copy of the 501(3)(c) IRS letter indication non-profit status.

All materials must be submitted in a combined PDF titled **KORE_MOUD2020** and **the name of your agency** by email to kore@ky.gov no later than 5pm ET on **November 13, 2020**. For example, **KORE_MOUDAE2020_AgencyABC**.

Please submit questions regarding proposals to KORE at: kore@ky.gov

Project Narrative Evaluation Criteria

The Project Narrative Evaluation Criteria describes what the applicant intends to do with the project and will be reviewed according to the quality of responses to Sections A-E below.

A. Organization Qualification (15 points)

The purpose of this section is for the applicant to provide a description of the organization's experience and qualifications generally, and specifically to the provision of treatment services for OUD.

1. Provide a brief description of your organizations' experience and qualifications to reach the population(s) of focus and provide the proposed services.*

*Note: Minimum experience stated in above Eligibility section.

2. Describe the implementation team indicating each member's role in service delivery and credentials, the advisory structure(s), and the feedback loops that will inform implementation and ensure quality improvement by including perspectives from individuals and families receiving services.

3. Identify and describe the necessary community partners/organizations with whom you will collaborate to reduce unmet treatment need and ensure access to the full continuum of trauma-informed services, as appropriate (e.g. all levels of care, MOUD, evidence-based therapeutic approaches, medical and behavioral health care, case management, recovery services, harm reduction, crisis intervention).*

*Note: Include at least two letters of commitment from community partners with whom you will collaborate to implement this project as described in this application.

B. Population of Focus and Statement of Need (20 points)

The purpose of this section is to identify the geographic area(s) in which the organization plans to deliver the treatment access expansion and the sites at which these services will be provided. If the applicant proposes to provide expanded treatment services in multiple distinct geographic areas, provide this information for each area.

1. Identify the geographic area(s) in which you plan to deliver the proposed expanded services, the physical location(s) at which these services will be delivered, and the current licensure status, if any, of the physical location(s).

2. Describe the need to expand the organization's MOUD services in the proposed geographic service area(s) and communities.

3. Describe the target population(s) experiencing an increased risk of overdose and disparities in health within the current context of COVID-19 this project is intended to serve.

4. State the number of persons with OUD currently served annually and the proposed increase in number served if the grant is awarded.

C. Description and Implementation of Program Services (50 points)

The purpose of this section is to assess both readiness for implementation to provide proposed services and alignment with the purpose of this funding opportunity-to increase access to and utilization of MOUD, reduce unmet treatment need, provide assertive engagement to the most vulnerable populations, and reduce opioid-related overdose deaths.

1. List the project goals and measurable objectives of this proposed project.*

*Note: The following link provides guidance on writing goals and objectives.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/nc-smart-goals-fact-sheet.pdf>

2. Provide a description of the proposed project to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- What interventions and EBPs will be used
- How services will be delivered
- How the partnerships identified in Section A will be leveraged to provide a whole-patient approach to the full continuum of trauma-informed services and reduce unmet treatment need in an underserved part of the community
- How the proposed project creates opportunity for long-term engagement in care and ongoing follow up
- How the proposed project will decrease overdose deaths and reduce disparities in health

3. Provide an implementation timeline. For each key activity (e.g., hiring, staff training, service delivery start date) list the specific time-period during which it will occur.

4. Describe methods for patient recruitment and retention in treatment.

D. Sustainability (10 points)

The purpose of this section is to provide evidence of a feasible sustainability plan.

1. Describe a specific sustainability plan that supports the delivery of treatment services beyond the 12- month award period that includes multiple potential reimbursement pathways and/or forms of revenue generation.

E. Performance Data Collection and Reporting (5 points)

To ensure accountability at all levels of service provision, the articulation and achievement of measurable outcomes is critical to help ensure that we are carrying out the most effective programming possible. At a minimum, applicants will be expected to collect and report data indicators and measures as described in this Notice of Funding Opportunity.

1. Describe your organizational procedures for collection and reporting of client demographic and service data using the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) tool.
2. Describe how you will use data for planning, evaluation, and quality improvement purposes.