

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

Opium Settlement Funds Grant Application Requirements September 2024

Overview:

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare has Opioid Settlement Funds available for the funding of opioid abatement strategies, as specified in the National Opioid Settlement Agreement's Exhibit E document (Attachment A). Currently, there is approximately \$1.3 million available to distribute through this grant application process. Approved award amounts will be considered for projects up to two years in duration. Grant funding may be eligible for renewal following the end of the approved award period, contingent on demonstrated need, satisfactory progress, and outcome measurements. Approved funding will be awarded on an expense-based reimbursement method, with selected applicants required to submit invoices to Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare, as prescribed.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare reserves the right to negotiate with selected respondents on specific deliverables and associated costs.

Areas of Interest:

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare, through a planning process with community stakeholders, has identified the following four priority areas where opioid settlement funds may be utilized. Projects or services seeking funding must align with one of these categories and adhere to the guidelines specified in Exhibit E of the National Opioid Settlement Agreement (Attachment A).

- Awareness, Education, and Prevention
- Community Connection and Support
- Enhanced Crisis Response
- Expanded Access to Treatment Services

If an agency or organization is requesting funding for multiple services/activities across one or more areas of interest, a separate application form must be submitted for each individual project.

Eligibility and Restrictions:

The applicant:

1. May be a public or private organization providing services or activities in Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, or Washington counties.
2. Must be a legal entity already established and functioning with paid personnel.
3. Must have a licensed clinician, if applicable.
4. Must possess appropriate state licensure and credentialing by applicable State of Nebraska Departments, Divisions, or Boards, as approved by NE DHHS, or plan to achieve such licensure/credentialing before the agreement is awarded, if applicable.
5. Must be able to provide services/activities within the Region's five-county geographical area.

6. Must agree to work with Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare staff to provide data and outcome measurements.
7. Must enter into a contract to obligate approved funds by June 30, 2025.

The grant application is designed to be a competitive selection process, where cost is not required to be the sole determining factor. Grant applications must be filled out completely and received with all requested materials and information as identified in this document. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding. Grant application submissions must include the following:

- Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Application Form
- Opioid Settlement Funds Budget Form (Attachment B)

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare reserves the right to request further information from respondents after the application deadline if necessary for the evaluation of funding allocation.

Schedule of Events:

Release of Request for Grant Applications 12:00 p.m. (CST)	September 27, 2024
Applications Due to Region 6 by 4:00 p.m. (CST)	October 25, 2024
Grant Review Committee Meets (Interviews Conducted if Needed)	November 11, 2024 - November 22, 2024
Review and Recommendations of Grant Applications By Behavioral Health Advisory Committee	December 4, 2024
Approval of Selected Applications by Region 6 Governing Board	December 11, 2024*
Written Allocation Announcements of Grant Funding Disseminated by Regional Governing Board and Contract Negotiations Begin	December 12, 2024*

* Dates subject to change

Application Deadline:

The due date for receipt of grant applications is October 25, 2024, and applications must be received in Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare’s office by 4:00 p.m. (CST). All applications must include 15 copies and be submitted on 8 ½” x 11” paper, with a minimum 10-point font, numbered consecutively, stapled, or clipped in the upper left-hand corner. Application narratives cannot exceed the text box provided. Applications must be sent or delivered to:

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
4715 S 132nd Street
Omaha, NE 68134
Attention: Jennifer Sanders

Rejection of Applications:

Prior to the evaluation of the applications by the Review Committee, a specific review of each application will be completed to determine if the submission has followed the basic standards for consideration. Reasons for rejection at this stage include:

1. The application was not received by the deadline posted or at the location specified.
2. The application was not submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper, was smaller than 10-point font, was not numbered consecutively, or not stapled or clipped in the upper left-hand corner.
3. Fifteen (15) copies, in the format specified, were not received.
4. The application narratives exceeded the text box provided.
5. The application was incomplete, or the appropriate Region 6 application form was not used.
6. The budget form was not included or was incomplete.
7. The agency or organization submitted one application form requesting funding for multiple areas of interest, projects, or services/activities.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare retains the right to reject any and all applications. The Regional Governing Board shall provide written notice to the respondent whose application was rejected.

Limits on Communication:

After the September 27, 2024 release of the grant application, no verbal statements made by individual members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare personnel, or members of the Review Committee shall be binding by the Regional Governing Board. Questions regarding the grant application must be presented in writing to be answered. Applicants may submit written questions to the Manager of System Initiatives at jsanders@regionsix.com. Responses to all written questions will be provided directly to those who submitted the question, then posted to the Region 6 website at Regionsix.com.

With the exception of written communication as outlined above, prospective applicants are prohibited from contacting Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare personnel, Behavioral Health Advisory Committee members, and/or Regional Governing Board members regarding the application process during the review period and until application determinations are made and announced.

If there are changes or important interpretations to be communicated to prospective applicants prior to the application due date, those will be posted on the Region 6 website at Regionsix.com.

NOTE: Communication posts can be made to the website up to the closing date/time. It is the responsibility of the agency or organization submitting an application to monitor the website for additional communication.

Grant Application Review Process:

Members of a Review Committee will independently evaluate each application. This committee may include, but is not limited to: consumers, representatives of the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, the Department of Health and Human Services, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare staff, and other interested stakeholders. Review Committee names and any working documents, including applicant's scores, will not become public information nor will they be released to individual applicants. Recommendations from the Review Committee will be taken to Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare's Advisory Committee for approval, before being forwarded to the Regional Governing Board for final determination.

Announcement of Funding Allocations:

Applicants will be notified of the final funding decisions. All decisions regarding funding allocations will be made on December 12, 2024* by the Regional Governing Board.

* Date subject to change