

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare
Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Application Q&A

1. What is the length of the grant period?
 - a. When preparing your proposal and budget for the application, please use the 7/1-6/30 year. Funding will be available upon board approval in December through 6/30/25.
2. If an agency has multiple requests/ideas, should we turn in separate applications for each one?
 - a. 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.
3. Is purchasing Naloxone permissible for this funding opportunity?
 - a. Please see H.1 under Prevention in the Exhibit E National Opioid Settlement Document for information about Naloxone.
4. When we look at attachment A it is not clear which is the Core funding priorities?
 - a. Attachment A is divided into two categories: Approved Uses (Schedule B) and Core Priorities (Schedule A).

Schedule B, Approved Uses, starting on page E-4, outlines all approved abatement strategies eligible for funding under the National Opioid Settlement Agreement. These strategies are categorized into three areas: treatment, prevention, and other strategies.

Core Funding Priorities, detailed in **Schedule A**, represent the top abatement strategies selected from the three categories in Schedule B, Approved Uses. These Core Strategies are prioritized for funding.

For example, section H.3 on page E-12 of Schedule B lists “Training and education regarding naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses for first responders, overdose patients, patients taking opioids, families, schools, community support groups, and other members of the general public” as an approved abatement strategy.

This specific abatement strategy is classified as a Core Funding Priority in Schedule A, section A.1 on page E-1, which states: “Expand training for first responders, schools, community support groups, and families.” It will be prioritized over strategies from Schedule B that are not listed in Schedule A.

While all strategies in Schedule B may be considered for approval (provided they align with our identified four areas of interest), those also listed in Schedule A will receive top priority.

5. In the grant verbiage it makes reference to the priorities being Awareness, education and prevention, community connection and support, enhanced crisis response and expand treatment services, does each need its own application?
 - a. If an agency or organization is requesting funding for multiple services/activities across one or more of the four areas of interest, a separate application form must be submitted for each individual project.

6. Can you help me better understand the priority? Or where I will find verbiage to “core strategies” or confirm if core strategies is everything in attachment A.
 - a. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare is prioritizing the following four areas of interest:
 - Awareness, Education, and Prevention
 - Community Connection and Support
 - Enhanced Crisis Response
 - Expanded Access to Treatment Services

An example of a strategy that aligns with one of these four categories can be found in Schedule B of Attachment A, beginning on page E-4, section A.1: “Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (“MAT”) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.”

This specific abatement strategy is also considered a priority strategy, as Schedule A, page E.1, section B.1 lists “Increase distribution of MAT to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service” as a Core Strategy.

7. Can you confirm that if we are going to provide opportunities in more than one priority, it is a separate grant? Or only if core funding priorities? And maybe it means the same and just different verbiage is being used.
 - a. Each project or service that an agency is applying for requires its own application. For example, if an agency or organization wanted to receive funding for two abatement strategies within Schedule B section A, “Treat Opioid Use Disorder,” an application would need to be submitted for each strategy.

8. Can funds be used to pay for naloxone or other opioid overdose reversal medication?
 - a. Please see H.1 under Prevention in the Exhibit E National Opioid Settlement Document (Attachment A) for information about Naloxone coverage.

9. Can funds be used for the purchase of medications as part of MAT or MOUD?
 - a. Please see A.1 under Schedule B, Approved Uses, in the Exhibit E National Opioid Settlement Document (Attachment A) for information about medication coverage.

10. Is there an estimated recommended budget range within the total amount available or an estimated number of awards that Region 6 plans on making?
 - a. Currently we have an estimated total award amount of \$1.3 million dollars. At this time, we have no restrictions on the dollar amounts awarded per applicant or the number of awards available.

11. In looking at your Q&A section, it is stated that funding is from December through 6/30/2025. Are these funds for only the 6 months?
 - a. Approved award amounts will be considered for projects up to two years in duration. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare operates on a fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. Initial contracts for funding allocation will be effective beginning in December 2024, to June 30, 2025, with the possibility of renewal if the award period extends beyond six months.

12. Our organization has a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement that is included in sponsored project budgets, in accordance with the federal Uniform Guidance. The indirect cost rate represents real costs to our organization and is key in our ability to carry out sponsored projects. Indirect costs (also referred to as Facilities and Administrative costs) cover multiple necessary activities, such as maintenance of laboratories; financial and administrative support personnel; energy and utility expenses; safety, security, and compliance of sponsored projects; and other government-mandated expenses. Research and sponsored projects cannot be conducted without facilities and administrative costs. Can you please confirm if the inclusion of Facilities and Administrative costs in this proposal is acceptable?
 - a. For facility and administrative costs, we recommend that you include these items in the supplies and operating expenses sheet within the budget form. Please ensure that you use a separate line item for each indirect cost activity you plan to include in your grant application.