

Welcome to the Low-Barrier Opioid Treatment at Syringe Services Programs Funding Overview Webinar

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Agenda

- Background
- The Funding Opportunity
- How to Apply



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- Launched in 2012
- Brings people, ideas and infrastructure together to create positive change in California
- Managing entity of the MAT Access Points Project
- Dedicated to health and racial equity

MAT Access Points Project Program Goal

To fund a network of organizations throughout California to address the opioid crisis by supporting prevention, education, stigma reduction, treatment and recovery services for people with opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance use disorder (SUD), and by increasing access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).



Syringe Services Program Background

- 61 syringe services programs
- Access to MAT and OUD treatment is limited
- Clients face significant barriers



Low-Barrier OUD Treatment at SSPs Funding Program Scope

- To provide funding to implement projects offering low-barrier treatment of OUD through SSPs as well as related support services such as case management and peer support
- \$7 million for two individual funding opportunities are available:
 1. Individual SSP Contracts
 2. Regional Collaborative SSP Contracts
- Project Period: **March 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022**



Eligibility

- Located in the state of California
- Operate an SSP authorized by a local government or the California Department of Public Health pursuant to California Health and Safety Code 121349, or, for physician-led SSPs, operate under the authority of Business and Professions Code 4145.5
- Be able to provide health care services in the state of California, directly or in collaboration with one or more health care organizations, sufficient to provide assessment, prescription and management of medication for treatment of OUD



Funding Amounts

- Individual Contracts: Up to \$350,000
- Collaborative Contracts: Up to \$350,000 per SSP
- 80/20 budget breakdown



Project Scope of Work

Funding must be used to build new low-barrier opioid treatment based at SSPs or expand such existing services with the goal of increasing the number of patients with OUD treated with medication and receiving other care and support. See RFA for examples of strategies.



What is Low-Barrier Opioid Treatment?

This approach **addresses barriers to care** and seeks to engage out-of-treatment people living with opioid use disorder and **prioritizes reductions in morbidity and mortality over abstinence** from illicit drug use or consistent engagement in treatment. Barriers to treatment include location, cost, stigma, homelessness, rigid attendance requirements, discharging patients for ongoing illicit drug use or other factors.



Most Important Objectives Include:

- Prevent opioid overdose
- Support any positive change, including reductions in injection or illicit drug use frequency, engagement in other care
- Building capacity in harm reduction and other non-traditional spaces for routine access to opioid treatment and related services
- Building capacity in traditional SUD treatment spaces for harm reduction services



Approaches to emphasize

- “Safe supply”: opioid agonist medication is exponentially safer than illicit fentanyl, especially during COVID-19 pandemic
- Explicit harm reduction orientation and integration with other harm reduction services for people who continue to use illicit drugs
- Systems approach that actively seeks to eliminate barriers to treatment (e.g., pharmacy, urinalysis, transportation, insurance)
- Use telehealth prescribing policies enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic to increase access to medication



Health Equity

Organizations funded through this opportunity will be required to demonstrate specific ways in which they will promote equitable access to the services offered by this project.

Required approaches include:

- **Racial justice and equity**
- **Trauma-informed care**
- **Intersectionality**
- **Social determinants of health**
- **Meaningful involvement**



If Awarded: Payment Schedule

- 50% of total contract award upon execution of the contract
- 50% of total contract award with submission and approval of data reports



If Awarded: Reporting and Data Requirements

- GPRA
- Data Reports
- Final Report



Questions?



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Application Process



Grants Portal

Use Internet Explorer

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5509?SA=SNA&FID=35121

Create an Account

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Please Sign In

Welcome to our Online Grant Application and Reporting System

You may use this system to:

- Start a new application
- Access and continue work on a saved application
- View applications you have submitted
- Submit post-grant summaries or other reports

If you've never used our system, click the New Applicant Link shown below.
If your organization has used this system before and you have the log in information please enter it below.
If you have trouble logging in, please change your password by clicking the "Forgot Password" link.

Thank you!

E-mail Password



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Grants Portal



The screenshot displays the Grants Portal interface for THE CENTER at Sierra Health Foundation. At the top center is the organization's logo, a stylized blue snowflake-like emblem. Below the logo, the text "THE CENTER" is prominently displayed in a bold, sans-serif font, with "at Sierra Health Foundation" in a smaller font underneath. To the right of the header, there are links for "Contact Us", "Forms", and "Exit".

A horizontal navigation bar contains several tabs: "Instructions" (highlighted in dark purple), "Applicant Information", "Project Information", "Other Resources", "Project Narrative", "Attachments", and "Review My Application". Below this bar are two buttons: "Save & Finish Later" and "Next".

Underneath the navigation bar, the word "Instructions" is centered, and to its right are links for "Printer Friendly Version" and "E-mail Draft". A red asterisk followed by the text "* Required before final submission" is positioned to the left of the main content area.


The main content area is titled "Application Instructions" in a dark purple header. The text below reads: "Be sure to read the request for applications carefully before beginning your application. Required fields and attachment uploads are marked with *." A red underline is drawn under the sentence: "You may save your in-progress application at any time and return to it later using the link you will receive in an automated e-mail." The text continues: "Should you have questions, click on Contact Us to the right of the purple tabs above or send an e-mail to mataccesspoints@shfcenter.org."

At the bottom of the content area, there are two buttons: "Save & Finish Later" and "Next". The "Save & Finish Later" button is circled in red.



Application

Applicant Information


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[Instructions](#) | **Applicant Information** | [Project Information](#) | [Other Resources](#) | [Project Narrative](#) | [Attachments](#) | [Review My Application](#)

[Save & Finish Later](#) | [Next](#)

Applicant Information | [Printer Friendly Version](#) | [E-mail Draft](#)

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Applicant Information

* **Organization Name**
Enter the organization's legal name.

Department or Project
if applicable

* **Address**

* **City** * **State** * **Zip Code** * **County of Organization's Primary Location**

Phone * **Tax ID Number** **Web Site**

DUNS #
If organization has a DUNS #.

SAM Expiration Date
If organization is registered in the SAM system, enter the registration expiration date.



Application

Applicant Information

- Applicant organization information
- Applicant organization CEO/Director information
- Application contact information – for questions related to the proposal



Application

Project Information

- Project Name and Brief Purpose
- Total Requested Amount
- Project Start and End Dates
- Opportunity Applying For
- Geography
- Individuals Served
- Focus Populations



Application

Question for Project Narrative

- 1) Need
- 2) Current Capacity
- 3) Proposed Activities
- 4) Desired Outcomes
- 5) Health Equity
- 6) Meaningful Involvement of People Who Use Drugs



Attachments



Application

Required Application Attachments

- Proposed Budget
- Proposed Budget Narrative
- Letter of Commitment
- Applicant Organization's W-9
- Letters of Support



Proposed Budget



The Center Proposed Project Budget

Applicant Organization: _____

Start Date: _____

End Date: _____

Requested from
The Center

I. Personnel

	FTE	
Salaries		
1 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____
7 _____	_____	_____
8 _____	_____	_____
Payroll Taxes and Benefits		
Consultant Fees		
1 _____		_____
2 _____		_____
3 _____		_____
4 _____		_____
Total Personnel		<u>\$0.00</u>

II. Other Direct Costs

Miscellaneous (List)		
1 _____		_____
2 _____		_____
3 _____		_____
4 _____		_____
5 _____		_____
Total Other Direct Expenses		<u>\$0.00</u>

III. Other Expenses (up to 20% of total request)

Miscellaneous (List)		
1 _____		_____
2 _____		_____
3 _____		_____
4 _____		_____
5 _____		_____
6 _____		_____
7 _____		_____
8 _____		_____
9 _____		_____
10 _____		_____
Total Other Expenses		<u>\$0.00</u>

Indirect (up to 10% of the total request - but as part of the 20%
for other expenses - may be allocated for indirect)

Total Grant Expenses

\$0.00



Budget Narrative/Justification

- List each line item
- Include full-time equivalents (FTE) for staff
- Identify other funding secured for the proposed activities, if applicable
- In the Budget Justification, describe the purpose of each line item and in-kind support



Questions?



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Application Submission Tips

- On a PC: Use Internet Explorer as the web browser for the online grants portal
- On a Mac: Use Safari as the web browser
- Click the “Save and Return Later” button if you will not be active in the application for a few minutes
- Submit application before the deadline date
- Write response to the narrative question outside of the grants portal, then cut and paste your response in the appropriate field
- As you write responses, track your word count



Checklist

- ✓ Review Application and Funding Overview
- ✓ Complete the application in the online portal:
 - ✓ Completed application questions
 - ✓ Project Budget
 - ✓ Project Budget Justification
 - ✓ Letter of Commitment
 - ✓ W-9
 - ✓ Letter of Support (optional)



Timeline

- Application deadline → January 24 at 11:59 p.m.
- Contract Announcement → mid-March 2021
- Funds Available → March 2021



Contact Us

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Thank you!



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