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

November 29, 2022
Agenda

- Background
- The Funding Opportunity
- How to Apply
Background
- Launched in 2012
- Brings people, ideas and infrastructure together to create positive change in California
- Dedicated to health and racial equity
- Under the Health Access and Equity Department
MAT Access Points Project Program Goal

To fund a network of organizations throughout California to address the opioid and stimulant use crisis by supporting and expanding prevention, education, stigma reduction, harm reduction, treatment and recovery services for people with opioid use disorder (OUD), stimulant use disorder, and substance use disorder (SUD), and by increasing access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).
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In partnership with the California Department of Public Health
Syringe Services Program Background

- Why low-barrier OUD treatment at SSPs?
- More than 60 syringe services programs
- Access to MAT and OUD treatment is limited
- Participants face significant barriers
What is Low-Barrier Opioid Treatment?

This approach addresses barriers to care, 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, and other factors.
Previous Round Overview

- 19 partners funded in 16 counties
- $6.8 million dollars distributed
- Over 18 months had 4,117 treatment starts
- Successful strategies: telehealth, transportation support, peers
The Funding Opportunity
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
- Over $9.3 million for this funding opportunity is available
- Project Period: **March 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**
Eligibility

- Located in the state of California.

- Operate an SSP through one of the following three circumstances: (a) authorized to provide syringe services by a local government or the California Department of Public Health pursuant to California Health and Safety Code 121349; or (b) dispenses syringes under the direction of a physician or pharmacist under the authority of Business and Professions Code 4145.5; or (c) otherwise demonstrate that syringe services are delivered through a contract with the California Department of Public Health or a local health department.

- 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

- New Applicants not previously funded under this project: Up to $352,000
- Continuation Applicants: Up to $330,000
- 80/20 Budget breakdown
  - 80% direct treatment and services
  - 20% other costs
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.
Most Important Objectives Include:

- Integrate opioid treatment services into existing sites and other harm-reduction services to increase the number of SSP sites where OUD treatment services are available and the number of SSP participants engaged in treatment
- Reduce the risk of fatal and nonfatal opioid overdose
- Support people who wish to reduce, modify or eliminate their injection drug use or their illicit drug use in general
- Building capacity in harm reduction and other non-traditional spaces for routine access to opioid treatment and related services
- Integrate harm reduction concepts and strategies with opioid treatment programs or providers to increase trust and treatment retention, including for people who have experienced stigma and discrimination in health care settings
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 award upon execution of the contract and the completion of all compliance components
- 40% of total contract award with submission and approval of initial progress reports deliverables, and
- 10% of total award with submission and approval of final cumulative report, demonstrating completion of all deliverables.
If Awarded: Compliance Requirements

- Pre-award Risk Assessment
- Unique Entity ID (SAM) Registration
- Insurance
- FFATA Data Collection
If Awarded: Reporting and Data Requirements

- GPRA
- Monthly reports via SurveyMonkey
- Progress reports via SurveyMonkey
- Intermittent financial reports
- Final report
If Awarded: Scope of Services

- High level
- Included in the contract agreement
Questions?
How to Apply
Grants Portal and Application Walk Through
Attachments
Application

*Required Application Attachments*

- Proposed Budget
- Applicant Organization’s W-9
- Letters of Support *(optional)*
Proposed Budget
Expense Calculation

Psychiatric Technician: Part-time position (0.5 FTE) @ 80 hours per month x 33 months = 2,860 total for project period. 2,860 x $26/hr rate = $74,360 for project period ($27,040 annual salary).

100% of 0.5 FTE dedicated to project.

Budget Justification

Psychiatric Technician (Psych Tech) will provide education sessions at SCADP residential treatment sites regarding COVID-19 mitigation, safety measures, transmission, and testing. The Psych Tech will also collaborate with L.A. County’s Department of Health Services (DHS) to develop and distribute education materials regarding COVID-19 mitigation. The position will also assist with project evaluation, in collaboration with SCADP program leadership.
THE CENTER—MAT SSP

PROJECT BUDGET

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Requested Budget Amount: $ -

Completed by The Center, pending approval of budget and contract

Budget layout is organized by:
I. CATEGORY
   A. Subcategory
      01. Budget Line Item

Throughout the budgeting process, round to whole dollars

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Total Employee Salary and Wages Expenses: $ -

Payroll Taxes and Benefits for Employees

| Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits | $ - | [describe the basis of calculation] | Budget justification |

Payroll / Benefits % of Total Salary and Wages: 0.0%

[Cells highlighted in yellow below should be edited to describe the expense you are requesting. If you do not wish to request it, you can simply leave it blank.]
Questions?
Application Submission Tips

- Submit application before the deadline date
- Write response to the narrative question outside of the application portal, then cut and paste your response in the appropriate field
- As you write responses, track your word count
Checklist

✓ Review Request for Applications and Funding Overview
✓ Complete the application in the online portal:
  ✓ Completed application questions
  ✓ Attach the Project Budget
  ✓ Attach the organization’s W-9
  ✓ Attach Letter(s) of support *(optional)*
Timeline

- Application deadline ➔ December 19 at 1 p.m.
- Contract Announcement ➔ March 2023
- Funds Available ➔ March 2023
RFA/Funding Opportunity Feedback

- Funding Opportunity Name
- Will you be applying to this funding opportunity [yes/no]
- If no, why not?
- Suggestions, feedback, challenges
Contact Us

If your question wasn’t answered, e-mail questions to mataccesspoints@shfcenter.org

Additional Resources

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Thank you!