

# Increasing MAT Services within DHCS-licensed SUD Facilities

## FAQ

**Q: Can you give more examples of agencies that fit Track Two and Track Three if they already have IMS. What are eligible activities?**

A: Track Two is applicable if agencies who already provide MAT services but want to increase the expertise of the current MAT prescribers and expand their MAT services.

Track Three is applicable if agencies who already have experience providing MAT services and want to provide technical assistance and mentorship to other DHCS-licensed residential SUD facilities participating in Track One or Track Two. Please review pages 4 of 5 of the [RFA](#) for eligible activities.

**Q: It takes a month before we even know an application is received. Can you provide a time frame for processing application submissions for facility licensing?**

A: Only DHCS licensed residential facilities should apply for funding. If you are waiting on Incidental Medical Services (IMS) certification so that you can provide MAT services, you need to provide proof of IMS certification within six months of your contract execution. You will not receive payment until your IMS certification is received.

**Q: Are there different caps of money amount per track? Or number of awards to be made per track?**

A: Applicants can apply for different funding amounts based on which track they apply for. Please refer the RFA to see the breakdown of funding. A number of awards per track will be determined by number of applications received.

**Q: Is most of the project funding expected to be dedicated to increasing the infrastructure and staffing capacity of facilities to provide opioid treatment services regardless of the track we choose?**

A: Tracks One and Two focus on increasing infrastructure and staffing to provide Medication Assisted Treatment for individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder but Track Three (Centers of Excellence) is mainly focused on providing mentorship and technical assistance to those in Tracks One and Two.

**Q: If we have multiple eligible locations, can we submit separate applications for different tracks?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Can we use the funding to send our MD to additional ASAM trainings to improve knowledge?**

A: We expect Centers of Excellence to provide most technical assistance under this funding opportunity and additional trainings will need to be explored individually.

**Q: If we have multiple locations and apply separately, will we receive funding for each application if awarded?**

A: Yes.

**Q: Is funding through this program available to DMC-ODS providers?**

A: If DMC-ODS providers are DHCS-licensed residential facilities intending to initiate or expand existing MAT services.

**Q: Is this per year funding? For example, \$250,000 per year?**

A: The awarded funding amount is for the total period of funding.

**Q: Expanding to multiple locations and the time it takes time for licensing to be obtained approximately 3 months and the home has to be empty, can the first 50% be used to hire, train and maintain the location while awaiting the licensing to be approved?**

A: This opportunity is open to DHCS-licensed facilities and a copy of your license is required in the application.

**Q: Can you please expand on how certain dates within the budget template do not align with most organization's fiscal years?**

A: May 01, 2023 through April 30, 2025 is likely going to start and end in the middle of your organization's fiscal quarter or year. Please reach out via email to [centergrants@shfcenter.org](mailto:centergrants@shfcenter.org) if you would like to ask a question about allocating quarterly or yearly charges to this budget.

**Q: Are there any degree or FTE requirements for the MAT Prescriber that will be hired with grant funds? For example, could we use the funding to recruit a part-time Nurse Practitioner to prescribe MAT?**

A: We do not have FTE requirements for the MAT Prescriber; however, your budget and activities should align with the funding opportunity and proposed project.

**Q: Are the insurance requirements specific to the location that we are applying for or can it be for the organizational overall?**

A: Insurance requirements can be for the organization overall.