

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
RFA# RM0 DCOR060719

DC Opioid Response (DCOR) Prevention Grant for Wards 3 and 4

Purpose/Description of Project

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is soliciting applications for a DC Opioid Response (DCOR) Prevention Grant. Eligible applicants are expected to implement evidence-based prevention strategies including, but not limited to: opioid awareness programs, group-level interventions, environmental strategies, policy change advocacy, etc., targeting one or more high need communities to prevent opioid misuse among youth and young adults in the District of Columbia.

In identifying and selecting communities of high need to be funded with DCOR funds, applicants must be able to describe:

- A specific geographically defined area in Wards three (3) or four (4)
- A defined population based on the application target outcomes within a specific age, culture, or other specifically described identity, within geographic area mentioned above

In addition, the selected communities of high need must be:

- where the population described has or is at risk of having a higher than average prevalence rate of health risks related to opioid misuse or a higher than average prevalence rate of the additional, data driven prevention priority in the District

AND

- where the population or area has limited resources or has had fewer opportunities or less success in identifying and bringing to bear resources to address the identified priority(ies).

For the purposes of this grant funding, prevention efforts shall target youth and young adults 12 to 25 years of age living in Wards Three (3) and Four (4). All eight (8) Wards have been defined as “high need communities” for prevention.

The premise of this DCOR Prevention grant is that implementing prevention strategies at the community level where residents live and work, will, over time, lead to measurable and sustained changes in the District. Through community level partnerships, the District can more effectively overcome the opioid crisis and achieve the goal of the DCOR grant. Grantees are expected to implement a combination of an evidence-based intervention and environmental prevention strategies geared toward achieving the targeted outcomes of the DCOR grant.

Substance use disorder (SUD) prevention research suggests that youth and young adults do not engage in substance use solely because of personal characteristics, but rather due to a complex set of risk and protective factors in their environment. These risk and protective factors include the rules and regulations of the social institutions to which individuals belong (e.g., trust, social ties,

relationships and exchanges among people); the norms of the communities in which they live; the messages to which they are exposed; and the availability of alcohol and other drugs to minors.¹

Eligibility

- Ability to enter into an agreement with DBH requires compliance with all District of Columbia laws and regulations governing Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Grants (22A DCMR Chapter 44).
- 501(c)(3) non-profit status, or the ability to enlist the services of a fiscal agent that meets this criteria to apply for the funding on behalf of the applicant organization.

Grant Period

Grant awards will be made for a period of three (3) months from the award date with one option year based on documented project success, availability of funding, and DBH Director's approval of a Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) via a *Continuation Modification*. Grant recipients will be expected to begin project implementation on July 15, 2019.

Available Funding

A total of \$100,000 will be available to fund two (2) DCOR prevention grantees located in Wards Three (3) and Four (4), with individual awards not to exceed \$50,000. Grants will be awarded by DBH using grant funds from United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant.

Anticipated Number of Awards

DBH will award two grants in Wards Three (3) and Four (4) within the District of Columbia not to exceed \$50,000.

Request for Application (RFA) Release

The RFA will be released Friday, June 7, 2019. The RFA will be posted on the website of the Office of Partnerships and Grants, www.opgs.dc.gov under the District Grants Clearinghouse. A copy of the RFA may be obtained from the DBH Community Services Administration, located at 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002, 3rd Floor, from Prevention Specialist, Arielle Brock during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. beginning June 7, 2019.

Pre-Application Conference

A pre-application conference will be held at DBH, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 20002, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 242 on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET. For more information, please contact Arielle Brock at Arielle.Brock@dc.gov or (202) 671-3175.

Note: Please use the West Entrance (closer to P Street NE) at security guard station and bring government issued ID.

Deadline for Applications

¹ SAMHSA: Risk and Protective Factors. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/practicing-effective-prevention/prevention-behavioral-health/risk-protective-factors>

The deadline for submission is Friday, June 28, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. ET.