



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
RFA No. RM0 DCSP082222
Syringe Services Program (SSP) Outreach and Treatment Engagement
Friday, September 2, 2022
Please contact Sari Frankel at sari.frankel@dc.gov if you should have any further questions

- 1. Question: Where does gas for the mobile van go on the budget narrative and justification?**
Answer: Gas/mileage for the mobile SSP unit should go under the travel category on the budget. The estimated number of miles should be used to calculate the total cost. Items that go on the van (e.g., mobile outreach supplies, furniture, etc.) should go in the supply section.
- 2. Question: What is the difference between linkage to treatment and referral to treatment?**
Answer: A referral is providing information on where to access treatment, (e.g. calling Access HelpLine to get linked to treatment provider, or calling a provider to set up an appointment). A linkage to treatment is when a client attends an appointment with a provider. The number of linkages should not exceed the number of referrals.
- 3. Question: Does the narrative attachment page limit include the table of contents?**
Answer: No, the table of contents does not count towards the application page limit.
- 4. Question: Do the option year budgets need to be submitted with the application?**
Answer: No, the budget and justification should only reflect the base year. Option years will be subject to future availability of funds and satisfactory performance of the grantee during the base year.
- 5. Question: Do we need to fill out both the fiscal worksheet and the budget template?**
Answer: Yes, both should be filled out and included in the application package.
- 6. Question: What do we need to include about funding for syringes in the application?**
Answer: Include that you are working with DC government partners to secure syringe funding outside of federal grants.

7. **Question:** *We currently receive Naloxone for free from DBH. Will we keep receiving this free Naloxone even if we do not get funded by DBH? Or should that be part of the budget we would include in our response to the RFA?*

Answer: Anyone who is part of DBH's naloxone program can receive free naloxone, regardless of whether they are receiving state opioid response (SOR) funding. Please do not include naloxone in the budget for this grant or any other SOR RFAs, as it is provided for free by DBH.

8. **Question:** *Will this grant pay for Suboxone for medication assisted treatment?*

Answer: Suboxone is generally a Medicaid-reimbursable cost, so it would not be allowable for this grant or other SOR RFAs. For other SOR-funded services for suboxone patients, please see the RFA for [District of Columbia Opioid Response 3 \(DCOR3\): Expanding Access and Retention in Care for Opioid and/or Stimulant Use Disorder Treatment](#).

9. **Question:** *Would we be allowed to propose non-traditional forms of treatment under this RFA, like massage and acupuncture for pain management and recovery for folks who are using opioids or stimulants?*

Answer: These services are not within the scope of the SSP with Outreach and Engagement RFA, but may be allowable for the [District of Columbia Opioid Response 3 \(DCOR3\): Expanding Access and Retention in Care for Opioid and/or Stimulant Use Disorder Treatment](#) that is being competed concurrently. Please review that RFA and direct additional questions to Harrison Crist at anthony.crist@dc.gov.

10. **Question:** *Is it allowable to lease or purchase vans under this funding opportunity?*

Answer: Yes, purchasing or leasing a vehicle to support the SSP program is an allowable cost. Additional documentation, including a minimum of three different quotes for vehicle costs and a document providing justification are required in order to use funding to purchase a vehicle. Additional information on the requisite documentation will be provided once grants are awarded.

11. **Question:** *Is it allowable to lease additional office space and lease or purchase office furnishings and equipment under this funding opportunity?*

Answer: Rent is an allowable expense, but grantees need to be able to fill this form out: <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/rentquestionsworksheet.docx>. Office furnishings are ok as long as they are directly allocable to the grant and have a unit price under \$5k.

12. **Question:** *Is it allowable to purchase food, snacks, and hydration for clients as part of program activities and also for community events and trainings under this funding opportunity?*

Answer: SAMHSA does not allow grant-funded expenditures on food to exceed \$3/person per day. Generally speaking, water bottles and snacks like granola bars are allowable as long as they stay below the \$3/person/day limit, but more substantive meals are not allowable purchases under this grant.