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A Catalyst for Health and Wellness

Harm Reduction RFP Workshop

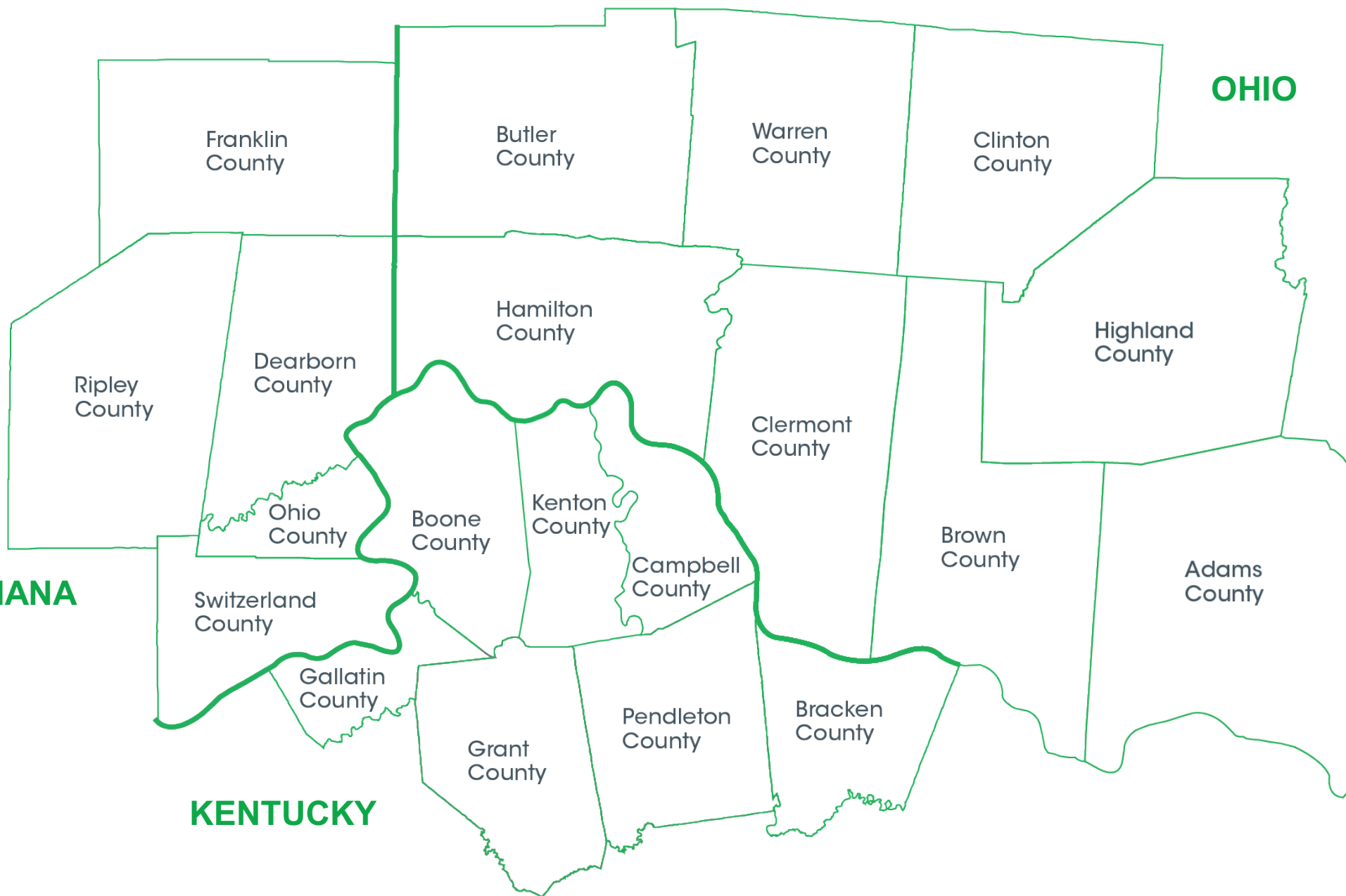
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**INTERACT FOR HEALTH PROMOTES
HEALTH EQUITY TO IMPROVE THE
HEALTH OF **ALL PEOPLE** IN OUR REGION.**



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REDUCING TOBACCO USE



A photograph showing a woman with blonde hair and glasses placing her hand on the shoulder of a man in a blue shirt. The man is seen from the back/side. In the background, another woman is blurred. A large green diagonal shape is overlaid on the left side of the image.

ADDRESSING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS





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Goal: Reverse the trend of overdoses and deaths from opioids





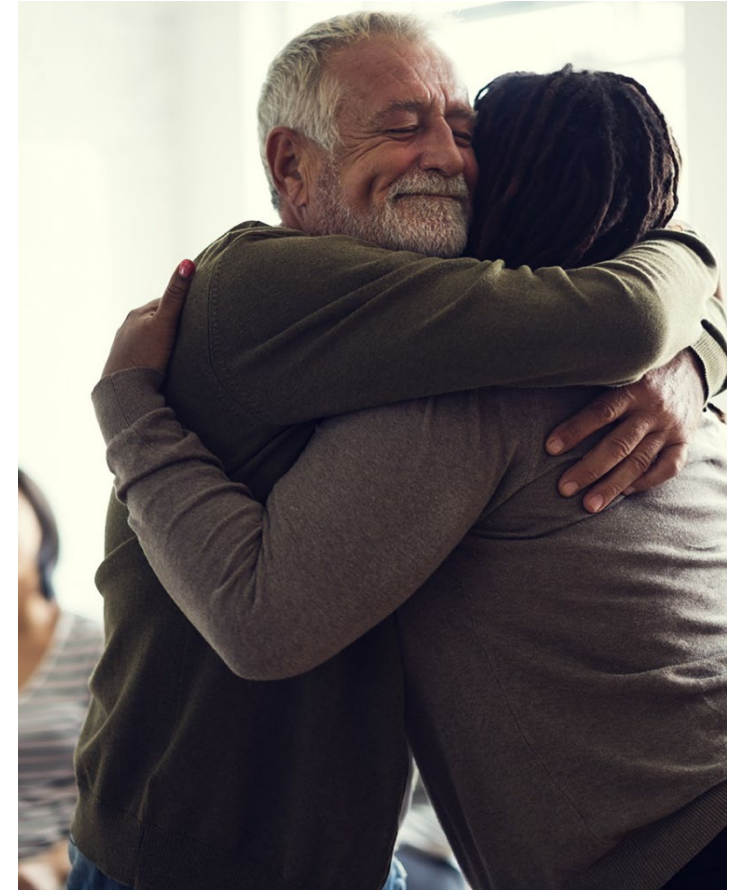
Opioid Epidemic

- Drug overdoses killed more than 67,000 Americans in 2018
- Our region has consistently ranked among the highest overdose rates in the country
- In 2018, illicit fentanyl or fentanyl analogs were involved in nearly 73% of overdose deaths in Ohio, often in combination with other drugs



RFP Goal

To expand existing harm reduction efforts and support new harm reduction programs in Greater Cincinnati.





Harm Reduction

Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing the negative consequences associated with drug use.

Programs that are centered on harm reduction follow the guiding principle of “meeting people where they are” and incorporate a spectrum of strategies from safer use to managed use to abstinence to improve the health and wellness of people affected by drug use. (citation)



Harm Reduction Strategies Interact for Health will fund:

Syringe Services
Programs

Distribution of Naloxone
(also known as Narcan)

Distribution of
Fentanyl Test Strips



Definitions

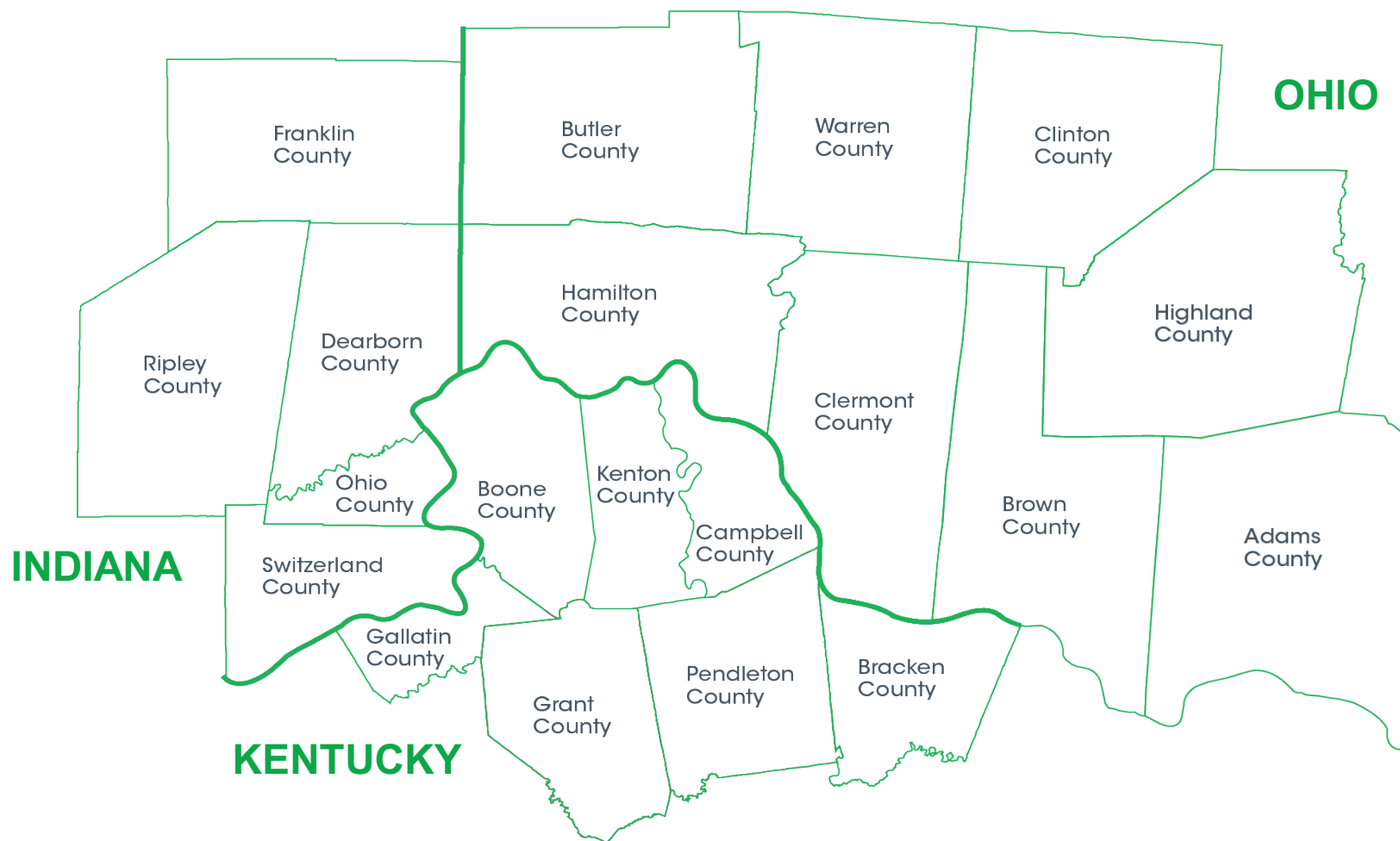
Naloxone, or Narcan, is a medication designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose.

Syringe services programs provide a range of services that include linking clients to substance use disorder treatment; providing access to and disposal of sterile syringes and injection equipment; and vaccination, testing for and linking clients to care and treatment for infectious diseases.

Fentanyl test strips check for the presence of fentanyl and its associated analogues including carfentanyl in the unregulated drug supply. Fentanyl can be mixed with heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine. If people are aware of fentanyl, they are likely to modify their behavior by not using the drugs, using the drugs more slowly, using the drugs with others who have naloxone, or changing their purchasing behaviors.



State laws vary by harm reduction strategy





Ohio

- Requirements to establish and operate a syringe services program (Bloodborne Infectious Disease Prevention Program) ORC 3707.57
- Illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia (fentanyl test strips) ORC 2925.14
- Distributing/Furnishing naloxone
ORC 3707.56, 4729.51, 4759.44
<https://tinyurl.com/rpwcw86>



Kentucky

- Requirements to establish and operate a syringe services program (Substance Abuse Treatment Outreach Program) KRS 218A.500
- Illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia (fentanyl test strips) KRS 218A.510
- Distributing/Furnishing naloxone



Indiana

- Requirements to establish and operate a syringe services program (Communicable Disease: Syringe Exchange Program) IC 16-41-7.5
- Illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia (fentanyl test strips) IC 35-48-4-8.5
- Distributing/Furnishing naloxone
<https://optin.in.gov/>





RFP Overview

Interact for Health seeks to support harm reduction programs that reverse the trend of overdoses and deaths from opioids in Greater Cincinnati.

These initiatives may include planning or implementing a new program or expanding existing harm reduction services currently offered.



Examples of Projects

Planning or implementing a new SSP

Expanding the services offered within a SSP to make it more comprehensive

Targeted distribution of naloxone and/or fentanyl test strips to people most at risk for an opioid overdose



Grants

- Planning
 - Up to \$25,000
 - No more than 12 months
- Implementation
 - Up to \$75,000
 - Generally 12-18 months

Interact for Health will award a total of \$400,000 with this request for proposals.

Desired applicants are community-based nonprofits or public health organizations.



Proposal Selection Criteria

- How the opioid epidemic has affected their community, utilizing local data when possible.
- How efforts will reach people most at risk for opioid overdose or death.
- An understanding and commitment to secondary distribution of harm reduction strategies, as appropriate.
- New or innovative approaches to connect with hard-to-reach populations through targeted outreach or other methods.



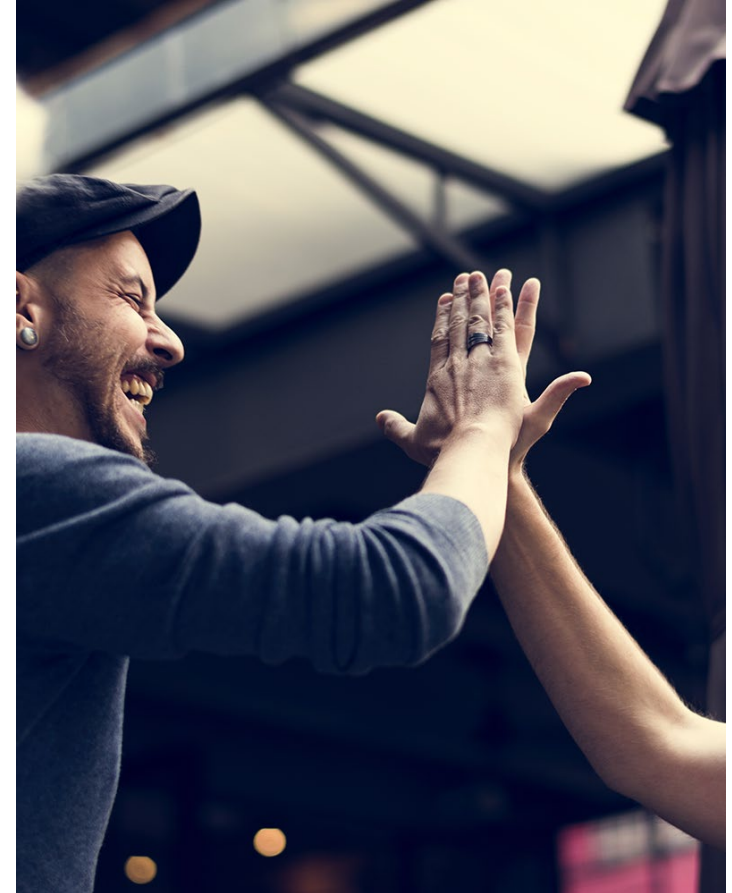
Proposal Selection Criteria

- Existing relationships or the ability to engage key decision makers, public health officials, community partners and potential clients in the planning process.
- An authentic method of receiving input and feedback from people who use the services.
- A commitment to working in communities of color and communities whose residents have lower income, as appropriate to the geographic area.
- A clearly delineated budget with justification for each line item.
- A plan to sustain the project/program after grant funding has ended.



Grantee Requirements

- Work with Interact for Health to develop an evaluation plan, and participate in activities as part of the overall evaluation of the initiative.
- Attend up to four grantee meetings and technical assistance sessions hosted by Interact for Health.





Timeline

Proposal workshop (includes an Introduction to Foundant)	2 – 3:30 p.m., March 16, 2020
Grant proposal materials due	5 p.m., March 31, 2020
Site visits	April 16, 17, 20, 21, 2020
Notification of grant award	April 29, 2020



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