



# INTERACT FOR HEALTH

A Catalyst for Health and Wellness

## **Opioid Prevention and Treatment**

Request for Proposals

**May 2019**

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Background

Opioid misuse and abuse often lead to overdose deaths. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2016 more than 63,000 Americans died because of a drug overdose. Two-thirds of these deaths (66%) involved a prescription or illicit opioid. From 2015 to 2016, the overdose death rate from synthetic opioids, not including methadone, more than doubled, likely driven by fentanyl. Death rates involving heroin and cocaine also significantly increased in Greater Cincinnati.

Research shows that a comprehensive approach that includes effective prevention, treatment and recovery and decreasing stigma will improve the health of people with a substance use disorder (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2016). Interact for Health recognizes the importance of culturally competent programs, policies and practices that allow the region to be responsive to community needs and ensure that services are accessible and relevant for those who use them.

As part of its strategic plan, Interact for Health adopted the goal of creating a regional agenda that aligns the region's response to the opioid epidemic. Through community sessions, four areas were identified as opportunities for improved response in our region:

- Access to Treatment
- Impact on Children
- Recovery Support
- Reducing Stigma

This Request for Proposals focuses on **Access to Treatment** and the opioid epidemic's **Impact on Children**. Applicants may apply for a grant in one of the two areas.

## RFP Goals

- To increase the number of people in our region receiving evidence-informed treatment for opioid use disorder, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT).
- To increase the number of evidence-based, trauma-informed care services that identify and support children affected by the opioid epidemic.

## ACCESS TO TREATMENT

Though our region has added treatment options for opioid misuse and abuse, significant barriers remain for people to access the treatment they need. Nearly all states do not have sufficient treatment capacity to provide MAT to all patients with an opioid use disorder (Jones, Campopiano, Baldwin, & McCance-Katz, 2015).

Interact for Health will award up to \$125,000 to create opportunities for community partners to address barriers to treatment services. Grants will vary in amount depending on community size and scope of the project. These grants will be up to one year in length. Selected programs or projects will:

- Effectively articulate how removing a barrier and/or implementing a solution will successfully increase access to appropriate treatment.
- Demonstrate how the applicant aligns with, or intends to align with, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) "Five Signs of Quality Treatment" <https://store.samhsa.gov/system/files/pep18-treatment-loc.pdf>.

## IMPACT ON CHILDREN

The opioid epidemic continues to heavily affect children. Fifty percent of Ohio children taken into custody in 2015 were removed from their home due to parental drug use (Public Children Services Association of Ohio, 2017). The trauma faced by these children has a lasting impact on their social and emotional development. By interrupting the generational cycle of substance use disorder, the community can help prevent future onset of disease.

Interact for Health will award up to \$150,000 to address the trauma faced by children affected by the opioid epidemic. These grants will vary in amount depending on community size and scope of the project. Grants will be up to one year in length. Selected programs or projects will:

- Demonstrate how trauma informed care or social emotional learning is used or will be used to support children to strengthen resiliency.
- Expand support for children in foster care, kinship care or living with a parent or caregiver who is accessing treatment.

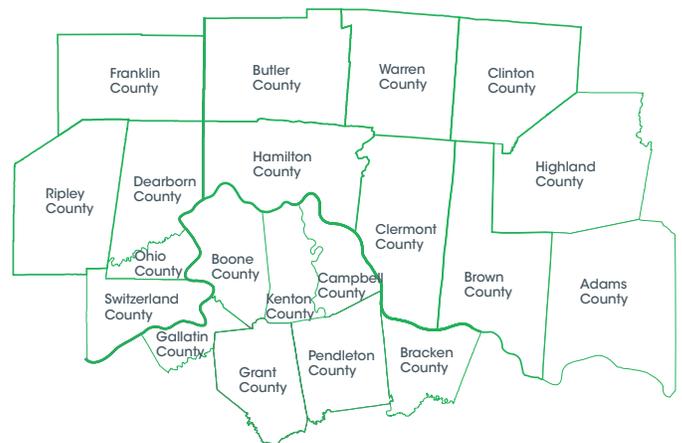
## Grant Expectations

Grant recipients will be expected to complete an Evaluation Plan that will measure effectiveness of the grant.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a public or private nonprofit or governmental organization.
- Provide services in at least one county of Interact for Health's 20-county service area (see below).



If two or more organizations will be collaborating on the project, either organization may take the lead and serve as the fiscal sponsor, but representatives from each organization must participate in the application process.

## Commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion

Interact for Health is committed to expanding equity, diversity and inclusion among the grantees it funds. Interact for Health values organizations that have experience working in communities of color and low-income communities, and whose potential staffing of the project is representative of the community you are serving.

# PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND FORMAT

## Cover Sheet

Please complete Interact for Health's *Opioid Prevention and Treatment Proposal Cover Sheet* to serve as the cover page for your grant application. The cover sheet is available at <https://www.interactforhealth.org/requests-for-proposals>.

## Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be:

- up to five pages long,
- use a type font not smaller than 12 points; and
- have margins of not less than 1 inch.

In the narrative please:

- Identify and describe the problem, opportunity or need
  - Be specific to your local community or priority population
- Describe the project or program including the population the program will serve
  - Address the criteria listed above for the focus area selected
  - Identify the specific population to be served including anticipated reach of the project
- Describe experience/qualifications in your area of focus
- Demonstrate use of evidence-based or evidence-informed programs, policies or practices as appropriate
- Provide data and outcomes or a plan to collect data to demonstrate effectiveness
- Describe how your organization listened to clients and the community voice to implement this project/program
- Describe whether this is a new, existing or expanding program
- Provide a detailed timeline
- Identify a plan to sustain the project/program after grant funding has ended

- Outline any matching or in-kind contributions from the lead organization and collaborating organizations

## Budget

**Complete Interact for Health's *Budget Request Form* for the grant period and include a line-item narrative justification (not part of narrative page limit). The form is available at <https://www.interactforhealth.org/requests-for-proposals>.**

Grant funds may be used for all activities related to the proposed project. This includes personnel (salaries and benefits), consultants, professional fees, local travel, conferences (travel and fees, not meals), office equipment, supplies (including printing and copying), and meeting facilitation costs. If you have special budgetary issues or questions, consult the program officer.

Please identify and include any matching or in-kind contributions from the lead organization or other organizations. Volunteer time and indirect costs such as overhead (facility and administrative costs) can be counted as in-kind contributions of the organization to the project and document in the overall project budget.

## Required Materials

- Opioid Prevention and Treatment Proposal Cover Sheet
- Proposal narrative
- Budget Request Form
- Budget narrative with an explanation of each line item
- Current organizational operating budget
- Résumé of project director
- Most recent audited financial statement
- List of organization's board of trustees, including names, employers and position titles
- Interact for Health's Disclosure Form, available at <https://www.interactforhealth.org/requests-for-proposals>, and any explanations

- A concluding statement signed and dated by the organization’s CEO, attesting that the application is complete and true

## Proposal Selection Criteria

Interact for Health will use the following criteria to choose proposals to fund. Selected projects will:

- Clearly demonstrate an understanding of and the ability to implement evidence-informed programs
- Engage the community or clients in the identification of needs to be addressed by the program
- Address communities or populations with high rates of opioid use disorder
- Demonstrate the capacity to collect and monitor data to measure effectiveness
- Detail a realistic timeline
- Have a clearly delineated budget with justification for each line item
- Leverage other funding and/or existing resources and demonstrate sustainability

## Timeline

Proposal deadline	<b>Noon, June 7, 2019</b>
Site visits	<b>June 17-21, 2019</b>
Notification of grant award	<b>July 12, 2019</b>

## Proposal Submissions

Completed proposals must be submitted no later than **noon Friday, June 7, 2019**. Please submit your proposal via email to [proposals@interactforhealth.org](mailto:proposals@interactforhealth.org). Please put “*Opioid Prevention and Treatment RFP- (your organization’s name)*” in the subject line to ensure delivery. For assistance, please contact Grants Manager Kristine Shultz at [kschultz@interactforhealth.org](mailto:kschultz@interactforhealth.org).

## Site Visits

Before selecting projects for funding, Interact for Health staff will conduct a site visit with the lead organization. Representatives from collaborating organizations are required to attend the site visit. Interact for Health staff will conduct site visits **June 17-21, 2019**.

## Questions

For any questions regarding the proposal please contact Sonya Carrico, Senior Program Officer, at [scarrico@interactforhealth.org](mailto:scarrico@interactforhealth.org) or 513-458-6647 or Lisa Myers, Program Associate, at [lm Myers@interactforhealth.org](mailto:lm Myers@interactforhealth.org) or 513-458-6629.

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