



KENTUCKY OPIOID ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Announcement – Treatment and Recovery

PURPOSE: Kentuckians have been hard hit by the impact of the opioid epidemic, creating numerous challenges for families and communities. In 2021, the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC) was established by the General Assembly to oversee a trust fund to distribute settlement funds from lawsuits against certain manufacturers and distributors of opioids. The Commission is made up of 11 members, nine voting and two non-voting, who are charged with the distribution of the Commonwealth’s portion of settlement funds. The Commission has adopted nationally recognized principles for allocating funds, including use the money to save lives, use evidence to guide spending, invest in youth prevention, focus on equity for impacted communities across the Commonwealth, and create a fair and transparent process. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide settlement dollars for prevention focused efforts addressing the opioid epidemic.

POPULATION OF FOCUS:

Funds must be used to provide treatment and recovery services for individuals who have one of the following:

- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and comorbid polysubstance use
- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental illness
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FUNDER: Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission through the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: KYOAAC grants are open to any registered entity (for-profit or non-profit) that is in good standing with the Kentucky Secretary of State, as well as counties, cities, towns and other government entities.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- For 2025, the Commission has identified certain priorities within the area of treatment and recovery supports for distribution of settlement funds. Priority consideration will be given to applications that address the following:

- For Treatment: Research on residential treatment bed availability shows Kentucky had 70.34 beds per 100,000 population in 2022, making it the state with the highest rate of beds per capita in the county. Due to this status, any applications requesting funding for residential treatment should specifically detail why the request fills a significant need or gap in service for the population served.
- For Recovery: The Commission has determined there are several areas of recovery support that could benefit from continued or increased investment. Therefore, priority consideration will be given to applications that demonstrate investments in the following areas:
 - Supportive Housing
 - Transportation – proposals may not include direct purchase of vehicles.
 - Employment Supports – such as recovery-to-work programs or workforce development.
 - Recovery Community Centers
 - Family Togetherness – for example, programs that work to keep families united, take a wholistic approach to recovery, support kinship care, etc.

PRIORITY CRITERIA:

While the Commission may consider all areas of the application, they established several criteria they deem to be considered priorities, which include:

- Projects that demonstrate strong collaboration.
- Projects that expand or enhance services or opportunities. Supplanting, defined as replacing funding of a recipient’s existing program with awarded funds, is discouraged.
- Projects involving recovery housing must comply with state accreditation requirements.
- Projects that address or fill service gaps in particular regions.
- While the Commission will consider requests to continue funding provided by previous KYOAC awards, those requests must decrease by 25 percent of the original funding award.

AWARD INFORMATION:

- Funding Mechanism: Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission by and through the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General.
- Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000.00
- Budget: Submit a 12-month budget with an anticipated start date of July 2025
- Cost Sharing/Match Requirement: None, however, application requests that additional available funding or match funding be reported to demonstrate sustainability efforts.
- Service Delivery Start Date: To begin no later than 90 days from receipt of contract.
- Reporting Requirements: Awardees must adhere to all statutory and regulatory requirements of KRS 15.291, KRS 15.293, KRS 15.295, KRS 17.160, 40 KAR 9:010, and 40 KAR 9:020 including but not limited to, submit required financial reports, and agree to participate in program evaluation and monitoring activities.

AWARD PARAMETERS:

- Funds cannot be used to purchase land.

- Funds cannot be used for construction or to secure any kind of permits related to construction or renovation.
- The review committee may request budget modifications be made prior to award.
- Funds cannot be used to purchase vehicles, but Commissioners will consider innovative transportation models such as voucher programs.
- Proposals should reflect the most effective and sustainable use of funds.
- Multiple agencies can partner in the application process but only one agency may serve as fiscal agent.

MULTI-TIERED REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Proposals will be screened to ensure that minimum eligibility requirements have been met and all required documentation has been submitted. Proposals meeting minimum eligibility requirements and that are complete will be reviewed by Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission members. Awards will be made based on a majority of votes cast by the Commission's voting members.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- NOFO Announcement Release: November 18, 2024
- Application Window: December 2, 2024, to January 17, 2025
- Application Deadline: **JANUARY 17, 2025, 6 p.m. EST**
- Award Decision Notice: late March/April
- Contract Execution: July 2025

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

The online application will be available December 2, 2024, via <https://kyjusticeigx.intelligrants.com> and will close January 17, 2025. All applications must be submitted using the Intelligrants system (IGX).

NOTE: If your organization does not already have IGX user credentials please e-mail Amy.Andrews@ky.gov. This will be the first step in requesting a new user account. Upon completion of the new user registration, the account will need to be validated and associated with the proper organization prior to accessing the application.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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By checking this box, you are applying your electronic signature and affirm that you have read the NOFO provided by the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission and the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General.