

Colorado Opioid Settlement Fund (Region 1) Substance Use Disorders (SUD) & Behavioral Health Professionals Retention & Recruitment Initiative Request for Proposal (01/23/2023)

Brief Description of the Colorado Opioid Settlement Fund:

In August 2021, after announcing several historic settlements with major drug manufacturers and distributors, Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser announced a framework for distributing nearly \$400 million in Opioid Settlement Funds. This framework applies to all Opioid Settlement Funds that have been obtained by the Department of Law to date, or in the future. The Department of Law, municipalities and counties of Colorado agree that these funds will be used for the Approved Purposes listed in Exhibit A of the [Colorado Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding](#).

The Opioid Settlement Funds will be distributed to 19 regions, and two federally recognized Colorado tribes. The [Colorado Opioid Abatement Council \(COAC\)](#) will provide oversight of the regional and infrastructure funds to ensure funds are used for Approved Purposes.

OSF Region 1: Region 1 is composed of Rio Blanco, Moffat, Routt, Jackson, and Grand counties. Representatives from all five counties, including public health and health care providers, law enforcement, educators, county commissioners, and other stakeholders identified two primary goals for which OSF funds will be used to address prevention, treatment, and recovery needs for people at risk for or experiencing substance use disorder (SUD).

OSF Region 1 SUD Professionals Retention & Recruitment initiative:

- **Funding Goal:** Increase the number of professionals in Region 1 who are educated and qualified to treat people with SUDs
- **Funding Objective:** Provide funding to retain and recruit SUD treatment and recovery professionals in Region 1 through housing and salary stipends/incentives.
- **Awards:** Awards will be based on available funding and number/amount of application requests.
- **OSF Year 1 Available Funding:** \$186,776 (to be divided among all awardees)

RFP Description: This RFP requires applicants to provide: 1) a narrative explanation regarding why OSF funds are being requested and how OSF funds would be used to meet the defined goal and objective; and 2) a budget for their funding request.

Budget & Application Schedule:

- 1) **Tuesday 01/23/2023:** RFP issued
- 2) **Friday 02/08/2023 @ 5 pm:** Funding applications due to OSF Region 1 SUD Professionals Retention & Recruitment Workgroup.
 - Application documents should be emailed to: MCPHO@moffatcounty.net
 - Narrative can be in Word or PDF
 - Budget MUST BE submitted as an Excel file
- 3) **Mon 02/13/2023 – Fri 03/17/2023:** Application review. Reviewers will contact applicants with any questions.
- 4a) **Monday 03/20/2023:** Funding recommendations will be made for consideration by the OSF Region 1 Governance Committee.
- 4b) **Week of 03/20/2023:** OSF Region 1 Governance Committee will review the Workgroup's recommendations and make award determinations.
- 4) **Week of 03/27/2023:** Applicants will be notified of determinations.
- 5) **Week of 04/3/2023:** Awardees will be contacted by the OSF Region 1 Fiscal Agent for Memos of Understanding and other contract details.

**Colorado Opioid Settlement Fund (Region 1) – Contact Information & Attestation
Substance Use Disorders (SUD) & Behavioral Health Professionals
Retention & Recruitment Initiative**

Agency Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mailing City, State ZIP: _____

Agency Website: _____

Agency EIN: _____

Agency Representative (who to contact with questions): _____

Agency Rep phone: _____

Agency Rep email: _____

Attestation: If awarded funding through the Colorado Opioid Settlement Fund (Region 1), [\[insert organization name here\]](#) agrees to the following:

- We agree to use OSF funding for the specific goals and objectives that are described in this application and will be outlined in a formal Memo of Understanding (MOU).
- We agree to provide supporting documentation to confirm the funding is used for its intended purpose.
- We agree to provide performance improvement data to demonstrate that the funding is increasing capacity in the treatment and recovery of patients experiencing substance use disorder (SUD).
 - Example. Performance improvement data may be in the form of providing de-identified, macro-level caseload data for all staff members and/or the organization as a whole.
 - Performance improvement data may be a different metric determined as part of the MOU and contracting process.

Authorized Agency Representative Signature & Date

Printed Name & Title

Colorado Opioid Settlement Fund (Region 1) – Application Substance Use Disorders (SUD) & Behavioral Health Professionals Retention & Recruitment Initiative

Personnel Category:

- Retention of existing staff Recruitment of new staff Both

Funding Category:

- Housing Salary incentive Both

Questions with a * are required.

Other questions are based on your funding category request(s). Only answer category questions applicable to your funding request. Questions should be answered to reflect: How will OSF funding support your organization’s ability to provide quality and consistent treatment to people at risk for or experiencing SUD?

Please limit answers to no more than 500 words per question.

GENERAL*

- 1) What is your current staffing situation, short-term and long-term staffing goals? Provide details in regard to “big picture” retention, recruitment, turnover, and other factors.

STAFF RETENTION

- 2) How will this funding support retaining new staff?
- 3) What funds/resources do you already have to support staff retention efforts? (Local, regional, state, or federal, etc.)
- 4) What other funds/resources will you be seeking to help with retaining staff (in addition to this OSF funding request)? (Local, regional, state, or federal, etc.)

STAFF RECRUITMENT

- 5) How will this funding support recruiting new staff?
- 6) What funds/resources do you already have to support staff recruitment efforts? (Local, regional, state, or federal, etc.)
- 7) What other funds/resources will you be seeking to help with recruiting staff (in addition to this OSF funding request)? (Local, regional, state, or federal, etc.)

HOUSING

- 8) Refer to the Appendix for housing information for your area. Provide your perspective on the housing market in your area/region in regard to affordability, availability, and other relevant information.

9) What other organizations/agencies are you working with to address housing issues, and what type of collaborative work is being done? (Local real estate agents, housing authorities, etc.?)

10) What are your proposed short-term solutions to finding/providing housing for employees?

11) What are you proposed long-term solutions to finding/providing housing for employees?

OTHER*

12) How will this funding help you increase the level of services and capacity of patient treatment?
(Expanding hours, patient access/accessibility, etc.)

APPENDIX

- *Routt County housing information (average pricing, availability) – Tom (Routt and other counties)*
- *Moffat County housing information (average pricing, availability) – Jackie*
- *Rio Blanco housing information (average pricing, availability) – Jackie*
- *Grand County housing information (average pricing, availability) – Paula (Jen Fanning)*
- *Jackson County housing information (average pricing, availability) – Paula (Jen & Marci)*