

Northwest Colorado Region 1 (NWCOR1) Opioid Settlement Fund (OSF) Workgroup Youth Prevention (YP) - Substance Use Disorders (SUD)

Request for Proposal Issued: 01/23/2023

RFP Due: 02/08/2023

Overview: The Colorado Attorney General's Office (the "AG") was part of a national lawsuit suing pharmaceutical companies over the opioid epidemic, and each state was awarded Opioid Settlement Funds to abate individual, family & community consequences associated with the opioid epidemic. The AG's office worked with local governments to develop regions in which the Opioid Settlement Funds would be disbursed. The guidelines for services that can be provided with the Opioid Settlement Funds come from the terms of the national opioid settlement. Colorado Opioid Settlement Funds will be distributed to 19 regions throughout Colorado, 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.

Colorado Region 1 is comprised of five (5) counties in Northwest Colorado: Rio Blanco, Moffat, Routt, Jackson and Grand Counties. There is a governing body, called the Northwest Colorado Opioid Region 1 (NWCOR1) Workgroup, which is the decision-maker over how the Opioid Settlement Funds will be distributed during this RFP process.

Goals and Objectives: NWCOR1's goals are to address prevention, treatment, and recovery needs for people at risk for or who are currently experiencing substance use disorder (SUD). During the first two years of funding NWCOR1 has determined funding efforts will focus on the areas of Youth Prevention of SUD & Professional Behavioral Health Supports. The region is mostly rural so access to services and resources for those affected by opioid addiction and abuse is the ultimate goal and objective. A priority for NWCOR1 is providing services in as many counties within Region 1 as possible.

The region will utilize this RFP process to grant money to providers for prevention and education services related to the Opioid Epidemic. NWCOR1 is mindful of not duplicating behavioral health services but leveraging this funding to go further in all communities.

Reporting: Quarterly reports to the NWCOR1 Work Group shall be required as a condition of accepting the grant.

Timeline: Proposals will be accepted until **February 8, 2023** at 5:00 pm. Proposals received after the deadline will NOT be considered or accepted.

Place of Delivery: To be eligible to submit a proposal, all proposal documents must be emailed to NWCOR1 email at: MCPHO@moffatcounty.net, no later than the identified date & time.

Evaluation: NWCOR1, through its fiscal agent, the City of Hayden, Colorado, shall award the contract to a provider, based on the evaluation criteria contained within this RFP.

Reservation of Rights: NWCOR1 and its fiscal agent, City of Hayden, Colorado, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and to reserve any request for proposals. NWCOR1 and its fiscal agent, the City of Hayden, Colorado, also reserves the right to award the contract as it deems will best serve its interest, including partial awards. Any unexpended funds awarded shall be returned to NWCOR1, through its fiscal agent, City of Hayden, Colorado. All decisions are final.

NWCOR1 - Youth Prevention Program & Activities initiative:

- **Funding Goal:** The Region 1 Youth Prevention initiative seeks to decrease the number of young people in Region 1 interested in or already using substances and to provide education opportunities for youth, parents & communities in Region 1 counties to develop community resiliency programming & efforts to prevent substance use.

- **Funding Objectives & Activities:**
 - Fentanyl test training, naloxone trainings, and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings.
 - Youth Councils / Youth Mentoring Programs.
 - Development of Youth “Safe Spaces”.
 - Creation of a singular Youth Prevention framework across Region 1 counties & communities.
 - Other: Identify & Explain how the project will support the Funding Goal.

RFP Required Information: This RFP requires applicants to provide:

1. Name of the Organization;
2. Mailing Address;
3. Applicant Contact Name and Title;
4. Applicant Contact email and phone number;
5. Applicants must submit an approved audit or financial review for the past (3) years.
6. No more than 5 Letters of Support, at least one of which must be a local government;
7. RFP’s must contain the following attestation language, signed by the Applicant or Applicant’s Representative: “Applicant hereby certifies and warrants that all statements and representations, including all sources and uses of funds, made in this RFP are true and correct and may be relied upon by the NWCOR1 Board.”

Application Schedule:

1. 01/23/23 RFP YP to be published
2. 02/8/23 @ 5PM Application & budget due to OSF Region 1 YP Work Group
 - Applications should be emailed to: MCPHO@moffatcounty.net
 - Narrative may be submitted in Word or PDF format.
 - Budget MUST BE submitted in a MS Excel file format.
3. 02/13/23-03/17/23 Work Group will review all applications and proposals.
4. 02/13/23-03/17/23 Work Group will submit questions to applicants regarding their proposal.
5. 03/20/23 Work Group will make funding recommendations for OSF to the Region 1 Governance Committee for review.
6. Week of 03/20/23 OSF Region 1 Governance Committee will review the work group recommendations and make award selection(s).
7. Week of 03/27/23 Applicants will be notified of determinations.

8. Week of 04/3/23 Awardees will be contacted by the OSF Region 1 Fiscal Agent for Memos of Understanding and other contract details.

Funding Category (select all that apply to the proposed project):

- Fentanyl test training, naloxone trainings, and Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings
- Youth Councils / Youth Mentoring Programs
- Development of Youth “safe spaces”
- Creation of a singular prevention Youth Prevention framework across Region 1
- Other – describe: _____

Questions to be Addressed by the RFP Application: (Please limit answers to no more than 500 words per question.)

1. Identify the project name, brief description of the project.
2. For existing programs, please explain how your program will be expanded, the amount of funding requested and why additional funding is required. Please indicate which counties are currently served and will be served, if expanded.
3. Describe any new initiatives that you intend on launching, the amount of funding requested and why additional funding is required. Please indicate which counties will be served by the new initiative.
4. What is the preliminary timeline estimate for your program?
5. How does your plan address the diverse needs of populations specific to Region 19 (LGBTQ+, BIPOC, immigrants, rural communities, low income, etc.)?
6. Please describe any infrastructure currently in place or anticipated infrastructure needs and what funding is required.
7. Will this program be utilizing “braided” funding streams (utilizing funds from other sources in conjunction with the Opioid Settlement Funds)?
8. What are the anticipated outcomes of your program after applying this funding? How will you measure those outcomes? What does success look like?
9. Provide information evidencing that Applicant has a proven track record of experience and success with their program or as an entity for the past three (3) years.
10. Is there any current or anticipated opposition to your program?
11. Excluding the funds sought in this RFP, do you have the funds necessary for the current operation of the program? Please explain.

12. How do you plan to fund future management and/or operating costs of the program to ensure sustainability?
13. If your organization is not successful in securing funding for your program from NWCOR1, what is the future of your program?

Evaluation Criteria: All RFP responses shall be evaluated based on the answers to the questions provided above and the following criteria:

- Length of time providing the service.
- Number of counties within Region 1 that will be served.
- Timeline for providing the service.
- Ability to address the diverse needs of Region 1.
- Availability of infrastructure.
- Anticipated outcomes.
- Financial stability of the organization and program.
- Ability to braid funding.
- Sustainability of the program.
- Ability to further the goals of the 2-year plan, as described in the “Goals and Objectives” section above.