**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH**

**OPIOID REMEDIATION TRAINING AND EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION**

1. **INTRODUCTION:** The opioid epidemic has affected many lives in Alaska and across the nation. In 2021 alone there were 160 deaths in Alaska from opioid overdose and across our nation there were 106,699 opioid overdose deaths that year. The severe impact of the epidemic compelled many states, including Alaska, to sue distributors, manufacturers, and pharmacies involved in prescription opioids. Settlements were reached and funds are being distributed to states and municipalities who joined the lawsuit. Settlement funds are being distributed over an 18-year period and the total projected funds coming to the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Borough are projected to be $2.3 Million.
2. **OPIOID REMEDIATION DEFINITION:** Doing active tasks in any of the four areas relating to opioid addiction: Primary Prevention, Harm Reduction (administering Narcan/Naloxone for drug overdose), Treatment, and Recovery.
3. **MAT-SU BOROUGH OPIOID REMEDIATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT:** The Mat-Su Borough conducted a public survey, and then appointed a needs assessment committee to determine what the greatest opioid remediation needs are for the Borough. This committee consisted of five experts in opioid remediation. They conducted public meetings and created the prioritized opioid remediation needs assessment listed below. The Borough Assembly approved the needs assessment with the indicated percentages from each year’s available funding and the spending of 20% of the funds for the first five years on a media campaign dedicated to remediation in all four areas listed below. The table below includes the category allocation for the 2024 grant cycle and a column that calculates the estimated funding per grant if awarding no more than 10 grants per category:

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| **Priority** | **Remediation Area** | **Percent of Years**  **Available Funds** | **–Category allocation for this grant cycle** | **Estimated Amount Per Grant** |
| #1 | Treatment | 30% | $87,500 | $8,750 |
| #2 | Primary Prevention | 30% | $87,500 | $8,750 |
| #3 | Recovery | 10% | $29,166 | $2,916 |
| #4 | Harm Reduction | 10% | $29,166 | $2,916 |

1. **GENERAL APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND SCORING CRITERIA:**
2. **Reminder: The Mat-Su Borough does not have Health Powers, so these funds may not be spent on all areas pertaining to the actual treatment, prevention, recovery, or harm reduction of opioid addiction. However, the funds may be spent on education, training and media publicity within any of the four remediation categories.**
3. The goal of the Mat-Su Borough Opioid Remediation Training and Education Grant is to support non-profit organizations in delivering opioid remediation training and education that enhances their capacity to serve the Mat-Su Borough residents.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIRED ITEMS:** Toapply for the Mat-Su Borough Opioid Remediation Training and Education Grant, organizations:
5. Must be an eligible 501(c)(3) organization with their business located in the boundaries of the Mat-Su Borough and their operations conducted in the Mat-Su Borough.
6. Should have a proven record of community service for at least two years, with program focusing on Opioid Treatment, Prevention, Recovery or Harm Reduction.
7. Must have training/education programs that are aligned with the organization's mission and contribute to opioid remediation in the community.
8. May apply for up to four grants, only one grant per category per year.
9. Must have complete Grant application which includes the following:

a. Completed Application Cover Sheet - form attached.

b. Completed Budget Worksheet with Budget Narrative - form attached.

c. Application Narrative that answers the items/questions in paragraph VI below.

1. **APPLICATION NARRATIVE REQUIRED CONTENTS (PROVIDE IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT):**

1. Provide a brief description of your organization, services provided, years serving the Mat-Su Borough community, and your organization's Mission Statement and objectives.

2. Choose one or more opioid remediation category from the four listed below. Each grant category requires a separate application and cover sheet. Please indicate which category each application is for on the cover sheet:

a. **Treatment Support:** Funding shall be utilized for education, training of counselors, staff, and peer support providers, promoting healthy living options, developing strong social structures, providing information about local and State rehabilitation opportunities, and other treatment support related education and training needs.

b. **Prevention Efforts:** Funding shall be utilized for educational campaigns, community outreach initiatives, early intervention strategies aimed at preventing opioid misuse and addiction, and other prevention effort related education and training needs.

c. **Recovery Initiatives:** Funding shall be used for peer support programs, vocational training to aid individuals in successful reintegration into society while overcoming opioid addiction, and other recovery initiatives related education and training.

d. **Harm-Reduction Strategies**: Funding shall be utilized for training/education relating to initiatives aimed at saving lives and reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

3. Provide the training course, educational program name, or type of education/training you plan to use these funds for. Detail why this training/education was selected, the expected impact, and how it fits with the chosen category from item 2 above.

4. Detail whether you are sending staff/clients out for training or bringing in a trainer:

1. If sending staff/clients for training:
   1. How many staff members/clients do you intend to send for training?
   2. List the city and state where the staff/clients will be trained.
2. If bringing in a trainer:
   1. How many staff/clients do you plan to train each session and in how many sessions?
   2. Will training be open to other agencies involved in opioid remediation and if so, how will this be announced?
   3. If known, describe the background and the relevant qualifications of the trainer being brought in to provide the training.

5. Describe your organization’s history of opioid remediation related to training/education.

6. Describe how the training/education will benefit the staff/clients being trained.

1. **FULL DISCLOSURE OF APPLICATION SCORING CRITERIA:** Applications will be assessed based on a scoring system with a maximum score of 100 points. The following criteria will be considered:

1. Alignment with Mission (20 points): The extent to which the proposed training/education aligns with the organization's mission and objectives related to opioid remediation.

2. Community Impact (20 points): The potential positive impact the training/education will have on the community served by the organization.

3. Program Quality (15 points): Expected quality and effectiveness of the training/education, including content and delivery.

4. Budget Justification (15 points): Expected clarity and cost-effectiveness of the budget.

5. Organizational Sustainability (10 points): How the training/education contributes to the long-term sustainability of your organization.

6. Track Record (10 points): Your organization's history of opioid remediation success.

7. Collaboration (5 points): Evidence of successful collaboration with other organizations involved in opioid remediation.

8. Application Quality (5 points): The completeness and clarity of the application.

**Opioid Remediation Training and Education Grant Application Cover Sheet**

**Application Category:**

**Treatment  Prevention  Recovery  Harm-Reduction**

**Business Name:**

**Business Executive Director (ED):**

**Business Address:**

**Business Contact (if not the ED):**

**Email Address:**

**Please provide your Business License Number and Expiration Date for:**

**State of Alaska:**

**Mat-Su Borough:**

**ELIGIBILITY & COMPLIANCE:**

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| ***Please answer every question.*** | YES | NO |
| 1. Does your agency have a policy regarding discrimination, sexual harassment, confidentiality and/or privacy, and is your agency able to comply with all aspects of 7 AAC 78.120 Equal Employment Opportunity? |  |  |
| 1. Is your agency able to comply with all sections of the grant agreement as written in the provided sample? |  |  |
| 1. Does your organization comply with all applicable legal, local, state and federal operating and reporting requirements (e.g. nondiscrimination, biennial report for the State of Alaska Dept. of Commerce)? |  |  |
| 1. In the last 12 months, have there been any governmental agency led investigations of your agency for violations of local, state, or federal laws? |  |  |
| 1. Does your agency comply with provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley applicable to non-profit corporations (whistleblower protection and implementation of document retention and destruction policies)? |  |  |

**Opioid Remediation Training and Education Grant Budget Worksheet**

***Please provide a budget with a narrative on your grant request. How will you spend the funding if you receive this grant? (e.g. what specific training or education will you or your staff attend? What type of training/education will you provide for Prevention of addiction, to help the Recovery of addicts, to provide education or training for Treatment or Harm Reduction?)***

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**Please provide a short description of the intended use of each line item shown above.**

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