## Infrastructure Share, Round 2 COAC Questions and Answers

1. **Question:** If an organization was awarded in the first round, are they eligible to apply for this second round of funds? If yes, can the proposal be for the same project that they were awarded for in the first round?

**Answer:** Current Infrastructure Share grantees are allowed to apply for funding from the Infrastructure Share Funding Opportunity, Round 2. Your proposal can be an extension of current projects/programs as long as there is no overlap in the proposed budget and work plan. It should be noted, the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council ("COAC") Infrastructure Share Policy states, "Applications from entities that have not previously received funding from the Infrastructure Share shall be given higher priority".

2. **Question:** Hi, we are a for profit Opioid Treatment Program that has been operating since 2015. We are located in Grand Junction and are needing to expand our building so that we can increase the number of patients we are able to treat (which is steadily growing). Would we qualify to apply for these funds?

**Answer:** Applicants may only be the State, Participating Local Governments, Regional Opioid Abatement Council, or a combination thereof. We suggest you consult and coordinate with a Participating Local Government or Regional Opioid Abatement Council. All opioid settlement funds, including Infrastructure Share funds, shall be used for forward-looking abatement strategies, not to reimburse for previous expenses. To find your region's contact, go to this link for all <u>regional points</u> <u>of contact</u>.

Depending on the specifics of the proposed program or strategy, yes, this does align with the approved purposes in the <u>Colorado Opioid Settlement MOU</u>. Please include additional details in your submitted work plan. Please see the Approved Purposes in <u>Exhibit A</u> of the <u>Colorado Opioid</u> <u>Settlement MOU</u> for more information.

3. **Question:** Question for infrastructure fund applicants: How will applications be addressed if the regional council does not offer a letter of support for the applying organization?

Example: A harm reduction agency is applying for funding but their regional council is not comfortable funding harm reduction.

Would hate to see the regional council become a barrier to agencies receiving funds.

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The COAC has prioritized collaboration to maximize the impact of Infrastructure Share funds. It is strongly recommended that a Letter of Support be provided by the Regional Opioid Abatement Council(s) where the project/program is located and/or serving.

- If a Letter of Support is not included in the application, please note the reason. Examples could include lack of time for Regional Opioid Abatement Council to review the application or Regional Opioid Abatement Council does not approve of the application (and if so, why).
- Lack of submission of a Letter of Support from the Regional Opioid Abatement Council is not grounds for denial of an application, however the rationale will be reviewed as part of the evaluation process.
- The COAC reserves the right to contact the Regional Opioid Abatement Council(s) where the project/program is located and/or serving.

It should be noted that Letters of Support from any relevant partnering agency, organization or Regional Opioid Abatement Council can be submitted with the application but are also optional.

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