



# Colorado Opioid Abatement Council



# Announcement of Funding

Infrastructure Share  
Funding Opportunity  
Round 4 (2025-26)

Completed proposals due: **Jan. 14, 2026**



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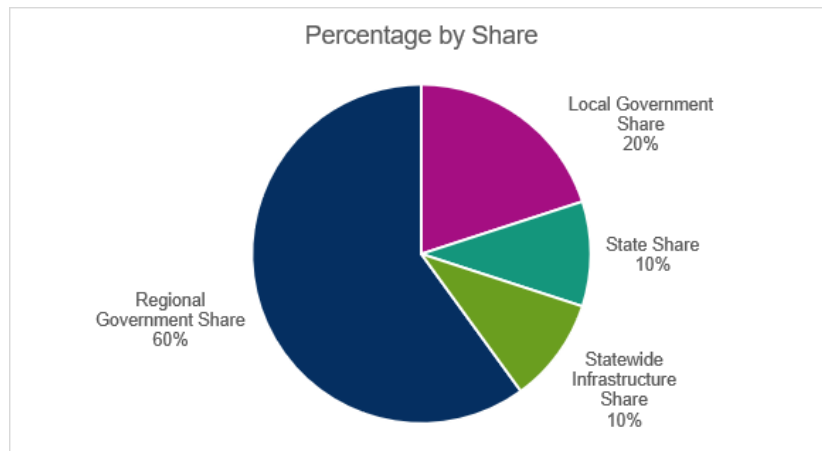
# Infrastructure Share Background & Overview

## Background

The [Colorado Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) \(opens PDF\)](#), finalized between the Colorado Attorney General’s Office and the local governments of Colorado, defines the methods of governance, distribution, and expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds (Opioid Funds) received by Colorado. Per the terms of the MOU, Opioid Funds are allocated through four different funding streams:

- 60% for **Regional Government Share**: Allocated to the 19 Regional Opioid Abatement Councils (ROACs) established under the MOU
- 20% for **Local Government Share**: Participating Local Governments, known as PLGs, may elect to either directly receive funds or redirect funds to their ROAC
- 10% for **State Share**: Managed by the Department of Law (DOL)
- 10% for **Infrastructure Share**: Managed by the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC)

Opioid Funds for this funding opportunity come from the Statewide Infrastructure Share.



To be considered for funding, applications must fall within the parameters of [Approved Uses \(opens PDF\)](#) as defined in Exhibit E, Schedule B of the national opioid Settlements.

## Purpose of Infrastructure Share

According to Section (G)(2) of the MOU, *“The purpose of the Statewide Infrastructure Share is to promote capital improvements and provide operational assistance for developing or improving the infrastructure necessary to abate the opioid crisis anywhere within the State of Colorado. The Statewide Infrastructure Share is intended to supplement Opioid Settlement Funds received by any Party or Region.”* It is further intended to *“meet the needs of rural and underserved populations in Colorado,”* as described in the [Infrastructure Share Policy \(opens PDF\)](#).

### **Application Factors**

Applicants are encouraged to submit collaborative application requests that address unmet needs by existing funding sources. The COAC will consider the following funding priorities in its review of applications:

1. Applications that serve underserved, rural, and/or disproportionately impacted regions or communities of Colorado. Applications from such regions or communities will be given additional consideration.
2. Applications that demonstrate collaboration between multiple Regional Opioid Abatement Councils (ROACs), Participating Local Governments (PLGs), and/or Colorado State Agencies.
3. Applications that align and supplement other Opioid Funds received by Regional Opioid Abatement Councils (ROACs), Participating Local Governments (PLGs), Colorado State Agencies, and/or applications that include matching or in-kind funding support from other sources.
4. Proposals demonstrating Sustainability that will continue after the expenditure of Statewide Infrastructure Share funds.

### **Pre-Application Interest Form | Notice of Intent to Apply**

To assist in planning for the review of applications, interested Applicants are encouraged to submit a non-binding [Notice of Intent to Apply \(opens Microsoft form\)](#) by **December 15, 2025**. This form will ensure interested Applicants are notified of important dates and deadlines, including the pre-application webinar and online office hours, and will be used solely for planning purposes.

### **Questions and Inquiries**

All questions regarding this funding opportunity should be submitted via the [Q&A Form \(opens Microsoft form\)](#), which closes on **January 8, 2026**. Applicants should monitor the [COAC webpage \(opens webpage\)](#) for any updates to this funding opportunity.

To preserve the integrity of the review process, the administrator will not answer, nor advise on, questions related to the merits or strengths of a proposed application. The administrator will only reiterate what is contained in the materials on the COAC webpage and, where necessary, offer additional clarifications.

Prior to submitting an application, Applicants are encouraged to attend the pre-application webinar and office hours calls (see Schedule of Activities) to learn more about this opportunity.

## Schedule of Activities

This schedule of activities is for information and planning purposes only.

ACTIVITY	DATE*
Funding opportunity announced <a href="#">See COAC webpage (opens webpage)</a>	October 15, 2025
Pre-application webinar <a href="#">Register here (opens Zoom webpage)</a>	Friday, Nov. 7, 2025 1:00pm MT
Online office hours #1 <a href="#">Register here (opens Zoom webpage)</a>	Friday, Nov. 14, 2025 12:00pm MT
Online office hours #2 <a href="#">Register here (opens Zoom webpage)</a>	Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025 1:00pm MT
Online office Hours #3 <a href="#">Register here (opens Zoom webpage)</a>	Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 12:00pm MT
Deadline to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply <a href="#">Submit Notice of Intent to Apply (opens form)</a> <i>Non-binding and not a requirement of application</i>	December 15, 2025
Q&A Form closes <a href="#">Submit questions here (opens Microsoft form)</a>	January 8, 2026
Online office hours #4 <a href="#">Register here (opens Zoom webpage)</a>	Friday, Jan. 9, 2026 11:00am MT
<b>Applications due</b> Submit via <a href="#">Infrastructure Salesforce Portal (opens webpage)</a>	<b>January 14, 2026</b> <b>11:59pm MT</b>
Evaluation period	January – May 2026
Estimated notification of award	June 2026
Estimated award distribution	Summer 2026
<i>*The COAC reserves the right to revise the dates in this schedule.</i>	

# Application Requirements

## Eligibility

According to the MOU, eligible Applicants for the Infrastructure Share include:

- Local governments that participated in the Colorado Opioids Settlement MOU<sup>1</sup>
- Colorado State Agencies/state government entities
- Colorado Regional Opioid Abatement Councils (ROACs), which were formed as a result of the MOU and have a Colorado governmental entity serving as the Fiscal Agent.

Organizations that are not included in the list of eligible applicants are not able to directly apply for Infrastructure Share funding. However, they may be listed as an Implementing Organization on a collaborative application submitted by one of the eligible entities listed above.

Although the application requires one entity to serve as Applicant, multi-agency partnerships are possible and highly encouraged for Infrastructure Share funding. Joint applications, involving active participation by more than one organization, should demonstrate evidence of prior interaction and responsible partnership among the various organizations.

If multiple organizations are applying together, please select one entity to serve as the Applicant. Any additional entities should be listed as “Implementing Organizations.” The primary Applicant should be the governmental entity or ROAC that will accept the terms of the Award Letter, receive the disbursed funds, be responsible for funds management, and submit the required annual Expenditure Reports.

Applications may be removed from consideration if the COAC determines that the application fails to demonstrate financial viability, program Sustainability, or if the request falls outside the parameters of [Approved Uses \(opens PDF\)](#).

## Decision and Notification

Applicants will be notified via email from [coac@coag.gov](mailto:coac@coag.gov) regarding funding decisions. The estimated notification date is listed in the Schedule of Activities.

Applicants selected to receive an award will be provided with a template Award Letter, defining the terms of the award. If an Applicant requests modifications to the terms within the Award Letter, the decision to reject, accept, or further negotiate any requested changes will be at the sole discretion of the COAC. In the event an Applicant’s requested modifications violate the terms of the MOU, State or federal law, regulation, or policy, or would otherwise not serve the best interest of

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<sup>1</sup>Local governments shall include “all counties in the State of Colorado and the municipalities, towns, and county and city municipal corporations that are listed in Exhibit B (of the [Colorado Opioid Memorandum of Understanding \(opens PDF\)](#))” [Section (A)(5), Colorado MOU]

Colorado and the Infrastructure Share, the COAC may determine that an application is no longer responsive and therefore ineligible for the award.

*Any announcement of prospective or awarded applications will be sent via e-mail or in another format, as determined by the COAC, and shall be within the timing and discretion of the COAC.*

## How to Apply

### **Submission Instructions**

The Application Checklist available on the [COAC webpage \(opens webpage\)](#) contains a complete list of the required and optional materials for this funding opportunity. Applications must be received electronically, via the Infrastructure Salesforce Portal (linked below), by no later than **11:59 p.m. MT on January 14, 2026**. Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.

**Submit via the Infrastructure Salesforce Portal\***: <https://general.coag.gov/s/funding-opportunity-apply-coac?templateid=a2bcs00000CUrw1AAD>

**Deadline to submit:** 11:59 p.m. MT on January 14, 2026

\*Due to technical limitations, it is not possible to save a draft of your application in the Salesforce Portal, so we recommend you download and prepare all materials outside of the application portal. Applicants should be prepared to submit all required materials and attachments at one time.

All submitted applications will receive an automated email confirming receipt of application. If the Applicant has not received a confirmation email within 1-2 hours after submission, please email [coac@coag.gov](mailto:coac@coag.gov) as this may mean your application has not been received.

Late applications may not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure their application is received via email, as listed in these instructions, on or before the due date. It is incumbent upon Applicants to monitor the [COAC webpage \(opens webpage\)](#), carefully and regularly, for any notices or modifications to this funding opportunity.

## Budget and Funding Period

### **Funding Period**

The COAC will award Infrastructure Share funds in accordance with the terms of the MOU. To understand how Opioid Funds are distributed in Colorado, please visit the [Colorado Opioid Settlement Dashboard \(opens webpage\)](#).

After selecting the Awardees for this round of Infrastructure Share funding, the COAC will issue an official Award Letter and authorize a one-time transfer of funds to the Awardee. Per the terms of the MOU, funds may only be transferred to appropriate State Agencies, Regional Fiscal Agents (Fiscal Agent), or Participating Local Governments. Infrastructure Share funds may be

held by either the State or third-party entities, often referred to as National Administrators, to be disbursed directly as a one-time, lump-sum transfer.

### **Budget Period**

The funds awarded must be spent within two (2) years of the Award Date. Any use of funds beyond two years must be reviewed and approved by the COAC. Please note that Infrastructure Share funds cannot be used to cover any costs that were incurred before the Award Date.

### **Budget Requirements**

Applicants must submit a proposed Budget and Workplan (available on the COAC webpage) to be eligible for this funding opportunity. Please prepare to submit the Budget and Workplan (using the template provided) as an Excel document, **not** a PDF.

If an Awardee wishes to amend their Budget or Workplan during the Award Cycle, a Budget and Workplan amendment must be submitted to [coac@coag.gov](mailto:coac@coag.gov). The updated amendment form will be made available to Awardees upon request. On behalf of COAC, DOL staff will review the requested amendment to ensure alignment with the terms of the original Award Letter, Approved Uses, and to prevent supplanting of funds. In the review process, DOL staff may request additional information to verify these components.

### **Administrative Costs and Indirect Costs**

Applicants may include Administrative Costs and/or Indirect Costs in their budget request. However, these two types of costs are distinct, and Applicants are limited in the amount they can request in their budgets. See Appendix A: Glossary of Terms, available on the [COAC webpage](#), for definitions of both terms and further guidance related to calculating these two types of costs.

### **Capital Assets**

Opioid Funds may be used to finance the purchase or renovation of Capital Assets (see Appendix A: Glossary of Terms, available on the [COAC webpage](#), for a definition of Capital Assets) so long as the assets are used for opioid abatement Approved Uses as described in [Exhibit E \(opens PDF\)](#). Any Capital Asset financed with Opioid Funds shall be used for Approved Uses for a minimum of seven (7) years from the Award Date, notwithstanding an extension of the Award Cycle. Awardees shall provide an annual report in a format determined by the COAC regarding the status of the Capital Asset throughout the five-year period after the conclusion of the Award Cycle. If a Capital Asset is sold or is otherwise no longer used for Approved Uses within the reporting period without the pre-approval of the COAC, the COAC may take remedial action per the COAC Remedial Procedures. The COAC recommends that Capital Assets financed with Opioid Funds be used for Approved Uses for their asset life cycle beyond the seven-year monitoring period.

### **Sub-Awardees (Implementing Organizations)**

Applicants that propose funding for sub-awardee(s), also known as Implementing Organization(s), are encouraged to draft an agreement with their sub-awardees defining the process by which they will distribute, manage, and report on Infrastructure Share funds. Applicants are encouraged to

share a copy of any agreements with the COAC ([coac@coag.gov](mailto:coac@coag.gov)) to ensure proper oversight.

Effective agreements may address some of the following questions, including but not limited to:

- How will funds be distributed from the Applicant to the Implementing Organizations?
- How will subcontractors be compensated?
- Which entities will submit quarterly progress reports?
- How will the Applicant (Organization) coordinate annual expenditure reporting?
- If the budget includes Indirect or Administrative Costs, how will those funds be split between the various project partners?
- Dispute resolution procedures between organizations

**Supplanting of Funds is NOT an Approved Use**

Please note that per COAC's guidance, [Supplanting Funds is NOT an "Approved Use" \(opens PDF\)](#)

As described in the document linked above, the COAC defines "supplantation" as:

*"To deliberately replace or reduce existing federal, state, or locally allocated funds with Opioid Settlement Funds. Opioid Settlement Funds are to be used to create, maintain, and/or expand program activities. Opioid Settlement Funds are not to be used to replace or reduce existing federal, state, or local funds that have already been appropriated or allocated for the same purpose."*

## Reporting

Awardees will be required to submit 2-3 annual Expenditure Reports, 7 quarterly progress reports, and 1 final report. All reports should align with the Awardee's approved Budget and Workplan. Acceptance of funds indicates agreement with the terms of reporting.

Please note: Unless otherwise determined by the COAC, Awardees are required to submit all of these reports, even if the Awardee expends their funds prior to the end of the Award Cycle. The COAC reserves the right to request audited profit and loss statements or additional financial documents at no additional cost to the COAC.

### **Annual Expenditure Reports**

Awardees are required to submit annual Expenditure Reports, using a format determined by the COAC. On an annual basis, the COAC will publish on the [publicly available dashboard \(opens webpage\)](#) all expenditure data from these awards. The COAC may request additional information or virtual meetings as necessary to assist in reporting. Awardees are subject to any accounting as required by the COAC. A lack of response to such requests may be grounds for remedial action. The Awardee will be expected to comply with the terms of their approved Budget and Workplan.

**Please note:** Annual expenditure reports must be submitted by the Applicant/governmental entity listed on the application. Implementing Organizations may be involved in the expenditure reporting process, but the final review and submission must be done by the governmental entity, which serves as the fiduciary and is responsible for any Infrastructure Share funds received.

### **Quarterly Progress Reports**

Quarterly progress reports will be due to the COAC, using a format determined by the COAC, which may request additional information or virtual meetings as necessary to assist in reporting. A lack of response to such requests may be grounds for remedial action. The Awardee will be expected to comply with the terms of their approved Budget and Workplan.

Awardees will be required to report on certain progress reporting metrics that align with their selected Focus Area (prevention, harm reduction, treatment, etc.). See Appendix B: Progress Reporting Metrics, available on the [COAC webpage](#), for the list of required and optional reporting metrics which will be used by the COAC to assess the reach and short-term outcomes of awarded projects. After the selection process, the administrator will work with Awardees to identify and confirm which reporting metrics the Awardee will report on in quarterly progress reports.

Quarterly progress reports may be submitted by either the Applicant/governmental entity or Implementing Organization(s), or a combination thereof. Regardless of which entity submits the quarterly reports, Implementing Organizations are encouraged to keep the Applicant/governmental entity informed of the status of the project/program.

### **Final Report**

In the final quarter of the Award Cycle, Awardees must submit one final report, using a template determined by COAC. The COAC reserves the right to request additional information, beyond the prompts contained in the template, including any necessary information to close out the award.

The final report may be submitted by either the Applicant/governmental entity or the Implementing Organization(s), or a combination thereof.

### **Evaluation**

The COAC values evidence-based practice, continuous learning, and program improvement in addressing the opioid crisis. Applicants are strongly encouraged to develop an evaluation and learning plan that supports their ongoing work. If awarded, the COAC will partner with Awardees to support development of evaluation plans, support learning, and incorporate evaluation results into the reporting process. The [OSPRI Tool from Johns Hopkins \(opens webpage\)](#) is a valuable tool that provides example questions, example data-points, and other helpful tips for evaluating the impact of projects/programs funded by Opioid Settlement Funds. The [CDC's Program Evaluation Framework \(opens webpage\)](#) offers another guide for designing and conducting evaluation across many programs and settings. Funding for evaluation activities is an Approved Use.

Applicants will be asked to describe their program theory, evaluation plan, data points, and data collection approach in the Section III. Narrative. If Applicants have questions, please submit an inquiry via the Q&A form or join during an upcoming office hours call (see Schedule of Activities).

### **Awardee Learning Forums**

At least one representative from the Applicant (Organization) or Implementing Organizations must attend quarterly virtual Awardee Learning Forums. Hosted by administrative staff at the Colorado Department of Law, these forums will cover a variety of relevant topics, including technical assistance, quarterly reporting, expenditure reporting, resource-sharing, award management, and stories of success. Awardees will have the opportunity to raise questions, discuss challenges, receive support from Department of Law staff, and network with other Infrastructure and State Share recipients. Details will be provided in the terms of the Award Letter. Questions can be directed to [coac@coag.gov](mailto:coac@coag.gov).

### **Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference**

At least one representative from the Applicant (Organization) or Implementing Organizations is required to attend the annual Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference. This Conference is held in-person and is a valuable opportunity to receive technical assistance, learn about statewide efforts to combat the opioid crisis, and participate in a community of practice with other funding recipients. Budgets may include travel expenses for staff to attend the Conference. When entering conference related expenses into the template Budget, please select "K. Training" as the Approved Use in column D of the Budget. Costs to attend the COAC Conference should not exceed \$1,500 in a given calendar year. Further questions can be directed to [coac@coag.gov](mailto:coac@coag.gov).

**Remedial Procedures**

Any remedial action taken against Awardees that misuse funds from the Infrastructure Share shall be in accordance with [COAC Remedial Procedures – Statewide Infrastructure Funds \(opens PDF\)](#).