

# Frequently Asked Questions

Infrastructure Share Funding Opportunity

## 1. Are funds from the Infrastructure Share affected by state or federal budget cuts?

No, state and federal budget cuts do not affect opioid settlement funds (including the Infrastructure Share, State Share, Regional Share, or Local Government Share) secured by Attorney General Weiser and the Colorado Department of Law from lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. To learn more about the Settlement framework, visit the Colorado Opioid Settlement Dashboard (opens webpage).

#### 2. Are nonprofits and for-profit entities eligible to apply for Infrastructure funding?

Non-profit and for-profit organizations are **not** eligible to directly apply for Infrastructure Share funding. However, they may be listed as a sub-awardee (also known as an "Implementing Organization") on a collaborative application submitted by a Colorado Regional Opioid Abatement Council (COAC), State Agency, or a Participating Local Government (PLG) in Colorado. See the Round 4 funding announcement, available on the <u>COAC webpage (opens new tab)</u>, for more information.

Please note that non-profit entities **are** eligible to directly apply for the <u>Resilient</u> <u>Colorado Grant (opens webpage)</u>, which closes on December 18, 2025, and is offering up to \$12 million to Colorado organizations. Please see <u>this helpful graphic (opens PDF)</u> to understand the differences between these funding opportunities.

# 3. Can we apply for both the Infrastructure Share Funding Opportunity **and** the Resilient Colorado Grant?

Yes, entities may apply for either or both funding opportunities, which are managed and awarded separately. If Applicants are interested in applying for both funding streams, please see this helpful graphic (opens PDF) to understand the key dates and deadlines, funding priorities, and eligibility. Applicants are encouraged to only request the amount needed to carry out their proposed projects/programs, and if applying for both funding opportunities, the submitted budget requests should be

related to the specific funding opportunity. Identical expenses will **not** be funded through both of the funding opportunities. Please keep in mind that supplantation of funds is not allowed and is NOT an Approved Use, as described in the recent <u>COAC</u> guidance document (opens PDF).

The <u>Resilient Colorado Grant (opens webpage)</u> closes on December 18, 2025. The <u>Round 4 Infrastructure Funding Opportunity (opens webpage)</u> funding opportunity, of which the COAC makes funding determinations, closes on January 14, 2026.

# 4. Are we required to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply if we plan to apply?

No, all applicants are encouraged to submit a <u>Notice of Intent to Apply (opens Microsoft form)</u> by December 15, 2025, but it is **not** a requirement of application.

#### 5. What is the difference between 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 different, and Applicants are limited in the amount they can request in their budgets. Please see the Appendix A:

Glossary of Terms, available on the COAC webpage (opens new tab) for definitions of both terms and further guidance related to calculating these two types of costs.

#### 6. What is the maximum amount of funding we can request?

Applicants may request up to \$750,000 per application. However, Applicants are encouraged to only request the amount needed to carry out their proposed project/program. The COAC will consider the size of the request compared to the annual operating budget of the Applicant and Implementing Organizations when making award determinations. Applications that intend to request more than \$750,000 must provide notice to the COAC (coac@coag.gov) at least 5 business days prior to the application deadline. Failing to properly notify the COAC may result in disqualification or penalization of the submitted application.

# 7. Can organizations that previously received Infrastructure funding apply again?

There is currently no restriction that prevents previous Infrastructure awardees from applying again for future funding opportunities.

# 8. Can this funding opportunity be used to pay for capital costs **and** staffing costs?

Yes, consistent with the purpose of the Infrastructure Share, funds may be used to fund "capital improvements or operational assistance [...] necessary to abate the opioid crisis," which may include the purchase and/or renovation of capital assets, purchase of equipment, materials and supplies, staffing and personnel, etc. Please

see tab 4 of the Section IV. Budget and Workplan document, available on the <u>COAC</u> webpage (opens new tab), for a full list of the budget categories.

# 9. What is required if we receive funding to purchase or renovate a capital asset?

Opioid Funds may be used to finance the purchase or renovation of Capital Assets so long as the capital asset(s) are used for opioid abatement Approved Uses as described in <a href="Exhibit E">Exhibit E</a> (opens PDF). See Appendix A: Glossary of Terms, available on the <a href="COAC">COAC</a> webpage (opens new tab) for a definition of Capital Assets. 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.

# 10. Are school districts eligible to directly apply for Infrastructure funding?

Colorado school districts are **not** signatories of the <u>Colorado MOU (opens PDF)</u> and are therefore not eligible to directly apply for Infrastructure Share funding. However, they may be listed as a sub-awardee (also known as an "Implementing Organization") on a collaborative application submitted by a Colorado Regional Opioid Abatement Council, state agency, or one of the 312 local governments that participated in the <u>Colorado MOU (opens PDF)</u>. See the round 4 funding announcement, available on <u>COAC webpage (opens new tab)</u>, for more information.

Please note that school districts, individual schools, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) **are** eligible to directly apply for the Resilient Colorado Grant funding opportunity which is open now and closes on December 18, 2025. See the Colorado Department of Law <u>funding opportunities webpage (opens new tab)</u> for more information.