



**COLORADO**  
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# **Community-Rooted Opioid Response Grant**

## **RFA #LAAA 2026\*02**

### **2026-2029**

## **Information Webinar #1 for Applicants**

*June 17, 2026*

**The webinar will begin shortly!**

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# Webinar Information

- This presentation is being recorded and will be posted later on the DOL Funding Opportunities website
- Closed Captioning is available
- All participants are on mute
- Please enter your questions into the Q/A box

# Agenda

- About the Community-Rooted Opioid Response Grant
- Purpose, Eligibility and Funding Overview
- Key Dates & Deadlines
- Notice of Intent to Apply
- Application Components and Submission Guidance
- Evaluation & Selection
- Post-Award Expectations
- Q & A

# Community-Rooted Opioid Response Grant

**Purpose:** The intention of this funding opportunity is to reduce the negative impacts of substance use, prevent substance misuse, and/or reduce the risk of opioid overdose (both fatal and nonfatal) in communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid crisis by supporting organizations that center the voices of people with lived and living experience.

**Total Funds Available:** Up to \$2,500,000

**Estimated Funding Period:** January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029 (3 years)

# Project Focus: Overdose Prevention and Community-Based Engagement

**Focus:** Projects funded through this grant must focus on prevention, early intervention, or recovery-oriented activities that improve engagement with individuals at highest risk, including ongoing support, connection, and recovery support services.

This funding opportunity is not intended to support large-scale clinical treatment expansion, capital projects, or system infrastructure. Instead, it is designed to support community-rooted organizations in delivering front-line, lifesaving, and engagement-focused services that complement broader statewide investments.

# Project Focus: Examples

- Using peer-led and culturally responsive approaches that foster trust and connection to provide outreach to and engagement of individuals at high risk of overdose.
- Implementing community-based, evidenced informed prevention efforts such as reduced social access and physical access and stigma reduction.
- Creating or supporting community-based education or intervention services for families, youth, and adolescents at risk for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH Conditions.
- Providing overdose prevention strategies (e.g., naloxone training, fentanyl test strips, overdose education) for individuals at greatest risk of overdose.

# Project Focus: Examples Continued

- Providing navigation and connection to treatment, recovery, or other supportive services, including family, caregiver, or community-based supports that help individuals successfully access and remain engaged in care.
- Delivering community outreach to provide referrals to harm reduction services, treatment, recovery supports, health care or other appropriate services.
- Conducting post-overdose follow-up to reduce risk of future overdose.

# Eligibility

Applicants must demonstrate they meet all the following criteria:

- Be a non-profit (501(c)3) organization in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State, and
- Have an annual operating budget of \$1,500,000 or less, and
- Identify as a “By and For” Organization, and
- Have been in operation at least 2 years.

\*Please note: Pass-through funds and contingency funds within annual operating budgets **do not** count towards the \$1.5M cap.

# "By and For" Organizations

"By and For" Organizations are created, led, and sustained by the communities they serve. With missions and histories grounded in supporting a specific population, they are culturally based and meaningfully controlled by individuals from that community. Their programs reflect and uphold the community's core cultural values.

These communities may include: BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, people who speak languages other than English, immigrants, refugees, asylees, and/or displaced people; veterans; people experiencing homelessness; rural and frontier; people with lived and living experience of substance use/recovery communities, and people with disabilities.

# Funding Overview

- Reimbursement-based funding
- Funds must align with Approved Purposes in the National Opioid Settlements and must be project related
- Budget categories: Personnel, Materials & Supplies/Operating, Travel, Contracts/Subgrants, and Indirect
- Up to 15% of the Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) is eligible for indirect (unless federally negotiated rate provided)
- Unallowable expenses: capital construction or campaigns, the purchase of vehicles or real property, lobbying expenses and/or fundraising costs

# Max Award Calculation

No individual award will exceed the lesser of \$500,000 or 25% of the applicant's annual budget at the time of the application per year of the award.

Example: If an organization has a current annual budget of \$500,000, they can apply for up to  $\$500,000 \times 25\% = \$125,000 \times 3 \text{ years} = \$375,000$

Applicants are recommended to only request the amount needed to carry out their proposed project.

# Key Dates & Timeline

Date	Activity
June 1, 2026	RFA Published
June 17, 2026	Pre-Application Webinar #1
June 24, 2026	Notice of Intent to Apply
July 16, 2026	Pre-Application Webinar #2
<b>July 30, 2026</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
August – October, 2026	Evaluation Period
November 2026 (estimated)	Notification of Award
January 1, 2027	Contract Start Date

# Notice of Intent to Apply

Submit "Notice of Intent to Apply" by 11:59pm (MST) on Wednesday, June 24

Brief Survey that covers:

- Organization/agency name
- Contact information
- Eligibility
- Service Population

The notice of intent is not binding, but it is important for planning purposes. If a notice of intent is not submitted, you are still eligible to apply for the funding opportunity.

# Application Components

submit all components in Salesforce

1. Application Form (Salesforce Form)
2. Project Narrative (use Word template provided – note word limits)
3. Budget (use Excel template provided)
4. Work Plan (use Word template provided)
5. Additional Documents
  - a. Current Year Budget
  - b. Certificate of Good Standing from Colorado Secretary of State
  - c. Non-profit tax-exempt status

**Submission Deadline: Thursday, July 30, 2026, by 11:59pm (MST)**

# Evaluation & Selection

## **Evaluation Process:**

- Eligibility screening
- Independent Evaluation Committee review
- Recommendations to Department of Law Custodial Fund Advisory Committee for final selection

# Evaluation Criteria

The criteria for scoring are in direct correlation to the required application components. Scoring of eligible applications will be determined based on:

- 17% Problem Description
- 17% Project Description
- 33% Lived Experience and Connection to Community
- 8% Project Evaluation
- 25% Alignment between narrative, work plan and budget

# Post-Award Expectations

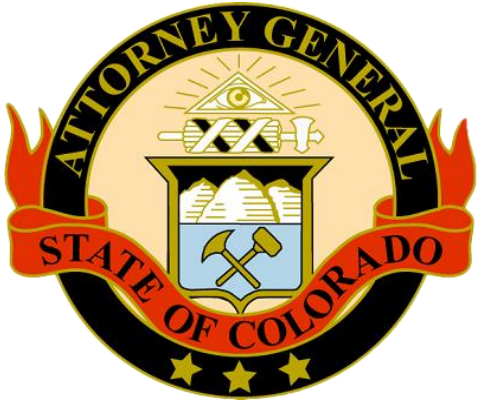
- Quarterly reimbursement and progress reports
- Annual expenditure reports
- Required metrics aligned with where the project falls along the continuum of care (prevention, overdose prevention, recovery, etc.).
- Participation in Department of Law quarterly Learning Forums and attendance at the annual Opioid Abatement Conference
- Commitment to transparency and continuous improvement
- Proactive communication with the Grants team

# Questions?

Questions can be submitted via email to [procurement@coag.gov](mailto:procurement@coag.gov) by July 28, with answers posted to the website and updated periodically.



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**Second Webinar: Thursday, July 16  
10:00am-11:30am**



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