

Sequatchie County Opioid Initiative Application for Opioid Settlement Funding

Application due date	[application due date]
Anticipated notice of award	[award notice date]
Anticipated funding period	[funding period]
Submission date	1-1-24

Organizational Information

Organization name	<i>Example Drug Coalition</i>
<p>Purpose of organization:</p> <p>The <i>Example Drug Coalition</i> is a dedicated force in combating substance misuse within our community. Our purpose is to prevent, educate, and address substance use issues through community-driven initiatives. Our drug coalition focuses on awareness, prevention, and resource mobilization to create a comprehensive and sustainable approach. By fostering collaboration, the coalition aims to reduce substance misuse, improve community well-being, and provide support for those affected by substance misuse, ultimately creating a healthier and safer environment and county.</p>	
Type of organization (501c3, for profit, governmental)	Nonprofit, 501c3
Federal tax ID number	55-EXAMPLE
Is your organization certified, licensed, or accredited by the state of TN? If yes, provide documentation.	<p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>501c3 documentation attached.</p>
Amount of funding currently being received from Sequatchie County and purpose	\$0
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Title of project director	Executive Director
Name of project contact	John Doe
Title of project contact	Executive Director

Project Information

Project title: Expanding Recovery Support
<p>Project description:</p> <p>The <i>Example Drug Coalition</i> is seeking grant funding to expand a program focused on enhancing recovery support through the employment of an additional Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS). Our coalition successfully established and implemented a recovery support program by hiring our first CPRS in 2021. The existing CPRS has provided peer support services to 163 clients and their families within our community since their start date in 2021. The program and position has been extremely impactful within our community but there is still a need for additional support.</p> <p>Our current CPRS is responsible for providing recovery support and resources to non-justice individuals and their families. However, given the intersectionality of the justice system and substance use, we see the need for a full-time CRPS that will work specifically with justice-involved individuals. Hiring this position would expand our recovery support program by offering support services to justice-involved individuals in recovery from mental health or substance use disorders.</p> <p>[Please provide any details about the project that you feel is necessary. Also include any data on the success of current or relevant projects. For example: <i>The existing CPRS has provided peer support to services to 163 clients and their families within our community since their start date in 2021.</i>]</p>
<p>Project objectives:</p> <p>By the end of the fiscal year 2025, <i>Example Drug Coalition</i> aims to decrease recidivism rate among program participants by 25% when compared to overall justice-involved population in <i>Example County</i>.</p>

[An organization can have as many objectives as they want. It is recommended that objectives be **SMART**; Specific, measurable, achievable, relevant/reasonable, and time-bound. The activities included below should show how the organization plans to accomplish the objective(s)]

Project activities:

1. Obtain a CPRS
2. Train support staff and volunteers to coordinate and/or carry out appropriate referrals and support services for justice-involved individuals
3. Provide peer support meetings and recovery support services in jail and community regularly
4. Support clients in developing and maintaining a personalized plan for recovery

[Activities may include as much detail as needed for the reviewer to fully understand the program. If you are using existing and specific tools, courses, and programs within your activities, please list and link those if possible.]

Project partners or collaborators:

Our organization partners with the following list to ensure that our client's needs are met:

- Local court system/drug courts
 - [explanation of how we work together]
- Law enforcement agencies
 - [explanation of how we work together]
- Mental health and substance use disorders providers
 - [explanation of how we work together]
- Housing services
 - [explanation of how we work together]
- Employment services
 - [explanation of how we work together]

[These answers should be more specific about the partner(s). The application should include at least one sentence on how the applying organizations work together with the listed agencies to achieve their activities.]

Expected outcomes and how success will be measured:

Following the listed activities:

1. Outcomes: Establish program for justice-involved population in county
Measurement: CPRS hired; Procedures in place to receive referrals from justice system
2. Outcomes: Trainings are conducted quarterly
Measurement: Number of trainings and attendees per training
3. Outcomes: 200 peer support meetings conducted, 12 recovery meetings facilitated, and 200 support services provided

Measurement: Number of peer support sessions, recovery meetings, and support services tracked as completed

4. Outcomes: Increase in sustained recovery across 80% of clients

Measurement: Longest recovery period per client

Project timeline:

1. Obtain a CPRS by July 2024
2. Facilitate first training for support staff and volunteers in August 2024 and schedule on a quarterly basis
3. Provide peer support meetings and recovery support services in jail and community regularly starting in August 2024
4. Support clients in developing and maintaining a personalized recovery plan starting in August 2024

[Please provide more detail within the work plan. The above is a general timeline.]

**New or existing project?
(Check one)**

New

Existing

If existing, have/will you receive grant funding from any other source for this project?

Yes

No

If yes, amount:

Federal funded opioid response grant - \$75,000 over 3 years, 08/2022 - 07/2025

[This should include the name of the grant, the funder, the amount, and the grant timeline]

If existing, how will these funds be used to supplement rather than supplant the project?

Our current funding does not account for or allow us to hire a CPRS. It currently allows us to develop materials and hold educational classes by our current staff and volunteers. If awarded from the opioid settlement grant, our federal grant would support the position to facilitate trainings for support staff and volunteers and provide the community additional materials.

[Should include explanation about how the organization will not duplicate existing efforts or use requested funds to replace other funding sources.]

Will you charge a fee or bill insurances for the services provided with this project?

_____ Yes x No

If yes, please describe and provide estimated amounts:

n/a

Is the project evidence-based or based on promising practices? (Provide links to supporting evidence)

 x Yes _____ No

Link(s):

- <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24838535/>
- <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36751908/>
- <https://www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/cprs.html>
- [https://www.jsatjournal.com/article/S0740-5472\(16\)00016-7/fulltext](https://www.jsatjournal.com/article/S0740-5472(16)00016-7/fulltext)
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/resource/ebp/what-are-peer-recovery-support-services>

Data to support the need for the project:

CPRS play a crucial role in the field of mental health and substance use disorder recovery. According to multiple sources listed above, receiving support from CPRS demonstrates higher rates of successful recovery and improved overall well-being. Research has shown that peer support can significantly reduce the risk of relapse and enhance treatment outcomes. The lived experience of a CPRS, having navigated their recovery journey, fosters a unique connection with individuals seeking assistance, promoting trust and understanding.

This peer-driven approach has been associated with increased engagement in treatment programs, decreased hospitalization rates, and a sense of empowerment among those in recovery. The integration of certified peer recovery specialists into the criminal justice system aligns with the evidence-based notion that peer support is a valuable and effective component in the continuum of care for individuals facing mental health and substance use challenges.

**Strategies that will be addressed with funds:
Select all that apply**

- _____ Primary Prevention
- _____ Harm Reduction
- _____ Treatment
- x Recovery Support
- _____ Education & Training
- _____ Research & Evaluation

Target population and geographical area:

Our target population is justice involved individuals and their families in *Example County*.

[Please include as much detail about the populations that will be targeted. Please include specific zip codes if relevant]

Anticipated number of people served with awarded funds:

50 clients

[Make sure to only include the number of people served by the estimated grant funds and not the organization's total number of people served. Number of people served will depend on the type of program and the reach of the program.]

What percentage of funds awarded will be used to serve residents of Sequatchie County?

100%

How will this project meet the Board's main objective of saving lives?

Our program is designed to address the holistic well-being of our clients as they transition into sober living. Every client is unique, and our approach varies based on individual needs. Some may benefit from medical-assisted treatment and transitional living, while others may require intensive outpatient programs or simply recovery meetings. The CPRS will help make these assessments and connections. The funding we seek is crucial to help these individuals rebuild their lives, as many of our clients need to change their current environments to maintain sobriety and avoid the risk of overdose and death.

Funding Information (Must also submit a Budget Template)

Total funding request	\$ 63,250
Budget narrative: <i>Example Drug Coalition</i> will attempt to immediately hire a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist to begin training, and to support our justice-involved population. They will utilize voucher money to assist these individuals to begin their detox or continue their sobriety in whatever ways are necessary. They will also transport individuals and/or family members as necessary to get their processes started. Often, additional facilities and resources are located outside of our county, and reliable transportation is critical for successful recovery. Additionally, the CPRS will collaborate with multiple organizations, attend community and work-related meetings, and attend and/or facilitate trainings as needed.	

[Please provide as much detail as possible for each line item within your budget. The narrative gives you a chance to rationalize the need for each item.]

How will this project be sustained after the funding period?

The *Example Drug Coalition* has previously held grants from State agencies, and currently has one Federal grant. In addition to pursuing this grant in future cycles, *Example Drug Coalition* will continue to go after funding at the local, State and Federal levels. Our County has a major gap in warm hand-off programs, and we have continuously proven our ability to secure funding and provide this need.

[Explain any future ideas, such as using cost savings from the new position so that the organization or a related partner can take on the cost of the position.]

Checklist of Required Documents:

- _____ Application for funding
- _____ Completed budget and budget narrative (template provided)
- _____ Work plan (template provided)
- _____ Current annual operating budget
- _____ State certification, licensure, or accreditation if applicable
- _____ Letters of support from any project partners or collaborators