
Building Partnerships to Address Overdose in Rural Georgia: Coalition Funding Opportunity: Request for Applications

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Application Due Date: October 17, 2025, by 5:00pm Eastern Time

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Questions and Answers

General:

Q: How is the funding of this grant structured? Are costs reimbursable?

A: We are aiming for a deliverable-based payment structure, but we are still finalizing the financial reporting process with the donor. If the payment structure is deliverable-based, there will be no more than four (4) mutually agreed upon deliverables spaced across the grant period. It is possible that the donor will require receipts for all purchases and paystubs for staff working on the project. If this level of documentation is required, the CDC Foundation will work closely with subrecipients to support the financial reporting process.

Q: Will questions still be answered after the FAQ is posted?

A: Yes. Questions submitted to cgudmundsen@cdcfoundation.org will be answered directly and the live FAQ document will be updated until the application due date.

Budget and Funding:

Q: Can indirect costs be included in the budget?

A: Yes. As indicated on the budget template, indirect costs may be included.

Q: Are matching funds or in-kind contributions required?

A: No. Matching funds are not required for this funding opportunity. However, applicants may describe other resources or in-kind support that will strengthen the proposed project.

Q: Is our proposed budget required to include funds for an external evaluator?

A: No. If you wish, you can include an external evaluator, but the CDC Foundation will provide extensive evaluation services and technical assistance.

Q: Should our budget include funds for travel to Atlanta in March for the project meeting noted in the RFA?

A: No. The CDC Foundation will cover travel costs for this meeting.

Implementation and Operations:

Q: Can a non-rural county (>50,000 people) serve as the fiscal agent for a coalition serving rural counties?

A: Yes, a non-rural county can serve as the fiscal agent for a coalition serving rural counties, but the project focus must remain on the rural counties.

Q: We recently came across the Public Health and Safety Team Toolkit through the CDC Foundation. Is this an activity that could be included in the proposal?

A: Yes, your community partners can work to establish or sustain a [Public Health and Safety Team](#) (PHAST) to coordinate efforts across sectors.

Q: If a coalition serves more than one rural county, can the application cover multiple counties?

A: Yes. Coalitions may propose projects that span multiple rural counties **if** they can demonstrate:

- All counties meet the criteria for rurality (<50,000 people)
- Strong, existing or planned partnerships across all included counties;
- A clear plan for coordinated implementation (e.g., shared leadership, joint evaluation, aligned prevention activities); and
- The capacity to manage funds and reporting for a multi-county effort.
- Applicants should describe how the collaboration will function across counties and how the proposed strategy will remain feasible and impactful in each.
- Please include a list of all counties and note their eligibility in the application narrative.

Q: Our coalition serves ~10 counties. Can we submit multiple applications? If yes, should those applications be delineated by project activity or geography?

A: Yes, a single coalition can submit multiple applications to serve multiple geographies. Each application should be organized by geography and include all activities that will take place in the counties included in the geographic region.

Q: Are there limits to the number of counties we can include?

A: There is no strict cap, but proposals should stay manageable and clearly demonstrate capacity to implement and monitor activities in each county.

Q: Should activities be focused on overdose prevention, treatment, or both?

A: Activities should be focused on the project goals listed in Section 4: Scope of Work which includes prevention and/or treatment. For further information about types of activities, please reference Section 4 for a list of example activities.

Q: Is a no-cost extension possible?

A: The CDC Foundation is optimistic its funder for this project will enable a no-cost extension. If the CDC Foundation is granted a no-cost extension, it will offer an extension to its subrecipients as well.