

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the Nevada State Opioid Response (SOR 4) Funding Application (Last Updated: 9/4/24)

1. What is the purpose of the Nevada State Opioid Response (SOR) Funding?

The SOR Program is designed to combat the opioid and stimulant crises in Nevada by providing funding to support prevention, treatment, recovery and harm reduction efforts. The funding aims to expand access to evidence-based treatment, improve the quality of care for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorder (StimUD), and enhance efforts to prevent overdose incidents.

2. Who is eligible to apply for SOR funding?

Eligible applicants include:

- **Nevada-Based Government Agencies:** County health departments, city governments, state agencies, and other local government entities.
- **Community-Based Organizations:** Nonprofit organizations, community health centers, substance use treatment providers, tribal entities, and other community-based organizations.
- **Healthcare Providers:** Hospitals, clinics, and healthcare systems.
- **Coalitions and Partnerships:** Collaborative efforts involving multiple stakeholders, including government agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations, and advocacy groups.
- **For-Profit Entities:** Businesses and organizations operating within Nevada that can demonstrate a commitment to addressing the opioid and stimulant crisis through harm reduction, treatment, prevention, or recovery services.

3. What is the project period?

The project period runs from January 1, 2025, through September 29, 2027. However, your initial budget should cover expenses from January 1, 2025, through September 29, 2025. Budgets will need to be resubmitted annually for each subsequent year of the project.

4. Is there a requirement for organizations to have prior experience before applying for funding?

Yes, SAMHSA requires that each mental health or substance use disorder prevention, treatment, harm reduction or recovery support organization must have at least two years of experience providing relevant services as of July 1, 2024. This requirement ensures that organizations have a proven track record in delivering services before receiving SOR funding.

5. What is the Letter of Interest (LOI) and when is it due?

Entities interested in applying for funding are required to submit a short Letter of Interest (LOI) by October 1, 2024. The LOI should include the name of your organization, contact information, the areas of focus your project

addresses (Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, Harm Reduction), the project period dates, and the estimated funding request for Year 1 of the project. The LOI helps the Nevada State Opioid Response Program anticipate application volume and provide tailored guidance to potential applicants.

6. What activities can be funded under the SOR grant?

Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Broadening Access to Naloxone
- Increasing Use of Medications to Treat OUD
- Expanding Access to Evidence-Based Treatment for StimUD
- Providing Treatment and Supports During Pregnancy and Postpartum
- Expanding Services for Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome
- Supporting Warm Handoff Programs and Recovery Services
- Enhancing OUD and StimUD Treatment in Correctional Facilities
- Enriching Prevention Strategies
- Expanding of Harm Reduction Programs
- Developing Partnerships with Social Service Agencies
- Addressing Workforce Shortages
- Increasing Education Opportunities for Behavioral Health Professionals
- Providing Culturally Competent Care
- Increasing MOUD for Youth and Prevention Programs
- Reducing Infectious Diseases Closely Associated with Opioid and/or Stimulant Use Through Enhanced Services
- Increasing Opioid and/or Stimulant-Focused Public Awareness Campaigns
- Supporting Rural Community Initiatives Related to Opioid and/or Stimulant Use
- Supporting Successful Reentry for Justice-Involved Individuals with OUD and/or StimUD
- Integrating Forensic Peers into Carceral Setting to Support Individuals with OUD and/or StimUD
- Bolstering Peer Recovery Support Specialist Work

7. What are the unallowable expenses and activities for SOR grant funds?

Unallowable expenses and activities include:

- Supplanting existing state or local funds.
- Lobbying and advocacy efforts.
- Major construction and capital improvements (with some exceptions for minor renovations).
- Direct payments or cash incentives to service recipients, except as part of an approved contingency management program.
- Costs related to entertainment, food, and beverages (unless specifically approved).
- Expenses related to fines, penalties, or legal fees.
- Services reimbursable by other programs such as Medicaid or private insurance.
- Fundraising activities.

- Goods or services for personal use of the grantee’s employees.
- Repayment of debts or interest on outstanding debts.

Note: This list is not exhaustive. For more information, please consult the [SAMHSA State Opioid Response Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) or contact the Nevada SOR Team.

8. What is a Funding Map, and why is it required?

A Funding Map visually represents all current and anticipated sources of funding for your project. It should show how SOR funds will be used alongside other funding sources without supplanting existing funds. The Funding Map ensures compliance with federal funding requirements by clearly illustrating that SOR funds are used to expand rather than replace existing resources.

9. What should be included in the Sustainability Plan?

Your Sustainability Plan should outline strategies for maintaining the project’s activities and impacts beyond the grant period. This includes identifying potential funding sources, building community partnerships, and enhancing organizational capacity to sustain efforts after the grant ends.

10. What are the requirements for GPRA data collection and reporting?

All entities providing treatment and recovery services under the SOR grant are required to collect and report Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data. This data must be collected at intake, six-month follow-up, and discharge, and entered into SAMHSA’s Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS) within 7 days of collection. Recipients must achieve an 80% follow-up rate and submit quarterly program-level reports.

11. Will there be an informational webinar about the SOR funding application process?

Yes, an informational webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 1:00 PM (PST). The webinar will provide an overview of the SOR 4 application requirements and offer an opportunity for potential applicants to have their questions answered.

Details on how to join the webinar will be provided closer to the date and posted to the [Nevada SOR](#) webpage.

12. Is there a minimum or maximum budget requirement? (added 9/4/24)

No, all projects will be considered so long as the program and budget parameters are aligned with what is outlined in the RFA announcement.

13. How do I submit my application, and when is the deadline?

Complete applications must be submitted electronically via email to Nevada SOR Section Manager Breanne Van Dyne (bvandyne@health.nv.gov) and Nevada SOR Unit Supervisor Ally Abbatangelo (aabbatangelo@health.nv.gov) by October 15, 2024. Late applications are not guaranteed funding during this budget period. However, they may

be considered for inclusion in an application pool for potential funding opportunities at a later time, subject to the availability of funds and the priorities of the program.

14. Who should I contact if I have questions about the application process?

For any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

- Breanne Van Dyne, Nevada SOR Section Manager, bvandyne@health.nv.gov
- Ally Abbatangelo, Nevada SOR Unit Supervisor, aabbatangelo@health.nv.gov