



Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Department of Health & Welfare's Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) is excited to announce a funding opportunity for Idaho medical facilities who provide emergency response services. The purpose of this Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC) funding opportunity is to work with Idaho medical facilities who provide emergency response services, such as Emergency Departments (ED), to implement Recovery Coach Warm Handoff Programs. The goal of ED Warm Handoff programs is to ensure a seamless transition for overdose survivors from emergency medical care to specialty Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment. Trained Recovery Coaches are located at the medical care facility and are available to provide direct, one-on-one assistance and mentorship once the patient is stable. Warm handoffs provide those with SUDs a pathway to treatment and recovery and can decrease the risk of subsequent overdose. Targeted populations for this funding opportunity include Idahoans with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and/or stimulant use disorder who present at a crisis or emergency medical facility.

With the funding, the medical facility will be responsible for implementing the use of Certified Recovery Coaches, and/or Certified Peer Recovery Coaches, within their emergency response clinics. The medical facility must hire up to two (2) Certified Recovery coaches, Certified Peer Recovery Coaches, Provisional Certified Recovery Coaches, or Provisional Certified Peer Recovery Coaches, to work within their current emergency response clinics for up to one year (365 days). At the end of one year (365 days), and/or the conclusion of the subgrant, the medical facility will be held responsible for electing to continue the Warm Handoff Program and, if so, absorbing the cost associated with continued employment of the Recovery Coaches. The medical facility will work to implement a successful model where recovery coaches provide immediate support to hospital identified patients who suffer from OUD and/or stimulant use disorder. The recovery coaches will be responsible for immediately connecting patients to appropriate services and support, including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). In instances where a patient elects to access MAT, EDs may start induction by dosing up to 72 hours, and/or three (3) days, of FDA approved MAT medication. Discharged patients will also be provided with information on where to access naloxone if the medical facility was unable to provide a naloxone kit to the patient immediately upon discharge.

The funding for this opportunity has been provided by the State Opioid Response Grant (SOR) CFDA 93.788 and the Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant (SABG) CFDA 93.9 awarded to the Division of Behavioral Health by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SOR funding will be used to enhance Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC) program. The goals of SOR aim to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to OUD and stimulant use disorders services, promoting recovery and resilience, reducing the number of opiate related deaths, and developing a collaborative approach to providing services and supports.

Total available funding is, \$1,281,070. Subgrants will begin on the date the subgrant is signed by all applicable parties and ending on September 29, 2021, regardless of the start date. This is a competitive award.

Applicants must either be a credentialed Idaho Medical Facility that provides emergency response services, or an organization that is partnering with a local area hospital(s) and has obtained a Statement of Assurances from the local area community hospital(s) which you will be collaborating with to implement an recovery coach Warm Handoff program.

Applications will be accepted by DBH from November 6, 2020 through December 11, 2020.

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