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## **Tribal Opioid Response Grants (TOR) NOFO TI-24-009 Frequently Asked Questions**

<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-24-009>

### **Eligibility**

#### **1. Who is eligible to apply?**

Eligibility is limited to federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribes or tribal organizations. Tribes and tribal organizations may apply individually, as a consortium, or in partnership with an Urban Indian Organization.

#### **2. Can individuals apply for and receive funding through the Tribal Opioid Response Grant program?**

No, individuals cannot apply to this grant. Individuals can find resources for treatment or assistance at SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator (<https://www.findtreatment.gov>) or contact SAMHSA's National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

#### **3. Can FY 2022 TOR grantees apply to this NOFO? What if they will be in a no-cost extension that overlaps with the first grant year?**

Yes, recipients that received their initial funding in fiscal year (FY) 2022 are eligible to apply, including if they have received a no-cost extension that will overlap with the first grant year of the new award cycle.

Please note that the activities approved for a no-cost extension of a previous award are expected to be separate and distinct from the activities planned for year 1 of the new award cycle. Recipients should have a clear plan for completion of the activities of the previous grant while simultaneously administering year 1 of the new grant project.

## Funding Award Amounts

### 4. How much funding can we apply for?

Award amounts will consist of base awards and need-based supplements for applicants who qualify. Base awards will be based on FY 2023 Indian Health Service (IHS) User Population estimate data. Applicants should complete the table in **Appendix A– Annual Base Award Allocation of Tribal Opioid Response Grants** with their IHS service unit and also their current user population estimate number.

Applicants who will provide services to any of the counties listed in **Appendix B- List of Highest Overdose Mortality Counties for Need-Based Supplement Eligibility** will be eligible for need-based supplemental funding. Applicants should identify which counties they will serve in the table in Appendix A and submit as Attachment 9 for consideration. The exact amount of need-based supplemental funds available will be determined after application submission.

### 5. Where can we find our IHS user population estimate?

The FY 2023 IHS User Population Estimate data set can be obtained from IHS or SAMHSA. You may contact [william.longinetti@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:william.longinetti@samhsa.hhs.gov) to obtain the data set. If you have additional questions about the correct estimate number for your Tribe or Tribal organization, please contact your [IHS Area Statistical Officer](#).

## Key Personnel

### 6. What are the minimum qualifications and the level of effort for the Project Director?

The Project Director should possess the qualifications necessary to effectively oversee the substance use disorder treatment, prevention, recovery, and harm reduction activities being funded through the TOR grant project. The minimum level of effort for the Project Director is 0.25 FTE (25 percent level of effort).

## **Required/Allowable Activities**

### **7. Do projects need to conduct all the required activities or select from those listed in the NOFO?**

Recipients do not need to conduct all of the required activities listed in the NOFO.

Recipients are required to select one or more activities from the treatment, recovery support services, prevention, or harm reduction activities listed in the NOFO.

Recipients are not required to choose an activity from all four of the service areas but should choose the most appropriate set of activities to make opioid use disorder treatment, recovery support, prevention, and harm reduction services available in their community.

### **8. Are we able to provide services to individuals who are not enrolled members of our Tribe?**

Recipients should follow their internal Tribal or organizational policies regarding who is eligible to receive services.

### **9. If we cannot provide an activity ourselves, can we subcontract with another provider to implement the activity?**

Yes, recipients may subcontract with another provider to implement grant activities. Non-tribal mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organizations must have at least two years of experience (as of the due date of the application) providing relevant services (official documents must establish that the organization has provided relevant services for the last two years).

Non-tribal mental health/substance use disorder treatment provider organizations must comply with all applicable local (city, county) and state licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements, as of the due date of the application. See page 21 of the FY 2024 TOR NOFO for additional information.

## Data Collection/Reporting

### 10. How often will the recipient collect Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data?

Recipients who provide substance use disorder treatment services will be required to complete the GPRA Client Outcome Measures Tool for Discretionary Programs. This tool collects data on program participants and the services provided during the program.

Data will be collected at three points: intake to SAMHSA-funded services, 6-months post intake, and discharge from the SAMHSA funded services. Recipients should enter their data within 1 day—but no later than 7 days—after the GPRA interview is conducted.

Recipients will also be required to complete and submit the State Opioid Response (SOR)/TOR Program Instrument on a quarterly basis. This tool collects data on program-level outcomes on the following measures:

- Naloxone and other opioid overdose reversal medications purchase and distribution.
- Overdose reversals
- Drug checking supplies
- Education of school-aged children, first responders, and key community sectors on opioid and/or stimulant misuse.

### 11. How do we complete the outcomes table on page 30 of the NOFO?

Applicants must complete the table below with the number of unduplicated individuals who will receive each type of service with grant award funds. For the GPRA/SAMHSA's Performance Accountability and Reporting System (SPARS) Target, applicants must indicate the total number of individuals who will complete the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) GPRA Client Outcome Measures for Discretionary Programs Tool for each award year.

This number will be the total number of individuals receiving grant award-funded treatment and applicable recovery support services (e.g. peer recovery support services).

Number of Unduplicated Individuals to be Served with Award Funds						
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Treatment Services*						
Recovery Support Services*						
Prevention Services						
Harm Reduction Services						
GPRA/SPARS Target						

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