

# DOH PROGRAM 22 – OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANTS

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## I. **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Each grantee is required to support opioid prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery activities across the state, as allowable and outlined by Exhibit E of the final settlement agreement.

## II. **PROGRAM PROCEDURES**

In 2022, the [Governor's Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation](#) (GACOR) reported that the state expected to see approximately \$58 million over the course of 18 years from national opioid settlement funds. In 2024, as part of a plan that incorporated the feedback and recommendations from stakeholders over the last several years, DOH began funding 18 grantees across the seven Public Health Regions, and 1 grantee to provide technical assistance and evaluation services. The three-year grants range from approximately \$100,000 - \$142,000 and are supported with technical assistance through the Alaska Behavioral Health Association. Grantee remediation activities all fall under [Exhibit E](#) of the Opioid Settlement dollars. Main activities include:

- Expanding access and availability to treatment and recovery services
- Implementing culturally responsive Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)/substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery support
- Providing peer support services to navigate access to treatment, recovery, and wraparound services
- Increasing access and training to harm reduction

## III. **COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND SUGGESTED AUDIT PROCEDURES**

### A. **TYPES OF SERVICES ALLOWED OR UNALLOWED -**

1. **Compliance Requirements:** Grantees will use opioid settlement funds to support opioid prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery activities across the state, as allowable and outlined by Exhibit E of the final settlement agreement. Core Strategies are listed below, but a full list of allowable activities can be found in Exhibit E of the final settlement agreement.

#### Upstream/Primary Prevention

- Evidence-based prevention programs in schools
- Education to school-based and youth-focused programs
- Community drug disposal
- Provider education
- Media campaigns to prevent opioid misuse

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## Treatment & Recovery

- Distribution of medication assisted treatment (MAT) to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service, including in correctional and emergency department settings
- Warm hand-off services
- MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), law enforcement, and other first responders
- Comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare
- Evidence-based treatment and recovery support for neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) babies

## Harm Reduction

- Naloxone training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families
- Naloxone distribution to individuals who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover the needed service
- Comprehensive syringe service programs

**Suggested Audit Procedures:** Test financial and related records to determine that funds expended were for purposes specified in the grant.

- a) Review Grant Agreement (GA) including all conditions;
- b) Review grant revisions and amendments and related transmittal letters;
- c) Review licenses, certifications, approvals, status of private nonprofit corporation if applicable;
- d) Review budget documents including final revised budget and budget narrative.

2. **Compliance Requirement:** Costs allowed or unallowed under this program are determined by grant regulations 7 AAC 78 as well as budget documents and special conditions.

**Suggested Audit Procedures:**

- a) Review Department of Health grant regulations 7 AAC 78, and budget documents;
- b) Test financial and related records to determine the appropriateness of costs per 7 AAC 78; and determine whether expenditures are within the budget limits prescribed by 7 AAC 78.
- c) Determine if the mandatory cash or in-kind match was fully expended.

## B. ELIGIBILITY -

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**Compliance Requirement:** To receive an opioid settlement grant, the recipient must be eligible according to Alaska Administrative code 7 AAC 78.030, Eligible Applicants.

**Suggested Audit Procedures:** Review articles of incorporation or other appropriate corporate documents, licenses, certifications, and approvals, to determine status of agency.

### C. MATCHING, LEVEL OF EFFORT AND/OR EARMARKING REQUIREMENTS -

**Compliance Requirement:** There is a no match requirement for these grants, but grantees are required to follow the level of effort and earmarking below:

1. Travel for a minimum of one (1) person, including sub-grantees, to Anchorage for an annual grantee meeting
2. Minimum of 0.25 FTE to support project implementation, including subgrant distribution and reporting
3. Travel for a minimum of one (1) person, including sub-grantees, to Anchorage for an annual grantee meeting
4. Grantees budgets will be fully compliant with the limitations described in this Opioid Settlement Grants solicitation, and those detailed in 7 AAC 78.160 (Costs). No matching is required.

**Suggested Audit Procedures:**

- a) Confirm compliance with budget requirement.
- b) Confirm compliance with administrative cost limit.

### D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS -

1. **Compliance Requirement:** Opioid settlement grantees must submit quarterly activity and expenditure reports no later than thirty (30) days after the close of each quarter and a final expenditure report within thirty (30) days of the last day of the grant year.

**Suggested Audit Procedures:**

- a) Confirm if such reports are being filed timely.
  - b) Reported revenues and expenditures agree with the agency's general ledger;
2. Expenditures are within the budget limits or grant provisions.
  3. **Compliance Requirement:** The agency must clearly show on their audit report any outstanding liability to the State as payable to the State. This includes unspent grant funds and disallowed costs.

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### **Suggested Audit Procedures:**

- a) Determine whether or not the agency has any outstanding liability to the State.
- b) Reviews grant regulation 7 AAC 78.
- c) Review audit report to ensure proper presentation.

### **E. SPECIAL TESTS AND PROVISIONS -**

**Compliance Requirement:** The agencies must act upon any recommendations made by program site review.

**Suggested Audit Procedures:** Obtain copy of program site review if applicable; and determine if recommendations in the site review are being implemented.