



Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Announcement TREATMENT & RECOVERY

PURPOSE: Kentuckians have been hard hit by the impact of the opioid epidemic, creating numerous challenges for families and communities. In 2021, the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC) was established by the General Assembly to oversee a trust fund to distribute settlement funds from lawsuits against certain manufacturers and distributors of opioids. The Commission is made up of 11 members, nine voting and two non-voting, who are charged with the distribution of the Commonwealth's portion of settlement funds. The Commission has adopted nationally recognized principles for allocating funds, including use the money to save lives, use evidence to guide spending, invest in youth prevention, focus on equity for impacted communities across the Commonwealth, and create a fair and transparent process. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide settlement dollars for treatment or recovery focused efforts addressing the opioid epidemic.

POPULATION OF FOCUS:

Funds must be used to provide treatment and recovery services for individuals who have one of the following:

- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and comorbid polysubstance use
- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental illness
- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and comorbid polysubstance use and co-occurring mental illness

FUNDER: Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission through the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: KYOAAC grants are open to any registered entity (for-profit or non-profit) that is in good standing with the Kentucky Secretary of State, as well as counties, cities, towns and other government entities.

FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR TREATMENT & RECOVERY: Projects submitted under this category should primarily focus on addressing active opioid misuse such as linking individuals to substance use treatment or retaining individuals in substance use treatment. This may include supportive services that help build recovery capital such as workforce development, education, family togetherness, housing, and transportation.

For 2026, the Commission has identified certain priorities within the area of Treatment & Recovery for distribution of settlement funds. Priority consideration will be given to applications that address the following:

- Treatment options that fill a need or service gap not being met in the geographic area.
- Emphasis will be on projects that help link and retain people in treatment or recovery, with priority given to efforts that involve:
 - Supportive Housing
 - Transportation – proposals may not include purchase of vehicles but can include operational costs of vehicles or other transportation support costs.
 - Employment Supports – such as recovery-to-work programs or workforce development efforts.
 - Recovery Community Centers
 - Family Togetherness – such as programs that work to keep families united, take a wholistic approach to recovery, and support kinship care.
 - Programs that specifically address Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental illness.
 - Expanded use of Peer Support Specialists
 - Expanded use of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD/MAT)

PRIORITY CRITERIA:

While the Commission may consider all areas of the application, they established several criteria they deem to be considered priorities, which include:

- Projects that demonstrate strong collaboration. If collaboration with other organizations is listed, applications **must** include letters of support, MOAs or other documentation of that collaboration.
- Projects that expand or enhance services or opportunities. Supplanting, defined as replacing funding of a recipient's existing program with awarded funds, is discouraged.
- Recovery housing projects must comply with state accreditation requirements.
- Projects that address or fill service gaps in particular regions.
- Requests to continue previous KYOAAAC awarded projects must reduce that project's funding by 25% of the most recent award. *For example, a staff position hired or an operational expense paid for by most recent grant funds may only be supported in this ask by 75% of the previous award amount.*

AWARD INFORMATION:

- Funding Mechanism: Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission by and through the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General.
- Award Ceiling: \$1,000,000.00 (regardless of budget timeline chosen)
- Budget: Submit a 12-month or 24-month budget with an anticipated start date of July 2026
 - Applicants **must** choose either a 12-month grant cycle or 24-month grant cycle. Applicants may only submit **one** budget outlining either a 12-month or 24-month plan for the requested project.
- Cost Sharing/Match Requirement: None, however, the application requests that any additional available funding or match funding be reported to demonstrate sustainability efforts.

- Service Delivery Start Date: To begin no later than 90 days from receipt of contract.
- Reporting Requirements: Awardees must adhere to all statutory and regulatory requirements of KRS 15.291, KRS 15.293, KRS 15.295, KRS 17.160, 40 KAR 9:010, and 40 KAR 9:020 including but not limited to, submit required financial reports, and agree to participate in program evaluation and monitoring activities.

AWARD PARAMETERS:

- Funds cannot be used to purchase land.
- Funds cannot be used for construction or to secure any kind of permits related to construction or renovation.
- The review committee may request budget modifications be made prior to award.
- Funds cannot be used to purchase vehicles, but Commissioners will consider innovative transportation models such as voucher programs.
- Proposals should reflect the most effective and sustainable use of funds.
- Multiple agencies can partner in the application process but only one agency may serve as fiscal agent.
- Applicants may submit multiple proposals in this funding category of Treatment & Recovery and can submit in the other funding category of Prevention; however, the projects must be substantially different. If various agencies submit multiple applications to support the same project, the applications will be reviewed collectively.

MULTI-TIERED REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Proposals will be screened to ensure that minimum eligibility requirements have been met, and all required documentation has been submitted. Proposals that are complete and meet minimum eligibility requirements will be reviewed by Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission members. Awards will be made based on a majority of votes cast by the Commission's voting members.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- NOFO Announcement Release: October 1st, 2025
- Application Window: October 15th, 2025, to December 19th, 2025
- Application Deadline: **December 19th, 2025, at 5 p.m. EST**
- Award Decision Notice: April 2026
- Contract Execution: July 2026

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

The online application will be available October 15th, 2025, via <https://kyoaaac.intelligrants.com/> and will close **December 19th, 2025**. All applications must be submitted using the Intelligrants system (IGX).

NOTE: If your organization does not already have IGX user credentials please e-mail hallie.mattingly@ky.gov. This will be the first step in requesting a new user account. Upon completion of the new user registration, the account will need to be validated and associated with the proper organization prior to accessing the application.

QUESTIONS?: Email hallie.mattingly@ky.gov.