Who is the Local & State Government Sector?

The Local & State Government Sector includes leaders and agencies at the city, state, and federal levels. They create laws, manage funding, and run systems that affect community health.

These entities are uniquely positioned to align cross-system responses and coordinate resources for mental health and substance use needs. By partnering with ROSCs, government leaders can ground legislation in lived experience and data, improving accountability and creating the stable, recovery-oriented environments necessary for communities to thrive.

How can the Local & State Government Sector support recovery?

Government can support recovery by using its power to create policies, fund programs, and connect systems. They can help make recovery a normal and supported part of community life.

To make the biggest impact, government and ROSCs can:

- **Include recovery in laws and policies:** Create rules that support recovery, fairness, and reduce stigma.
- **Use funding wisely:** Support prevention, treatment, and recovery services in a steady way.
- **Bring systems together:** Connect health, justice, housing, and education to work toward shared goals.
- **Include lived experience:** Involve people in recovery and their families in planning and decisions.
- **Use data to improve:** Track progress, find gaps, and make better choices.
- **Lead by example:** Speak openly about recovery and promote positive messages.
- **Expand access to support:** Improve things like housing and transportation and grow the recovery workforce.

How can ROSCs work with the Local & State Government Sector?

- Build recovery values into laws, rules, and long-term systems.
- Work together on funding plans that support long-term recovery.
- Include people with lived experience in decision-making.
- Share community needs to help improve services.
- Connect systems like health, justice, and housing to work better together.
- Run public campaigns to reduce stigma and build support.
- Help create fair policies that improve access for all communities.

Government Partnerships

	City
	County
	State
	Tribal
	Federal



What is the Strategic Prevention Framework?

- A planning model offering a comprehensive approach to understanding and addressing behavioral health problems facing prevention professionals' counties, states, and communities.

Do Prevention with Purpose

- Understand the program/funding you've applied for **(Assessment)**
  - What appropriation, legislation or bill did it originate from?
- Must have shared goals that are relatable and relevant to the work of the governmental agency.
- Follow your roadmap, logic model or work plan as you stated you would, if you have changes, let the government entity know. **(Planning, Implementation, Evaluation)**
- Do you have the necessary social, human, and financial resources to implement the project effectively? **(Capacity & Sustainability)**

- It is crucial to keep your IDHS, Grants.gov, SAM registration and Unique Entity Identifier up to date.
- Make sure your organization's city, state, county, and federal taxes and IRS status are up to date. **(Planning & Evaluation)**
- Manage your calendar. Always be timely, turn in paperwork or requests for information early, and submit data on or before the due date. **(Planning & Evaluation)**

Do Prevention with Purpose

- It is essential you read and understand the "fine print" or terms of service.
  - This document outlines the rules, responsibilities, deliverables, and dates, and guidelines that you must adhere to.
- By implementing the project, you are collecting data and contributing to a larger research effort to inform the government this public health legislation is effective, and that continued funding is necessary. **(Assessment, Planning, & Evaluation)**

- **Cultivate**
  - Develop relationships; they will carry you far. See what other grantees or awardees have done. **(Assessment & Capacity)**
- **Strength-Based**
  - Have a well-developed and creative team to help you implement; involve seasoned community leaders, PLE's, or interns. **(Capacity & Cultural Competence)**
- **Stand-Out**
  - Stand out as a winning team for your community. Be present in order to have a voice for the future. **(Evaluation)**

- Always have a brief success story write-up or elevator speech ready. **(Planning, Implementation, & Evaluation)**
- Proactively share your success with your funder/project officer. **(Implementation & Evaluation)**
  - Use social media and community engagement to spread the word. **(Assessment)**
- Invite groups of interest, elected officials, and community leaders to your events.
  - Send them your information.
  - Ask for help when needed. **(Capacity)**
- Seek improvement for the project/program quality efforts and measure your impact. **(Evaluation)**
- Pause & reflect on your progress.
  - Be patient and show yourself and your team grace. **(Evaluation)**

Importance of Partnerships

- As the local voice of your community, your government partner wants to know that you have the following:

Competence	Confidence	Connection	Character	Can Make Contributions	Coping Mechanisms	Control