

Fund for a Resilient Nevada Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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Questions and Answers

- 1) Are there specific instructions on how to submit the letter of intent?

Answer: Letter of intent must include Name of Applicant, Organization, Address, Email, Phone, Target Area, Approximate Funding Amount, and a Brief Project Summary (250 words)

- 2) Is this opportunity just for direct service providers?

Answer: See section 2.0

- 3) Is “behavioral health treatment” under this NOFO just for individuals with opioid disorders or can it be for anyone with any SUD needing such treatment?

Answer: See section 2.0 and the Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan

- 4) The NOFO emphasizes the importance of evidence-based practices. Would research based on real-world data that focuses on development of an evidentiary basis for new practices that would be effective in reducing harm related to opioid use be a suitable candidate for funding under the NOFO?

Answer: Evidence-based practices need to be identified in the PEW Institute or SAMHSA as an evidence based best practice or identified as a promising practice.

- 5) What is included or excluded in the “administrative expenses”? Specifically, does the 5% budget limit on administrative costs include indirect costs/fringe?

Answer: Administrative costs are those expenses incurred by grant recipients or sub-recipients in support of the day-to-day operations of their organization. In this case, admin and indirect are inclusive of one another and limited to 5% per court order.

- 6) Can we submit multiple applications per agency (i.e., for different projects)? How should we consider the different target areas or populations if submitting multiple applications?

Answer: Yes, however, it is highly recommended that applicants submit one application under the priority area that supports a majority portion of their work; if this needs multiple applications, it is acceptable to submit more than one application.

- 7) Can our application include hiring of staff that phases with the funding (i.e., propose to hire new staff after the initial six-month period of performance)?

Answer: Yes, new staff may be hired in phases; however, this is one-shot funding and applicant must demonstrate sustainability beyond the life of the grant.

- 8) What projects are applicable for SAPTA certification? Will FRN determine which projects are applicable to achieve SAPTA certification?

[Answer: See Nevada Revised Statutes 458.](#)

- 9) Are we allowed to submit applications for two different targets, or can we reference two targets together in one application, or must we limit the application to one target?

[Answer: Application states you can choose one target. See answer to question 6.](#)

- 10) Would we need to be to apply to provide behavioral health services to individuals affected by domestic violence/people who use violence?

[Answer: See Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan](#)

- 11) The NOFO states \$750,000 per year is the anticipated maximum award. Given this, can organizations request a max of \$750,000 for the first project period (Dec 1 - Jun 30), even though it is not a full year? Or, rather, do they need to reduce the budget maximum for project period 1 to reflect the 7th month period (so $750,000/12*7=\$437,500$).

[Answer: The maximum budget per funding period is \\$750,000](#)

- 12) How long after invoice to DHHS are invoices paid (30,60, 90 days?)

[Answer: Within 30 days](#)

- 13) Are Medicaid/Medicare dollars or monies generated from 340B program counted as program income?

[Answer: Yes, this funding cannot supplant existing revenue sources including and not limited to Third Party Liability \(TPL\).](#)

- 14) Is the \$650K yearly grant from full FQHC counted as program income?

[Answer: Yes, this funding cannot supplant existing revenue sources.](#)

- 15) Can we only identify one target population per proposal? Do we have to choose one pre-defined population per application, or can we submit a proposal under Target Initiative 1, for example, that supports two distinct projects for two separate target populations?

[Answer: Please see answer to question 6.](#)

- 16) Would it be acceptable for an organization to submit multiple proposals? If so, would it be possible for multiple proposals from a single organization to be funded? Multiple target

initiatives and target populations are of interest, so we need to determine how we might approach that.

[Answer: Please see answer to question 6.](#)

17) Does "Priority Area" = target initiative or target population?

[Answer: See section 3.0](#)

18) Would funding be allowed to help augment the purchase of buprenorphine for EMS agencies to use within the 911 system in an effort to increase access to this medication for select patients who experience an acute opiate overdose and opioid withdrawal?

[Answer: See subsection 3.4 and the Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan.](#)

19) The NOFO says: "Budget proposals cannot exceed more than 5% administrative expenses." It also says: "Indirect is not permissible and applicants are limited to 5% for administrative expenses."

a. Can you please define "administrative expenses"?

[Answer: See answer to question 5](#)

b. Would this mean, for example, administrative or office staff who are directly involved in working to help the project? Can their time/effort be counted as part of the direct cost?

[Answer: Activity-based time reporting may be considered.](#)

c. What about costs associated with launching a program but before individuals are served? Are these considered "administrative expenses"?

[Answer: No](#)

d. To clarify -- no indirect costs at all are permitted at all for this project.

[Answer: Correct, no indirect costs](#)

e. Can you please explain the timeline of the project set out in the NOFO. The NOFO states that the program cannot exceed 3 years. It then says that the first project period is 6 months—December 2024 - June 2025 and the second project period is 24 months from January 2025 to June 2027. Does this mean that a project should plan its activities around these two project periods? Are these periods for reporting? Does it mean activities must be different in these two project periods? And this only adds up to 30 months, not 32—is that because these are estimates?

Answer: See page 2 of the NOFO for clarification

- f. Can an applicant select more than one **target population**? If so, do the target populations have to be prioritized in any way or is it okay to have multiple target populations that are prioritized equally in the proposal?

Answer: One target population per application.

- g. Can an applicant select more than one **target area**? If so, does one have to be prioritized or is it okay to have multiple target areas that are prioritized equally in the proposal?

Answer: Each applicant must select one primary target area.

- h. After the LOI is submitted (with selected targets and an estimated budget), if invited to apply -- can an applicant deviate from the selected targets and estimated budgets submitted in the LOI?

Answer: LOI should be an accurate reflection of applicant's intent.

- i. Most of the Target Areas include language that says: "FRN is looking for innovative and new approaches and not limiting activities in [this area]."
a. What does this language mean?

Answer: Refer to Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan

- b. Does this mean that the specific activities in those Target Areas do not need to necessarily be tied to the specific gaps identified in the *Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan 2022*?

Answer: See subsection 3.4 of the NOFO

- j. Can you say more about how evidence-based practices and promising practices are defined for purposes of the NOFO? Are applicants able to go beyond the scope of the *Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan 2022* to identify promising practices?

Answer: See answer to question 4.

- 20) If the Needs Assessment and Local Plan are applicable, are they due the same time we have to submit the Letter of Intent on 6/21/2024 or are they due with the Project Application and Budget Form on 7/26/2024?

Answer: If applicable, they are due with the application and budget on 7/26/2024.

21) Can an agency apply for more than one grant if they are for different projects (for example, a harm reduction project and a primary prevention project)

Answer: See answer to question 6.

22) Can an agency apply as the lead applicant for a statewide grant, with contractors at other agencies?

Answer: Yes

a. If yes – Can those contractors apply as a lead applicant on an unrelated project?

Answer: Yes, but this is not considered a best practice.

23) Can an agency who is currently funded under the last FRN application apply for a new project as the lead applicant?

Answer: Yes

24) Can an agency who is currently funded under the last FRN application be a contractor, if another agency is the lead applicant?

Answer: Yes, please be aware of supplanting and NRS 433.740.

25) Does the administrative fee cap of 5% apply to contractors?

Answer: Yes

26) Are contractors allowed to provide services on a fee for service schedule?

Answer: Yes, as long as it is consistent with standardized fees in Nevada.

27) What is allowable and unallowable in the 5% cap?

Answer: See answer to question 4

28) Does FRN have any instruments to notify organizations whether or not an application is successful?

Answer: Applicants will be notified by email.

29) Does the letter of intent go to FRN@dhhs.nv.gov and do we still just put FRN NOFO in the subject line?

Answer: Yes

30) Does the second paragraph under 2.4 Eligible Entities include churches as a non-profit organization to apply for these funds?

Answer: Yes

31) Do you intend to hold any FRN NOFO webinar during the grant time period?

Answer: No

32) Can we develop and implement community prevention, treatment prevention providing awareness education and activities related to opioids, fentanyl, new drugs that are emerging and/or rampant in the community?

Answer: See section 3.0 and the Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan

33) Would this fund be acceptable to use for building tools and services that continue beyond the life of the grant?

Answer: Yes

34) Are there any additional considerations or areas of emphasis that the evaluation committee is particularly interested in for this funding cycle?

Answer: See section 9.0

35) Is there a cap for salary?

Answer: Yes, the fund follows federal salary caps.

36) In section 1.3, Definition of Opioid, can efforts around xylazine also be tied into the NOFO since we are seeing an uptick in opiates being contaminated/mixed with xylazine? Currently xylazine is not listed in your definition of an opioid, but since there is significant overlap, could a portion of an approved project also include educational efforts around xylazine?

Answer: Section 1.3 also states “and many others” within the definition.

37) Would a new service such as an ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) Team be eligible for funding as a new service to help individuals who are unhoused and likely to suffer from opioid use disorders, mental health disorders, and other medical illnesses?

Answer: See Section 2.2 regarding Target Population and Section 3.0 regarding Priority Funding Areas.

38) In regards to Data and Reporting (Target 7), how will any new proprietary hardware or software be handled for use both in Nevada as well as possible use in other states?

Answer: This is dependent on the hardware/software and the context of utilization.

39) May one organization submit two applications if each application's scope of work addresses a different FRN priority? ie. one application for Target 2: Prevent the misuse of opioids – and – a second application for Target 4: Provide behavioral health treatment.

Answer: See answer to question 6.

40) Will FRN consider an applicant that is a newly formed 501c3 (and newly registered with a vendor number) but has not previously been a state grantee?

Answer: See section 2.4