

# Saving Lives from Substance Misuse

## Funding Opportunity for Opioid Planning

### Let's make the most of North Carolina's new opioid resources.

Dogwood Health Trust is requesting proposals from counties, municipalities, or the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians located in our 18-county service region in Western North Carolina, including the Qualla Boundary, that would like to conduct opioid-related collaborative planning in their communities in advance of the distribution of proceeds from the historic \$26 billion national opioid settlement agreement announced on July 21, 2021.

Each opioid planning grant will provide up to \$300,000 per year for up to two years to support collaborative planning projects between counties, municipalities, or tribal nations and 501(c)(3) organizations and other community partners that align with the strategies listed in the North Carolina Memorandum of Agreement (NC MOA) announced by the NC Department of Justice and the NC Association of County Commissioners in April of 2021.

We are particularly interested in projects that include multi-county planning efforts and in collaboratives that include multiple partner organizations.

### At-a-Glance

**Purpose:** To plan and prepare for use of funding to be distributed to counties and municipalities in Western North Carolina as a result of the national opioid settlement.

**Funding available:** We will consider grants of up to \$300,000 per year for up to two years. Opioid planning proposals may include requests to support:

- facilitation and/or coordination of collaborative planning
- needs assessment, data collection and/or analysis
- partnership building
- development of workforce, implementation, and/or sustainability plans
- capacity building
- technical assistance
- administration/reporting

*Capacity building* is defined by Dogwood Health Trust as funds that will help improve a grantee's ability to tackle specific issues. Examples can include (but are not limited to): strengthening the capacity of organizations to work in collaboration across organization and industry lines, supporting the capacity of

leaders to work more effectively by exposing them to new ways of thinking and acting towards measurable change, and strengthening the capacity of an organization to use new tools to more effectively communicate with its constituents and community.

**Priority** will be given to proposals that promote:

- Alignment with the planning process (or any part of the planning process) described in Exhibit C to the NC MOA, one of more of the strategies listed in Exhibit A to the NC MOA, or any strategy described in our state's Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan 3.0. (See Resource List below.)
- Collaboration with multiple partners or use of multi-jurisdictional approaches.
- Alignment with existing local or regional plans or initiatives that address opioid or other substance misuse. Examples include:
  - Community health improvement plans
  - Local substance use coalitions/task forces
  - Drug Free Communities grants
  - Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) planning or implementation grants
- Engagement with any of the following groups:
  - Communities of color
  - Indigenous communities
  - LGBTQI+ individuals

- Persons being released from incarceration
- Rural communities
- Persons with "lived experience" and those impacted by substance misuse or substance use disorder

**Applicants are not required to sign onto the NC MOA or the national opioid settlement to be considered for an opioid planning grant.**

**How to apply:** Complete our online application at [www.dht.org/substance-use-disorder/](http://www.dht.org/substance-use-disorder/).

**Timeline:** The deadline for 2021 grant applications is 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2021. Award notifications will be made by the end of September 2021, and funds distributed October-December 2021.

**Learn more:** Contact April Bragg, Senior Impact Officer, Substance Use Disorder, (206) 999-1276, [a.bragg@dht.org](mailto:a.bragg@dht.org).

#### **Resources for Applicants:**

National Opioid Settlement

- [Summary](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Text of Distributor Settlement Agreement](#)

North Carolina Memorandum of Agreement

- [One pager](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Full text of NC MOA \(Including Exhibits A & C, referred to above\)](#)

[North Carolina Opioid and Substance Use  
Action Plan 3.0](#)

