

Harford County Health Department

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To: Harford County Overdose Prevention Team (OPT) Members, Local Providers, and Community Organizations
From: Shawn Martin, Director, Harford County LAA, OPT Coordinator
Subject: Notice of Funding Availability – FY26 MOOR Block Grant Solicitation

Dear Colleagues,

The Harford County Health Department (HCHD) is pleased to announce the availability of FY26 MOOR Block Grant Funding through the Maryland Office of Overdose Response (MOOR). This funding opportunity is intended to support local initiatives that align with MOOR's strategic priorities— Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment, Recovery, and Public Safety—to address the overdose crisis in Harford County.

Solicitation for Proposals

The Harford County Overdose Prevention Team (OPT) is seeking proposals from local agencies and organizations for projects that align with the goals of this funding. Proposals must support efforts to reduce overdoses, improve access to care, and enhance community-based services.

Reference Document: MOOR FY26 Block Grant Program NOFA

Applicants should review the MOOR FY26 Block Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) released by the Maryland Department of Health. This document outlines:

- Priority areas for funding
- Application instructions
- Budget template guidelines
- Allowable & unallowable costs
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- The total award amount allotted to Harford County (\$146,959.83)
- This information is critical for ensuring that all proposals align with state guidelines and funding expectations.

Proposal Submission Requirements

Interested organizations must submit a completed proposal that includes the following attachments:

- MOOR FY26 Block Grant Program Application (Appendix I attached)
- MOOR FY26 Budget Template (attached)
- MOOR Appendix II: OPT Documentation Form (attached)

1 Incomplete proposals (missing any of the required attachments) will not be reviewed by the OPT.

Key Dates

- Proposal Submission Deadline: April 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM (submit via email to [your email] or drop off at the Harford County Health Department, Attn: Shawn Martin).
- Proposal Review: The OPT will conduct a virtual meeting between April 11-29, 2025, to review submissions.
- Final Selection: The selected project will be incorporated into the MOOR FY26 grant application and submitted to the Maryland Office of Overdose Response by April 30, 2025.

Budget & Indirect Costs Consideration

Applicants must carefully review MOOR Appendix III: Indirect Costs Guidance to ensure that their proposed budgets align with allowable indirect cost limits (maximum of 10%). Any budget submissions exceeding the allowable indirect cost threshold or including disallowed expenses will require revision before approval.

Proposal Review & Selection Process

- 1. Proposals will be scored based on:
 - Alignment with MOOR's strategic priorities
 - Impact on overdose prevention in Harford County
 - Feasibility and sustainability of the project
 - Strength of budget justification and cost-effectiveness
- 2. The Harford County OPT will review and vote on the most suitable project during a virtual meeting in mid-to-late April.
- 3. The selected provider(s) will enter into a contract with the Harford County Health Department, and funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Additional Information

- This funding is available only for projects implemented within Harford County.
- Awarded funds must be used exclusively for the approved project and in accordance with MOOR's allowable cost guidelines.
- Quarterly reports and reimbursement requests will be required throughout the project period (July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026).

We strongly encourage eligible organizations to apply and contribute to the county's ongoing efforts in overdose prevention and harm reduction. If you have any questions regarding this funding opportunity, the proposal requirements, or the selection process, please feel free to contact me at [your email] or [your phone number].

We look forward to reviewing your proposals and working together to combat the overdose crisis in Harford County.

Sincerely,

Shawn Martin Director, Harford County LAA OPT Coordinator Harford County Health Department

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