Application for Funding to Perform Evaluation, Training, Data Collection and Reporting for Ohio's State Opioid and Stimulant Treatment "Integrated Behavioral Health System Continuum of Care"

RFA#: MHA-FY23-Grants-GPRA Training, Data Collection and Reporting-#21

Funding Period: September 30, 2022 – September 29, 2023

Application Dates: January 30, 2023, through 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2023

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Request for Applications Due Date: February 13th, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Grant Abstract

Ohio's Opioid and Stimulant Response Grant aligns state level efforts with community partnerships engaging a focused, data driven approach shifting Ohio from "battling" to successfully "emerging" from the opioid epidemic. Targeting investments in communities leading in overdose deaths, OhioMHAS will serve 22,000 Ohioans with OUD, SUD and/or cooccurring mental health disorders. Successful management of opioid and substance use disorders requires acknowledgment that substance use disorders are complex clinical conditions involving internal and external mechanisms influenced by psychosocial, biochemical, genetic, and environmental factors. Central to this global overarching goal, is Ohio's multi-level state opioid strategy and Ohio's success in developing an integrated behavioral health system of care. OhioMHAS partners with 50 local Alcohol, Drug, Addiction & Mental Health Boards (ADAMH) with statutory authority for planning services in 88 local county catchment areas. These Boards contract with local entities who provide Ohio's core behavioral health treatment, prevention and recovery supports. Ohio's core objectives in the new SOR3.0 funding opportunity will support access to MOUD treatment, harm reduction, prevention, psychosocial and recovery services that save lives and support individuals, their children, and families to better manage their long-term community recovery. To accomplish these goals Ohio will employ several strategies. Top priority is Ohio's laser focus on high risk, vulnerable, older, younger and minority populations who are leading the overdose deaths. Ohio's need assessment has identified several "hot spot" areas comprised of urban, rural, and Appalachian communities. In these communities and throughout the state, Ohio will partner with primary health prescribers to sustain Ohio's 60% reduction[1] in physician prescribed doses of opioids and pain relievers. Ohio will expand availability of mobile crisis and trained QRT and first responders to increase access to lifesaving overdose reversal medications. Ohio will continue its work with public safety to prevent overdose deaths by interdicting illicit drugs before they reach communities. The state will assure that culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach and treatment approaches address the diverse and socially complex of needs individuals in these communities. To achieve the goal of more individuals in long-term recovery, Ohio will emphasize the importance of peer support navigators, increase availability of recovery housing, and implement recovery-based employment business partnerships and practices. Ohio's future in navigating the opioid crisis will rely on a provider network trained to fidelity in SUD/OUD evidenced based treatment models and skilled in telehealth and emerging technology-based recovery and engagement apps. Targeting investments in media to increase community awareness of the dangers of opioid and stimulant use, in partnership across the state, Ohio's SOS Grant is dedicated to successfully emerging from the opioid crisis.

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Ohio's State Opioid and Stimulant Treatment (SOS) 3.0 Grant

Introduction

Ohio's State Opioid and Stimulant Response Grant (SOS) aligns several state level efforts with community partnerships to engage a focused, data driven approach shifting Ohio from "battling" to "successfully navigating" the national opioid epidemic. OhioMHAS plans to allocate funding to prioritize prevention, treatment, recovery supports and harm reduction activities for adolescent and adult Ohioans with opioid misuse and use disorder (OUD), and/or stimulant misuse and use disorders. The Ohio SOS Project will focus on building an Integrated Behavioral Health System of Care offering an array of services and initiatives, including prevention services, family supports, behavioral health treatment, primary care, recovery supports, MOUD, faith-based and community-based interventions, workforce innovations, and community innovation projects. Also, OhioMHAS will work in conjunction with Recovery Ohio to coordinate funding streams and programs. Recovery Ohio is comprised of state agencies and community stakeholders including the state's health and human services agencies. OhioMHAS will work to facilitate cross-system efforts.

The geographic area for this grant is the entire State of Ohio. OhioMHAS will serve 22,000 Ohioans with OUD, SUD and/or cooccurring mental health disorders. OhioMHAS will prioritize individuals who are high risk, vulnerable, older, younger and minority populations who are leading the overdose deaths.

The long-range goals for Ohio's SOS grant center on improving the quality and length of life, overall wellness, and behavioral health outcomes for all Ohio citizens. Ohio's focus on reducing opioid and stimulant overdose mortality will require service system coordination models at the state and local levels.

The Ohio SOR goals are to:

> 1) Increase access to SUD treatment especially the utilization of mobile and non-mobile units, expand OTP's in hot sport regions, increase availability and distribution of Nicotine Patches and harm reduction strategies and focus treatment on special populations.
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> 2) Increase recovery supports such as recovery housing to include all ethnic minorities and special populations, increase supported employment opportunities, expand availability of peer supporter services and emphasize the voices of persons served;
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> 3) Increase prevention efforts statewide with a focus on African Americans and other special populations and increase the number of trauma informed trained providers utilizing evidence-based trauma informed programs;

4) Improve data collection through increase GPRA interview rates, and non-GPRA data collection. Achieve a six-month follow-up rate of 80% or higher.

5) Increase and expand innovation and the use of technology as a pathway to integrated care and recovery.

In achieving these goals, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will incorporate EBPs for individuals with an opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, or co-occurring disorder, or those who are at risk of developing these disorders.

Performance Targets
Data collection will include Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data, SPARS reporting, use of a non-GPRA reporting tool and an administrative services organization for grant compliance. The subawardee will achieve an 80% or higher, six-month follow-up rate on the number Ohioans served. The Evaluator will facilitate and/or complete six-month and discharge interviews. Community providers will conduct and enter the intake interviews.

RFA PURPOSE
OhioMHAS seeks to partner with a college or university, medical organization, or other organization with experience in grant evaluation and experience in achieving the required Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) survey data collection and reporting. The selected applicant will:

i. Evaluate the grant performance, will monitor grant outcomes and impact to the State of Ohio;

ii. Provide grantee training and support to the SOS providers in collecting required GPRA data; monitor and interpret data collected to determine whether an adequate number of GPRA are completed and evaluate data integrity; identify and provide services and supports to stakeholders that will promote the use of the GPRA;

iii. Interpret and report GPRA data, trends and highlights to OhioMHAS, ADMAHS Boards and providers;

iv. Provide OhioMHAS quarterly, half year and annual quantitative and qualitative final reports in a format approved by the Department.

v. Assist with locating clients needing GPRA completed and implementing GPRA with clients when necessary to meet the collection and evaluation protocol. The GPRA requires data collection and reporting for all patients who receive SOS funded services. Ohio SOS participating providers are responsible for the GPRA intake data collection and submission of data to the selected evaluator.

vi. Applicants must delineate in their response how they will collect, monitor, and support GPRA collection and how they will interpret, report, and disseminate information and findings.

vii. Applicant will coordinate and oversee the distribution of gift cards to clients who complete a six-month GPRA interviews. Applicants may also recommend additional measures and services intended to strengthen the efficacy of the evaluation process.

viii. The evaluation report of the grant must also include a focus on sustainability, the impact of these funds, and the impact of the loss of these funds.

Availability of Funds

Funding up to $2,920,622.00 from SOS 3.0 is available for this evaluation, training, data collection, gift card procurement and distribution, interpretation and reporting function for the period of September 30, 2022 – September 29, 2023. As a formality, OhioMHAS must reapply to SAMHSA for funding to continue the SOS 3.0 initiative and evaluation from September 30, 2023, to September 29, 2024. OhioMHAS projects up to a total of $5,841,244 will be available for the two-year period of SOS 3.0. Should funding be reduced below the estimated level, the amount of funds available for year two management of the Ohio SOS GPRA data collection and reporting function may be reduced or terminated per written notice to the subawardee by OhioMHAS.

Eligible Applicants

Applications will be accepted only from public Ohio colleges or universities, medical organizations or other organizations that demonstrate experience with GPRA data collection and reporting, including conducting follow up interviews and providing training and technical assistance to interviewers.

SUB-AWARDEE DELIVERABLES
Training, Data Collection and Reporting Deliverables

The selected applicant will be awarded a sub-award. The SUB-AWARDEE is responsible for providing training, booster sessions, and technical assistance (TA) to Ohio SOS participating providers relating to GPRA data collection for intake interviews and monitoring the GPRA data submitted for data integrity. Sub-awardee will coordinate and distribute gift card incentives for participating clients completing GPRA. The sub-awardee must handle interview incentives. The SOS will include a six-month follow-up interview at $30 per data collection given as gift cards i.e., 22,000 people x 30 gift card per six-month follow-up interview.

Patients/clients are required to complete the six-month follow-up interview. Eighty (80) percent of the six-month follow-up interviews must be completed and submitted, or the SAMHSA/CSAT funding for SOS services is subject to forfeit. The "Locator Form" completed by patients/clients is to be used to assist in locating patients/clients for the follow-up interview. The SUB-AWARDEE may need access to the Information from Locator Forms to provide TA with locating patients for the follow-up interview. Patient consent is required for SUB- AWARDEE to have access to the patients' Locator Forms.

SUB-AWARDEE will provide weekly reports regarding data quality, errors to be corrected, and information related to follow-up interviews to participating providers, ADAMHS Boards and the Ohio SOS project leads and directors. Monthly reports will be submitted to the project director regarding the number of intakes, discharge, and follow-up interviews conducted by each provider site, progress toward annual goals, and process evaluation.

The SUB-AWARDEE will:
- Evaluate the data to determine the impact of the grant awards on the local system and the state of Ohio and develop a report on sustainability of the services and systems funded through these funds.
- Provide the training in accordance with SAMHSA/CSAT training materials for discretionary services. The GPRA tool for discretionary services can be viewed at: https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/gpra-measurement-tools/csat-gpra/csat-gpra-

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GPRA data will be used to report on the GPRA performance measures: ▪ Abstinence from use; ▪ Housing status; ▪ Employment status; ▪ Criminal justice system involvement; ▪ Access to services; ▪ Retention in services; and ▪ Social connectedness.

- Work with OhioMHAS IT staff to support GPRA IT function.
- Attend available GPRA-related training sponsored by SAMHSA/CSAT as needed.
- Provide TA to Ohio SOS participating providers relating to data collection and maintenance of patient contact.
- Perform validity checks on the GPRA data submitted by the Ohio SOS participating providers to ensure data integrity and to determine the accuracy and completeness of the data.
- Provide an online training module for use by provider staff. This should include a written step-by-step guide and power point for SOS providers, Boards and OhioMHAS project leads to use as a reference tool when engaging in GPRA collection. The module and guide should contain frequently asked questions with answers.
- Provide ongoing training for community organizations so new staff, due to turnover or expansion, are immediately trained in GPRA. This may be achieved, in part, with an on-line training tool.
- Facilitate and/or complete six-month follow-up and discharge interviews.
- Complete and distribute weekly ongoing evaluation and GPRA reports to providers, Boards, and OhioMHAS project leads so noncompliance can be assessed and addressed in real time, with approval from OhioMHAS
- Expand evaluation to include domains that are not captured in the GPRA but are important to the providers, Boards and OhioMHAS referred to as NON-GRPA Data collection analysis deliverable.
- Evaluate the impact on vulnerable minority populations disproportionally affected by SUD and or underserved.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of unique community collaborations needed to address complex social needs of underserved populations.
- Submit information and data to OhioMHAS as outlined in the Reporting Requirements, which will be distributed with the Notice of Sub-Award and made available on the OhioMHAS website. Compliance with reporting requirements will be reviewed by OhioMHAS staff. Failure to comply with reporting requirements shall result in action by OhioMHAS.

Permissible Use of Funds

Any use of funds for equipment (including electronic devices such as computers, tablets, and cell phones) must be justified in terms of the relationship of the equipment to the program or activity. Justification to purchase equipment, must be submitted to OhioMHAS for prior approval and include consideration of how the equipment will be used, why the purchase is necessary, what alternatives were considered, how the cost was determined and why the program considers the cost reasonable. Funds cannot be expended for equipment, until approved by OhioMHAS.

Equipment purchased under a grant is the property of OhioMHAS. A list of equipment, furniture,

and computer software, including serial numbers must be submitted to the Community Funding unit through an equipment itemization form obtained from the Ohio's State Opioid and Stimulant Treatment project director post-award. See Item #10 in the general assurances and agreements in the event of termination or non-renewal.

Performance Assessment
The SUB-AWARDEE will participate in performance assessment as determined necessary by OhioMHAS. The performance assessment is used to assist in determining whether training, TA, and reporting goals, objectives and outcomes are being achieved and whether adjustments or improvements are needed.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Application page limit is twenty, double-spaced pages in 12-point Times New Roman font. This page limit does NOT include the budget narrative or budget expenditure form. Applications must include the following:

A. Scope of Work
1. Face sheet
2. Abstract - Summary of how all GPRA training and management services will be implemented that includes goal(s), objectives, and total amount of funding requested. (400 words or less)

3. Project Description- Provide a description of the proposed project that includes the following:

   a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant, including years of experience conducting training on GPRA interviews and collecting follow-up interviews. Description of past experience increasing GRPA interview response rates at the six-month and discharge stage with a transient population with OUD, SUD and/or cooccurring mental health disorders.

   b. Description of past grant evaluation experience.

   c. A brief description of how you incorporate diversity, equity, and inclusion in your evaluation approach.

   d. Description how on gift card incentive distribution.

   e. Description of online GPRA training module and materials.

   f. Reasonable plan for conducting training and follow-up interviews. Reasonable plan to achieve 80% unduplicated individuals at six-month follow-up.

   g. Reasonable plan for reporting on a weekly and monthly basis.

   h. Applicant may include staff salary to perform grant activities.

   i. Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative documenting funding period expenditures. Applications must include a budget and budget narrative that identifies all costs to complete the project as described in the application, as well as how OhioMHAS funds, and other resources will be used.

B. RFA Questions and Updates

1. The RFA, accompanying documents and all questions and answers will be posted on the OhioMHAS website at:
http://mha.ohio.gov/http://mha.ohio.gov/http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=725

2. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. EDT** to OhioMHAS at GrantPosting@mha.ohio.gov

3. No questions will be answered after the deadline. You may **NOT** contact any OhioMHAS staff member directly with questions regarding this RFA. Contacting staff directly with questions could result in disqualification of an application.

4. Responses to all questions (FAQ) will be posted to the OhioMHAS website at http://mha.ohio.gov/http://mha.ohio.gov/http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=725 and will be updated frequently.

C. Application Submission

1. All applications must be submitted electronically to: SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by **Monday, February 13th, at 5:00 p.m.**

2. No faxed, mailed or hand carried applications will be accepted.

D. Award

1. Awards are expected to be announced in February for project implementation to begin no later than **March 6th, 2023**.

2. All (FFY) federal fiscal year 2023 funds must be obligated by November 02, 2023.

3. Grant awards will not exceed $2,920,622.00 for year one. A renewal for year two funding of up to $2,920,622.00 is anticipated, pending approval by SAMHSA.

Review Criterion	Possible Points	Points
Scope of Work		
Abstract: Summary of how GPRA training, reporting, gift card management, and data management services will be implemented that includes goal(s), objectives, and total amount of funding requested.	5	
Project Description Components:		
Reasonable plan for developing evaluation and sustainability reporting.	5	
Demonstration that applicant meets the requirements to apply for	10	

the grant including the years of experience conducting GPRA training and follow up interviews plus handling incentives. The SOS 3.0 data collection will include a six-month follow-up interview at $30 per data collection given as gift cards i.e., 22,000 people x 30 gift card per six-month follow-up interview.		
Reasonable plan for conducting training and follow up interviews.	15	
Reasonable plan for development of online training materials.	10	
Reasonable plan for the collection of GPRA from multiple service providers.	15	
Reasonable plan for reporting on a weekly and monthly basis	10	
Reasonable plan to assess the effectiveness of unique community collaborations needed to address complex social needs of underserved populations.	10	
Reasonable plan to evaluate the impact on minority populations with SUD and/or underserved.	10	
Cost	10	
Total Value	100	

Rating	Explanation	
0	Is Not Addressed. Application does not comply with the requirement and/or does not address expectations.	
1-3	Weak. Application does not substantially meet the requirement and/or does not substantially meet expectations.	
5-15	Meets. Application meets the requirement and meets expectations.	
15-20	Exceeds. Application exceeds the requirement and exceeds expectations.	

Conditions of Award

- Sub-Awardee will work with OhioMHAS and other stakeholders on all aspects of the SOS GPRA training project throughout the duration of this project.
- Sub-Awardee will attend required training, technical assistance and/or meetings as per SAMHSA and/or OhioMHAS request, including monthly status meetings with the project directors.
- OhioMHAS will collect information and data from sub-awardee. Sub-Awardee will provide required information and data electronically, through online reporting systems. All information and data will be reviewed by project staff. Failure to comply with reporting requirements shall result in further action by OhioMHAS, which may include withholding of funds.
- OhioMHAS reserves the right to make no award, make an award for a lesser amount, make an alternative award for the specified project, or make an award for a shorter duration. OhioMHAS reserves the right to ask clarifying questions, issue conditional awards, and negotiate a best and final application with one or more applicants(s). OhioMHAS reserves the right to waive errors and omissions that do not materially affect the application. Errors and omissions may result in lower evaluation scores or rejection of the application.
- Sub-Awardee will be solely responsible for reporting, withholding, and paying all employment related taxes, payments, and withholdings for his/her self and any personnel, including but not

limited to: Federal, State, and local income taxes, social security, unemployment or disability deductions, withholdings, and payments.

- Sub-Awardee must execute OhioMHAS Agreement and Assurances upon notice of award. (For reference, a copy of the Agreement and Assurances can be found in Attachment 1).

Deadline for submission of all applications is Monday, February 13th, 2023 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time to:

GrantPosting@mha.ohio.gov

Appendix A
Budget Narrative

BUDGET NARRATIVE – Template – one for each organization or agency receiving SOS funds

* Creating additional lines to this budget form is prohibited. Please refer to the Grant Budget Line-Item Policies document for assistance when developing your budget. Indirect Cost percentages will not be allowable. These costs must be built into your standard budget.

Agency Name:

Program Title:

Program Area:

ANTICIPATED INCOME SOURCES DURING PROGRAM PERIOD:

A. **OHIOMHAS** – This is the amount awarded under… **$0**

B. **Non-OhioMHAS Funds** – This amount represents the funding from …. **$0**

C. **Other Non-OhioMHAS Funds** – This represents funding received from... **$0**

Total Funding	$0

LINE-ITEM BUDGET JUSTIFICATION:

A1. Personnel	Annual	Level	OHIOMHAS Other

Position	Salary of Effort	Funds	Funds	Funds
	$0	0 FTE	$0	$0
	$0	0 FTE	$0	$0
	$0	0 FTE	$0	$0

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Personnel	**$0**	**$0**

A2. Fringe Benefits

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	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Fringe Benefits	**$0**	**$0**

A3. Consultants — number of hours and hourly rate

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Consultants	**$0**	**$0**

A4. Subscriptions and Publications

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Subscriptions and Publications	**$0**	**$0**

A5. Supplies – number of items and cost per item

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Supplies	**$0**	**$0**

A6. Printing/Copying – number of items and cost per item

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Printing/Copying	**$0**	**$0**

A7. Rent/Lease Expenses – number of units, number of day/months, and cost per day/month

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Rent/Lease	**$0**	**$0**

A8. Phone/Utilities – type of utility, number of days/months, cost per month

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Phone/Utilities	**$0**	**$0**

A9. Maintenance/Repair – identify if an indirect cost rate will be used in this space

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Maintenance/Repair	**$0**	**$0**

A10. Rentals

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Rentals	**$0**	**$0**

A11. Insurance

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds
Total Insurance	**$0**	**$0**

A12. Motor Vehicle

	OHIOMHAS Funds	Other Funds

Total Motor Vehicle	**$0**	**$0**

A13. Travel – for direct services only, number of miles and rate

	OHIOMHAS Funds	**Other Funds**
Total Travel	**$0**	**$0**

A14. Food – no food is allowable

	OHIOMHAS Funds	**Other Funds**
Total Food	**$0**	**$0**

A15. Conference/Training/Registration – not allowable

	OHIOMHAS Funds	**Other Funds**
Total Conference/Training/Registration	**$0**	**$0**

A16. Equipment/Computer – number of items and cost per item

	OHIOMHAS Funds	**Other Funds**
Total Equipment/Computer	**$0**	**$0**

A17. Furniture - number of items and cost per item

	OHIOMHAS Funds	**Other Funds**
Total Furniture	**$0**	**$0**

	OHIOMHAS Funds	**Other Funds**
Grand Total	**$0**	**$0**

*Prior written approval must be obtained from OhioMHAS before incurring costs that exceed a 10% change between Budget Categories or any change to Category IV.