



**Department of  
Mental Health &  
Addiction Services**

**OhioMHAS Office of Community Services**

Bureau of Recovery Support

**Recovery Month Events – Expression of Interest (EOI)**

EOI #83: MHA-FY26 – Recovery Month Events EOI

Funding Period: 7/25/2025 – 09/29/2025

Request for Applications Posting Date: 07/11/2025

Request for Applications Due Date: 07/25/2025, by 3 p.m. EDT

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## **OhioMHAS Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

### **Statement of Purpose**

OhioMHAS utilizes the EOI to conduct market research to identify organizations interested in participating in a proposed opportunity. The EOI is used as a screening and shortlisting tool to gauge interest in a proposed opportunity based upon the proposed requirements. The expressions of interest received will help OhioMHAS decide whether or not to proceed with a specific opportunity based upon the level of interest from eligible organizations.

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) invites potential eligible organizations to submit an expression of interest based upon the outlined requirements. Unless indicated below, no award or funding will be issued as a result of this EOI.

### **Recovery Events Funding Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

Request for Expression of Interest Issued: Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

To submit your expression of interest please complete all questions on the Microsoft form at <https://forms.office.com/g/2YnKfqHta7> by July 25th at 3:00 p.m.

### **Proposed Opportunity**

OhioMHAS is requesting expressions of interest from potential prevention, treatment, and/or recovery supports providers; community coalitions; recovery community organizations; peer run organizations; housing providers; faith-based organizations; schools; and other non-profit community organizations. Organizations must have a federal tax identification number (FTID). Recovery Events funding is used to host activities, events, or services to raise awareness about and celebrate recovery from substance use, and/or co-occurring disorders (mental health and substance use) through September 2025. This funding opportunity is supported by State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS) funds and must be spent by **September 29, 2025**.

### **Activities & Funding Amount:**

Each eligible organization may request up to \$10,000 to plan and implement activities and event(s) focused on any or all the following:

Reducing opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and/or opioid-related overdoses; increasing access to addiction treatment; preventing youth alcohol and drug use; increasing recovery supports; and providing educational opportunities and training to promote harm reduction practices. The population of focus for this initiative includes transitional aged youth and young adults (ages 16-25), adults, families, and communities impacted by opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and concurrent behavioral health conditions.

The event (s) awarded under this funding opportunity will be viewed as one-time only and should not support ongoing services/supports/salaries.

Funding will be provided to organizations on a first-come, first-served basis.

This opportunity will provide up to \$10,000 for the following activities:

- Personnel salaries and benefits to prepare and participate in eligible event activities
- Training and material costs (e.g., Naloxone purchase and distribution, fentanyl test strips, etc.)
- Twelve Steps materials (e.g., Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous books that remain with organization)
- Educational materials
- Mileage/Travel
- Peer recovery efforts that engage with culturally diverse and unserved populations
- Recovery meetings (all types) with the purpose of raising awareness and celebrating recovery
- Coordination and education on physical health for testing/treatment of HIV/AIDS HCV, STDs, and COVID-19
- Consultants/contracts for the event (e.g., subject matter experts who provide evidenced-based training)
- Information and referral
- Social support and social inclusion activities
- Peer-led educational recovery workshops (e.g., recovery 101, wellness training, shared decision- making, peer provided life skills, stress management, stigma reduction, leadership development, rights protection)
- Culturally based recovery practices (e.g., Learning Circles, Traditional Healing ceremonies, etc.)
- Printing and copying costs (e.g., educational campaigns, strategic messaging, resource cards, educational materials)
- Recovery-friendly workplace and employment support (e.g., outreach to employers to hire individuals in recovery)
- Workforce development/training costs of evidence-based/informed prevention, treatment, and recovery support interventions that are not covered by another funding source
- Registration fees
- Rent to host events
- Transportation assistance (e.g., bus passes, taxi fare, etc.)
- Funding activities only available to participants enrolled in treatment:
  - Hygiene kits including deodorant/antiperspirant, soap, and shampoo
  - Dental kits including, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, non-alcohol containing mouth wash

### **Unallowable Expenses:**

- Food
- Entertainment expenses (e.g., musicians, dunk tanks, giveaways, etc.)
- This is not an exhaustive list. Please see the full list of unallowable expenses for SOS funding at [SOS 3.0 Allowable and Unallowable Expenses](#).

## **Mandatory Minimum Requirements**

To qualify for the proposed opportunity, the organizations intending to participate must meet the following requirements:

- An organization at the federal tax identification (FTID) number level, independent of number of sites, is eligible to submit a single request for up to \$10,000.
- Organization must be 501(c)(3) non-profit.
- Organizations will be able to access the full amount of awarded funds once disbursement requirements are met. Awarded funds will be disbursed, via pass through agent, OhioPro.
- All awards must be fully expended by September 29, 2025.
- Organizations are required to report to OhioMHAS how funds were utilized using the OhioMHAS outcomes survey. OhioMHAS will provide the survey link and the SOS questionnaire (if applicable) for required reporting. Completed surveys are due no later than November 7, 2025. The survey link will be provided upon awarding of funds.

## **Questions, Technical Assistance, and Updates**

- Please email any questions regarding this opportunity to [peerservices@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:peerservices@mha.ohio.gov)
- A technical assistance call will be held via Microsoft Teams on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Links and phone numbers to join are below:

### **[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 290 466 062 406 3

Passcode: HD6CG62x

### **Dial in by phone**

[+1 614-721-2972,,181293154#](#) United States, Columbus

### **[Find a local number](#)**

Phone conference ID: 181 293 154#

### **Join on a video conferencing device**

Tenant key: 682042763@t.plcm.vc

Video ID: 118 454 229 5

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## **To Apply**

Please complete and submit the “Request for Funding Form” using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/g/2YnKfqHta7>