



**Department of
Mental Health &
Addiction Services**

Bureau of Grants Administration Request for Applications (RFA)

**Ohio's State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS) 4.0 Grant
RFA Funding Opportunities for Ohio's
Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Boards
and Community Organizations**

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RFA

Year 2 Funding Period: 09/30/2025 - 09/29/2026

Request for Applications Posting Date: 08/04/2025

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Applications should be completed using the following information, guidance, and requirements:

SECTION I. GENERAL PURPOSE & APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.1 Purpose

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to issue this Request for Applications (RFA) for the purpose of soliciting new or expansion applications from eligible Ohio Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board and non-profit community organizations who provide prevention, harm Reduction, treatment, and recovery support services to apply for State Opioid and Stimulant Response (SOS) 4.0 Grant funding. The grant supports the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder (OUD), stimulant misuse and use disorders, and other concurrent substance use disorders as required by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The responsibilities of the selected applicants of this RFA will include new or expanded projects utilizing evidence based processes in the care continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery support specifically aimed to address opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and concurrent substance use disorders and aligned with Ohio's SOS 4.0 goals, population of focus, and intended outcomes.

OhioMHAS will award funding only to qualified Ohio ADAMH Boards and non-profit community organizations that provide new or expanded prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services and apply with all required materials outlined in this RFA.

New or Expansion projects are defined as:

- **New projects** are services or initiatives not previously implemented or funded by the organization, designed to address identified gaps aligned with SOS 4.0 priorities.
- **Expansion projects** enhance existing programs by increasing capacity, reach, or scope

(e.g., serving more clients, adding components, or extending hours/locations).

For this RFA, the term “applicant” is defined as qualified Ohio ADAMH Boards and non-profit community organizations interested in this opportunity.

The terms “application” and “response” may be used interchangeably to indicate materials submitted to OhioMHAS by an applicant to be considered for award of a grant for services described in this RFA. The terms “grantee” and “selected applicant” may be used interchangeably in reference to an organization selected by OhioMHAS through this RFA for award.

1.2 Overview of the Project

Ohio’s SOS 4.0 Grant aligns state level efforts to flatten Ohio’s death rate from opioid and other drug poisoning, increase access to harm reduction, emphasize peer recovery supports, expand evidence-based practices, and increase upstream prevention strategies to reach Ohio’s transitional aged youth and young adults (aged 16-25), adults, families, and communities. SOS 4.0 Year 2 will amplify Ohio’s new or expanded community-driven system of care to promote lifelong recovery for all Ohioans and generations to come with intentional efforts to reach communities experiencing disproportionate implications of the overdose crisis. Embodying the OhioMHAS core values of the DeWine-Tressel Administration, Ohio’s SOS 4.0 goals and objectives focus on service-oriented care, collaboration, value-driven services, innovative practices, and a strong sense of urgency to save lives and help Ohioans thrive.

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. Ohio’s SOS 4.0 new or expanded strategic investments prioritize evidence-based, culturally adapted*, and community-defined* evidence practices that foster social connectedness, and lasting wellness so that each Ohioan can reach their full potential. These investments will continue to focus on communities experiencing high rates of opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and overdose death. All harm reduction activities related to these investments must be permissible by SAMHSA.

Planned investments focus on the following service areas:

- **Treatment:** FDA-approved MOUD in Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs), low-barrier settings, and criminal justice settings, in addition to other evidence-based practices.
- **Community and Family Resiliency:** Evidence-based prevention to reach children, youth,

young adults, older adults, and families, and their communities.

- **Recovery Supports:** Recovery housing, peer support, and supported employment.

1.3 Issuing Bureau

OhioMHAS Bureau of Grants Administration

1.4 Background

OhioMHAS is the federally regulated single state authority (SSA) for behavioral health with extensive experience and demonstrated success in administering federal discretionary and formulary grants directly involving substance use disorder prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery supports. OhioMHAS is a current recipient of SAMHSA's FY2024 State Opioid Response (SOR/SOS 4.0) which allowed the state to implement a laser-focused, data-driven approach to ensure Ohioans have immediate access to life saving drug reversal medications and drug testing tools. Ohio's SOS 4.0 grant investments are demonstrating impressive empirically validated results in all national outcome measures collected as part of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) interviews.

1.5 Scope of Work

The responsibilities of the selected applicants of this RFA will include provision of evidence-based,*and community-defined* evidence practices in the care continuum of prevention, treatment, and recovery support specifically aimed to address opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and concurrent substance use disorders and aligned with Ohio's SOS 4.0 goals, population of focus, and intended outcomes.

Current SOS 4.0-funded organizations are only eligible for funding under this RFA by providing **expansion** project applications.

1.6 Eligible Applicants

OhioMHAS seeks applications from qualified Ohio ADAMH Boards and non-profit community organizations who meet the statutory requirements for licensed and/or certified community behavioral health services providers, private psychiatric hospitals, and residential Class 1, 2, and

3 facilities enacted into law through House Bill 33 (please visit OhioMHAS Licensure and Certification webpage for more information [here](#)). Only organizations that have the resources to complete the grant content areas described under “Scope of Work” should apply. Applicants must be a 501-C (3) or (4) non-profit or government entity.

All applicants and proposed sub-awardees or partners must have demonstrated a minimum of two years’ experience in delivering prevention, treatment, and recovery supports as required by SAMHSA.

Recovery housing applicants must support and/or provide participant access to evidence-based treatment including ALL forms of FDA-approved MOUD as required by SAMHSA.

1.7 Award

OhioMHAS is issuing this new or expansion RFA with the intent of awarding up to \$23,000,000. Applicants must propose projects that are either **new** or **expansion**:

- **New projects** are services or initiatives not previously implemented or funded by the organization, designed to address identified gaps aligned with SOS 4.0 priorities.
- **Expansion projects** enhance existing programs by increasing capacity, reach, or scope (e.g., serving more clients, adding components, or extending hours/locations).

Proposals must clearly indicate whether the project is **new** or **expansion** and explain how it meets these criteria. Applications that do not specify this will not be considered.

To further agency goals and direction, OhioMHAS is particularly interested in responses that highlight efforts to enhance outcomes for housing, employment and education, and social connectedness. Awards are expected to be announced for project implementation on or before 09/30/2025 and are contingent upon OhioMHAS receipt of an official Notice of Award (NOA) and budget approval from SAMHSA. The department reserves the right to fully, partially, or not fund any of the applications. Awarded projects may be eligible for renewal annually for the performance period of the grant award, contingent upon satisfactory performance and implementation of deliverables, accurate and timely submission of all reporting requirements set forth by OhioMHAS and SAMHSA, and OhioMHAS receipt of official continuation NOA and budget approval each subsequent year from SAMHSA.

+Planned Year Two: September 30, 2025, to September 29, 2026
++Planned Year Three: September 30, 2026, to September 29, 2027

+Year Two performance period contingent upon OhioMHAS receipt of an official Notice of Award (NOA) and budget

approval from SAMHSA. ++Year Two and Three performance periods are contingent upon satisfactory performance and implementation of deliverables, accurate and timely submission of all reporting requirements set forth by OhioMHAS and SAMHSA, and OhioMHAS receipt of official continuation NOA and budget approval each subsequent year from SAMHSA.

The actual dollar amounts awarded for selected applications will be based on the amount of state or federal funding made available to OhioMHAS, and the number of applications which are both qualified and selected for award. Applications are qualified if they are in accordance with the application submission requirements and earn at least the minimum score requirements for quality and completeness of applications, as specified in this RFA. Scoring and final selections will be completed by a team selected by OhioMHAS. To make its final selection of applications which will receive awards and to determine the size of those awards, OhioMHAS may, at its option, take into consideration application quality, reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget, geographic diversity, local collaborations and funding available. The department reserves the right to fully, partially, or not fund any applications.

OhioMHAS may, at its option, make selections based in part on geographical and demographic criteria in order to provide a wide range of services around the state, and in both urban and rural areas. Applicants are encouraged to submit new or expansion applications and budgets which are both practicable and capable of providing evidence-based, practices in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery supports to address opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and concurrent substance use disorders. Emphasis will be placed on applications that demonstrate a viable sustainability plan, ensuring continuation of services beyond the lifecycle of the SOS grant.

Applicants are to be aware that OhioMHAS may, at its sole discretion, negotiate with all technically qualifying applicants for a revised Project Budget, if the Project Budgets of all technically qualifying applicants are in excess of the available funding for this project.

1.8 Required Data Collection and Reporting

All SOS 4.0 Year Two award recipients must adhere to the required data collection, reporting, terms, and conditions set forth in by OhioMHAS and SAMHSA, in part to ensure SAMHSA can meet its obligations under the Government Performance and Results (GPRA) Modernization Act of 2010. Applicants must document their plan for data collection, monitoring, and reporting in each content area of their application which will be scored.

Award recipients delivering treatment and recovery support services will be required to collect GPRA interviews on the uniform data collection tool provided by SAMHSA. Recipients will collect GPRA interview with participants at intake of services, six-months following intake, and upon discharge from programming. GPRA service providers are expected to reach 100% intake rate compliance and at minimum, 80% follow-up rate as required by SAMHSA.

Award recipients delivering prevention and harm reduction activities will be required to collect program-level data through the non-GPRA Reporting Tool and SOR-TOR Program Instrument quarterly. Both instruments capture numerical data on prevention programs, outreach activities to underserved populations, purchase, distribution, and use of allowable harm reduction supplies (naloxone, other opioid overdose reversal medications, and drug checking technologies as directed by SAMHSA), and education programs aimed to reach school-aged children, school administrators, first responders, and key community sectors on opioid and stimulant misuse.

Recipients will be required to submit Programmatic Progress Reports (PPRs) mid-year and annually. The mid-year PPR will be due at the end of the second quarter and the annual PPR will be due within 30 days of the end of the grant performance period. PPRs will be collected each grant performance period contingent upon renewal award. The PPRs must include:

- Updates on budget or project changes (as applicable, prior approval required).
- Progress and outcome status achieving goals and objectives and implementing evaluation activities.
- Progress and outcome status implementing required activities, including accomplishments, challenges and barriers, and adjustments made, or solutions implemented to address these challenges.
- Efforts to overcome problems encountered serving the population of focus.
- Progress and outcome status achieved in addressing the needs of underserved, diverse populations (e.g., rural communities, minorities, LGBTQ, older adults, etc.) and implementation of targeted interventions to promote behavioral health wellness equity.
- Updates on fidelity monitoring plan (see Section 1.9).

Recipients will be requested to document and share impact stories that capture individual successes and highlight key accomplishments of the grant at the individual and program level.

To support recipient data collection, OhioMHAS partners with an external vendor with demonstrated experience in grant reporting and data collection.

1.9 Fidelity Monitoring Plan

SAMHSA requires implementation of evidence-based and community-defined evidence practices. To ensure fidelity to these practices, OhioMHAS is requesting fidelity monitoring practices aid programs aligned with Ohio's SUD COE to engage in ongoing quality improvement and understand the impact of the intervention(s) utilized. Applicants should document which evidence-based and/or community-defined evidence practice(s) and describe how they will monitor fidelity throughout the performance period.

A list of recommended evidence-based practices is provided in Appendix A. Programmatic updates on the fidelity monitoring plan will be requested as part of the mid-year and annual PPRs (see Section 1.8). Strongly recommended fidelity monitoring practices include facilitator fidelity logs, observations of program implementation, and observations of staff training on the curriculum and key program components. Data collection to calculate fidelity metrics are encouraged to promote ongoing implementation and impact evaluation. OhioMHAS will make available fidelity monitoring resources, consultation, and technical assistance at no-cost through the Ohio Substance Use Disorder Center of Excellence (SUD COE) and the Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Prevention and Promotion (Prevention COE).

1.10 Sustainability Plan

Sustainability refers to the organizational capacity to continue, maintain, and enhance programming, project goals, and objectives to reach the population of focus and achieve desired outcomes. Applicants should address the elements of sustainability they plan to implement throughout the project period to ensure programming can continue beyond the grant. Elements and activities of sustainability plan may include building ownership with stakeholders, establishing community partnerships, identifying program champions, reviewing and updating administrative policies and procedures, securing alternative funding, applying for future grant opportunities, etc. Applicants are asked to describe their sustainability plan in detail with a view of the dynamic and shifting priorities at the Federal level. The Department will strongly consider the applicants capacity for sustainable programs in making funding decisions.

1.11 Required Grantee Monitoring Activities

All SOS 4.0 award recipients are required to participate in OhioMHAS sponsored meetings throughout the grant project period, including but not limited to:

- Annual Start-Up Meeting
- Quarterly Regional Collaboration Monitoring Calls
- Monthly Contingency Management (CM) Monitoring Calls - approved award recipients

using CM

- Monthly MOMS Monitoring Calls (award recipients serving pregnant women and moms)
- Technical Assistance (TA) Calls and/or Monitoring Site Visits with OhioMHAS SOS 4.0 staff

Additional information and a calendar of events will be shared with all SOS 4.0 recipients upon issuance of award.

SECTION II. POSTING AND AWARD PROCESS INFORMATION

2.1 Anticipated Timetable

1. The RFA, accompanying documents, and all questions and answers will be posted on the OhioMHAS website at: <https://mha.ohio.gov/supporting-providers/apply-for-funding/funding-opportunities>
2. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than **08/13/2025 by 3:00 p.m. EDT** to the OhioMHAS RFA Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) mailbox at: SOS4@mha.ohio.gov
3. The FAQ mailbox above will close on 08/13/2025. 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 submitted to the FAQ mailbox will be posted to the OhioMHAS website at <https://mha.ohio.gov/supporting-providers/apply-for-funding/funding-opportunities> and will be updated as questions are received. All applications must be submitted electronically to SOS4@mha.ohio.gov **by 08/25/2025 by 3:00 p.m. EDT**. Applicants should identify if this application is either new or expansion.
5. All applications will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in the scoring rubric of this RFA. Entities may submit applications for **either new or expansion grants**, applicants cannot do both under this funding opportunity.
6. Application grant notification letters are planned to be sent by the end of September.
7. OhioMHAS agreements are not valid and effective until the issuance of an approved State of Ohio Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA). The NOSA will contain the start and end dates of the award.
8. The grantee(s) must be able to begin work no later than seven (7) working days after the time funds are encumbered and approved by the Office of Budget & Management. Any work begun by the grantee prior to this notification may not be reimbursable by OhioMHAS.

It is the responsibility of all applicants to check the webpage dedicated to this RFA on a regular

basis for responses to all questions, as well as for any amendments, alerts, or other pertinent information regarding this RFA. OhioMHAS is not responsible for the accuracy of any information regarding this RFA that was obtained or gathered through a source different from the FAQ process described in this RFA.

Should applicants experience technical difficulties accessing the OhioMHAS website where the RFA and its related documents are published, they may contact the OhioMHAS Helpdesk at MHAHelpdesk@mha.ohio.gov for guidance.

If an informational session is scheduled, the date, time, and meeting information will be posted as an accompanying document to this RFA for any organization interested in learning more about this funding opportunity.

SECTION III. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The applicant must submit electronic response to SOS4@mha.ohio.gov. A copy of the grant application must be received by OhioMHAS no later than **08/25/2025 by 3:00 p.m. EDT**. Applications received after this date and time will not be reviewed. Materials mailed or submitted separately from the application packet will not be accepted or added to the application/proposal by staff of OhioMHAS. Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted. Costs incurred in the preparation of this application are to be borne by the applicant; OhioMHAS will not contribute in any way to the costs of the preparation.

3.1 Page Limit and Formatting

The page limit for this application is no more than **6 pages**, single spaced, one-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman. The **6 pages** do not include the Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative, Face Sheet, and Abstract. Applicants should submit their application and all attached documents in Adobe PDF whenever possible.

Please note that if the application is longer than 6 pages, OhioMHAS will evaluate the application based upon the first 6 pages, and the remainder of the application may be disregarded.

3.2 Application Components

A. Face Sheet:

- a. Title of this RFA
- b. Name of applicant organization, address, phone number

- c. Executive director name and contact information
- d. Project Director name and contact information
- e. Fiscal officer name and contact information
- f. Applicant's federal tax ID
- g. Specify whether applicant is a 501 C (3) or (4) non-profit or government entity
- h. Amount of funding requested

Abstract: In 200 words or less, the abstract should include the project name, communities(s) to be served, a summary of services and supports to be implemented, the project goals and measurable objectives, number of individuals projected to be served, the total amount of funding requested.

In the first five lines or less of the abstract, write a summary of the project that can be used in publications, reports to the Governor's Office, or press releases if the application is funded.

- B. Scope of the Work/Project Description:** Provide a detailed description of the proposed approach to completing the proposed goal(s) and timeline for completing each deliverable. In the project description, please include the following information:
- a. **Population/Communities(s) of Focus:** Identify and describe the population(s) of focus and the geographic catchment area where the organization and/or sub-awardee(s) will deliver services that align with the intended population of focus and scope of the grant.
 - b. **Number to be served:** Please identify the number of individuals projected to be served.
 - c. **National Outcome Measures (NOMs):** Applications must include a description of the project goals and measures to be achieved during the programmatic project period. NOMs collected in the GPRA include abstinence from illicit substances, housing, employment and education, criminal justice involvement, and social connectedness.
 - d. **Applicant Qualifications:** The applicant must address all the minimum qualifications and fully describe the applicant's experience and qualifications.
 - e. **Staffing Plan:** The applicant's response must identify by position and name, the staff who will be key to the project's success. Include qualifications, the amount of FTE per position, and the service providers' level of subject matter expertise implementing the proposed services and supports.
 - f. **Sub-Awardee qualifications and staffing plan** (if applicable)
 - g. **Data Collection and Reporting Plan** (see Section 1.8)
 - h. **Fidelity Monitoring Plan** (see Section 1.9)
 - i. **Sustainability Plan** (see Section 1.10)

- C. Prior Experience:** Applicants must demonstrate prior experience successfully implementing similar projects related to the subject matter.

All applicants and proposed sub-awardees or partners must have demonstrated a minimum of two years' experience in delivering prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery supports as required by SAMHSA. In addition to demonstrating prior experience, please provide a written statement certifying that your organization and all partnering service provider organizations will meet the two-year experience requirement and applicable licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements as required by SAMHSA and OhioMHAS.

- D. Proposed Implementation Approach:** Applications must include a discussion of the evidence-based, and/or community-defined evidence practices that will be implemented during the project. Additionally, they must provide a realistic timeline for each month of the project. The timeline should include objectives that are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound). All key dates, key activities, and responsible personnel should be outlined in detail and align with the proposed phases of the project.

- E. Outcome Measures:** Applications must include a description of the following:

- a. Project goals and outcomes to be achieved
- b. Data collection and reporting plan
- c. Fidelity monitoring plan
- d. Sustainability plan
- e. Detailed methodology for measuring progress
- f. Benchmarks that provide an indication of standards to be achieved
- g. Methodology for tracking progress achievements or shortfalls
- h. Methodology for analyzing and correcting project errors

- F. Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative**

- a. Applications must include a Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative that identifies all costs to complete the project year as described in the RFA on the provided template. Costs must be allowable, reasonable, realistic, and within scope.
- b. Include a signed Notice of Award/Sub-awardee Statement of Assurances including budget and budget narrative for each sub-awardee on the provided template.
- c. Include the Budget Checklist which can be found on the OhioMHAS Funding Opportunity Page.

By submitting a budget expenditure form and budget narrative, the Applicant is confirming that the services and deliverables outlined within this RFA are encompassed within the budget expenditure form and budget narrative.

The Applicant acknowledges that if their application is chosen as a result of this RFA, the Applicant will not be entitled to increase the original application's cost breakdown. OhioMHAS relies on the budget expenditure form and budget narrative to adequately evaluate and determine awards, and no Applicant shall be entitled to additional funds outside of the cost proposal.

SECTION IV. CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION SCORING

4.1 Scoring Applications

OhioMHAS will enter into agreement(s) with a grantee(s) that best demonstrates the ability to meet requirements as specified in the RFA. Applicants submitting a response will be evaluated based on the capacity and experience demonstrated in their Application and Project Budget. All applications will be reviewed and scored by a team from OhioMHAS.

OhioMHAS is under no obligation to issue an agreement as a result of this solicitation if, in the opinion of OhioMHAS and the Scoring Team, none of the applications are responsive to the objectives and needs of OhioMHAS. OhioMHAS reserves the right not to select any application should OhioMHAS decide not to proceed.

OhioMHAS may review the highest-ranking Applicants and/or its key team members to ensure that the Applicant is responsible. The award may not be made to an Applicant that is determined not to be responsible. OhioMHAS's determination of an Applicant's responsibility may include the following factors: the experience of the Applicant and its key team members; past conduct and past performance on previous contracts or grants; ability to execute this project properly; and management skill. OhioMHAS will make such determination of responsibility based on the Applicant's Application, reference evaluations, and any other information OhioMHAS requests or determines to be relevant.

Additionally, OhioMHAS reserves the right to review the Applicant's previous work or work product prior to awarding a grant.

All applications and any other documents submitted to OhioMHAS in response to any solicitation shall become the property of OhioMHAS. This RFA and, after the selection of an applicant for award, any applications received in response to a solicitation that have been opened, reviewed and considered by OhioMHAS are deemed to be public records pursuant to

ORC 149.43. For purposes of this section, the term “application” shall mean both the Technical Application and the Project Budget submitted by an applicant and any attachments, addenda, appendices, resumes, letters of recommendation, or sample products.

4.2 Criteria for Scoring

All applications will be scored based on the available points per section according to the following scale, based on a proposed plan’s ability to meet the objectives outlined in this RFA. The application scoring uses the following point values for rating each requirement:

Technical Performance Scoring Definitions:

- **DOES NOT MEET (0):** Response does not comply substantially with requirements or is not provided.
- **WEAK (1):** Response was poor related to meeting the objectives.
- **BELOW AVERAGE (2):** Response indicates the objectives will not be completely met or at a level that will be below average.
- **MEETS (3):** Response generally meets the objectives (or expectations).
- **ABOVE AVERAGE (4):** Response indicates the objectives will be exceeded.
- **STRONG (5):** Response significantly exceeds objectives (or expectations) in ways that provide tangible benefits or meets objectives (or expectations) and contains at least one enhancing feature that provides significant benefits.

4.3 Award

1. Awards are expected to be announced during the week of 09/30/2025.
2. Grant awards funded this opportunity will not exceed \$(500,000 for direct funded projects. Boards are exempt from this cap.)
3. All grant funds must be expended by 09/29/2026.

**Deadline for submission of all applications is 08/25/2025 by 3:00 p.m. EDT
and must be submitted to SOS4@mha.ohio.gov**

SECTION V. CONDITIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

* According to requirements of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 126.07, OhioMHAS agreements are not valid and enforceable until the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) certifies the availability of appropriate funding. The selected applicant(s) may neither perform work nor submit an disbursement request for payment for work performed for this project for any time

period prior to the grant project period**.

** Subject to all applicable approvals, the project period is expected to run from approximately 09/30/2025 through 09/29/2026. Renewal subsequent years will be contingent upon satisfactory performance and implementation of deliverables, accurate and timely submission of all reporting requirements set forth by OhioMHAS and SAMHSA, and OhioMHAS receipt of official continuation NOA and budget approval each subsequent year from SAMHSA.

5.1 Public Release of Records

Public release of any evaluation or monitoring reports funded under this agreement will be made only by OhioMHAS. Prior to public release of such reports, OhioMHAS must have at least a thirty (30) day period for review and comment.

SECTION VI. ATTACHMENTS AND THEIR USES

- A.** Required Applicant Information and Certifications (to be completed & included in the application as specified)
- B.** Assurances
- C.** Application Score Sheet (for applicant reference purposes)
- D.** Project Budget Form (to be completed and included in cost application packet as specified in Section 3.2, G.)
- E.** Appendix A: Evidence-based, culturally adapted, and community-defined evidence practices (for applicant reference purposes)
- F.** Appendix B: List of SAMHSA Required and Allowable Activities (for applicant reference purposes)
- G.** Appendix C: SAMHSA Contingency Management Requirements

*SAMHSA defines evidence-based, culturally adapted, and community-defined evidence practices. Appendix A provides a list of recommended practices. **SAMHSA required, and allowable activities are provided in Appendix B. ***Recovery housing organizations that apply for SOS 4.0 funding must support and/or provide participant access to evidence-based treatment including ALL forms of FDA-approved MOUD as required by SAMHSA.

Scoring Rubric

Application Score Sheet (for applicant reference purposes). Note that this form may be modified to meet the needs of the project.

DOES NOT MEET	WEAK	BELOW AVERAGE	MEETS	ABOVE AVERAGE	STRONG
0 POINTS	1 POINT	2 POINTS	3 POINTS	4 POINTS	5 POINTS

Organization: _____

Name: _____

Review Criterion	Available Points	Rating 0-5	Extended Score
Requirements: Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant. Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be scored.	0		
Face Sheet	0		
Abstract	0		
Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative: All costs to complete the year one of project are on the provided template. Costs are allowable, reasonable, realistic, and within scope. Statement of Assurance signed. Budget Checklist provided.	0		
Scope of Work/Project Description Components:			
Communities(s) of Focus & Number to be Served: Identify and describe your population(s) of focus and the geographic catchment area where your organization and/or sub-awardee(s) will deliver services that align with the intended population of focus and scope of the grant.	10		
National Outcome Measures (NOMs): Applications must include a description of the project goals and measures to be achieved during the programmatic project period.	15		

Applicant Qualifications: The applicant must address all the minimum qualifications and fully describe the applicant's experience and qualifications.	10		
Staffing Plan: Include qualifications, the amount of FTE per position, and the service providers' level of subject matter expertise implementing the proposed services and supports.	10		
Sub-Awardee Qualifications and Staffing Plan (if applicable)			
Sustainability Plan	15		
Prior experience: Demonstration that applicant has prior experience successfully implementing complex subject projects related to the subject matter. Includes required written statement of certification as required by SAMHSA.	10		
Proposed implementation approach: Applications must include a discussion of the evidence-based, culturally adapted, and/or community-defined evidence practices that will be implemented during the project. Includes a realistic timeline for each month of the project.	15		
Outcome Measures: Applications must include a description of the following: a. Project goals and outcomes to be achieved b. Data collection and reporting plan c. Fidelity monitoring plan d. Sustainability plan e. Detailed methodology for measuring progress f. Benchmarks that provide an indication of standards to be achieved g. Methodology for tracking progress achievements or shortfalls h. Methodology for analyzing and correcting project errors	15		
Total Score			

Comments:

Printed Name of Reviewer:

Signature of Reviewer:

Date:
