

Reno County/Hutchinson Fights Addiction Fund Grant Program

Request for Proposals Applications Due:

November 8, 2024 @ 4:30 pm

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Over 100,000 people died as a result of the overdose epidemic from September 2020 to September 2021. Approximately 75,000 of those deaths involved opioids, most of which were due to synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. Settlements have been reached with several opioid distributors and outline core abatement strategies, Exhibit E of the settlements, to address the opioid crisis. Given the short-term nature of the funds, prioritization is given to funding projects in need of one-time or start-up costs. Spending the litigation money on evidence-based strategies to save lives from prescription opioid misuse and illicit opioid use is essential.

Reno County and Hutchinson have received approximately \$300,000 so far and are expected to receive more over the next 18 years.

In order to best meet the needs of our community, the Reno County Health Department has convened a committee, Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Oversight Committee, made up of a variety of community stakeholders who have looked at the data available for Reno County, identified goals and measures of success for the City of Hutchinson and Reno County as a whole as well as identified the abatement strategies that should be prioritized. This committee is tasked with making sure that the Reno County Fights Addiction Fund is spent in a way that saves lives from prescription opioid misuse and illicit opioid use, while also coming alongside efforts currently happening within Reno County.

Eligible Applicants

Proposals must come from organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) and serve Reno County, Kansas. Special purpose units of government may apply for support of innovative projects. Community groups who do not have a 501(c)(3) status may apply for grant awards if another tax-exempt organization acts as a fiscal sponsor. Grant proposals from individuals or non-qualifying organizations will not be considered. Applicants must conduct business without discrimination on the basis of race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, creed, or ethnicity.

Grant Awards

Individual requests may not exceed \$50,000 for implementation and expenditure from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

Proposals will be reviewed and recommended by the Reno County/Hutchinson Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Oversight Committee. The Committee may choose to partially fund or deny an applicant's request. The recommendations will be taken to Hutchinson City Council and Reno County Commission for the final award.

Funding Priorities

€ Projects that implement one or more of the following abatement strategies

- Increase the availability of naloxone, a medication approved by the FDA to reverse opioid overdoses, through purchase, distribution, and/or training on its use.
- Increase low-threshold access to medication treatment for opioid use disorder, including the development and support of programs that will expand access and provide holistic recovery supports.
- Creation or expansion of holistic warm hand-off programs, coordinated care, and recovery services to help individuals navigate their recovery journey.
- Increase access to evidence-based treatments and recovery supports for incarcerated individuals with opioid use disorder in jails and prisons or provide evidence-based behavioral health services and supports as an alternative to incarceration.
- Enrich evidence-based school- and community-based prevention programs.
- Support data collection and evaluation of abatement programs and strategies.
- ⊘ Programs that are evidence-based
- ⊘ Prevention projects in need of one-time or start-up costs
- ⊘ Projects that provide services and/or remove barriers to service for marginalized, underserved, and vulnerable populations.
- ⊘ Projects that are implemented in a way that is trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, and equitable.

Ineligible Uses

Projects not related to at least one of the listed abatement strategies will not be considered. Also not allowed are projects that supplant existing funding (i.e. Medicaid and other insurance programs should be used as a payment source for treatment wherever possible instead of relying on litigation dollars) and programs that prohibit people from receiving medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder. Other ineligible projects include religious indoctrination or other proselytization activities, deficit financing, lobbying, electioneering and activities of a political nature, sponsorships for special events, endowment building, direct fundraising, and reimbursement of pre-award costs.

Procedure for Submitting Proposals

Proposals will be accepted between September 25th and November 8th 2024. Send completed proposals to candace.davidson@renocountyks.gov by November 8th at 4:30 pm. Finalist may be asked for in-person interviews after review of applications.

Reporting Requirements

Grantees are required to complete and submit a written midterm report to assist Reno County/Hutchinson in telling the story of the project's impact. A final report is due 30 days following the completion of the project and no later than one year plus 30 days after the grant award date. Failure to complete final reports on time may impact an organization's ability to receive future funding from the Reno County/Hutchinson Fights Addiction Fund.

Contact Candace Davidson with any questions: candace.davidson@renocountyks.gov, 620-259-8463

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General Information

Date: _____ **SAM UEI Number:** _____

Entity Name: _____ **Federal Tax ID:** _____

Main Contact Name: _____ **Main Contact Title:** _____

Position of person authorizing submittal: _____ **Signature of person authorizing submittal:** _____

Project/Program Title: _____

Applicant Type: (check all that apply)

- Non-Profit organization
- Faith-Based organization
- For Profit/Non-Profit Partnerships

Project/Program Type: (Please select the priority area/s you are working on)

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Total project cost:

Total Admin Cost:

(Not to Exceed 10% of Total Grant Award)

*(Max Grant Amount
\$50,000.00)*

Is this a phased in Project? Yes No N/A

If yes, how many phases?

During how many years?

Project is currently in phase:

1. Applicant Contact Information

Authorized Representative Name:

Authorized Representative Title:

Mailing Address Line 1:

Mailing Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Physical Address Line 1:

Physical Address Line 2:

Physical Address City:

Physical Address State:

Physical Address Zip Code:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

2. Application Preparer Contact Information (If different from Applicant Contact Information)

Firm Name:

Contact Name:

Mailing Address Line 1:

Mailing Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Physical Address Line 1:

Physical Address Line 2:

Physical Address City:

Physical Address State:

Physical Address Zip Code:

Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

3. Partner Agency Contact Information (if applicable)

Will this project/program be implemented with the assistance of a partner agency?

Partner Agency Name:

Partner Agency Contact Name:

Mailing Address:

4. Project Description

Please be sure this description includes all major project components and clearly states what the program/ project seeks to accomplish, as well as how your program/project addresses any or all the priorities:

Start Narrative here

5. Project Type. *Please describe how this project/program will address prescription opioid misuse and/or illicit opioid use.*

Start Narrative here

6. Areas to be Served. Please describe what areas of Reno County and/or the City of Hutchinson that will be affected by your program/project.

Start Narrative here

7. Community Served. Please describe what Community will be served by your program/project.

Start Narrative here

8. Partner Agency? Will this program/project be implemented in collaboration or partnership with another organization? If so, please explain the nature of the collaboration. **For-profits must partner with Non-profit to be eligible for the grant.**

Start Narrative here

9. Program/Project Budget			
Description of Expense	Grant Funding Requested	Other Secured Funding Source(s)	Total Cost Amount
<u>Program/Project Costs</u>			
<i>Program/Project Cost Subtotal:</i>			
<u>Administration Costs</u>			
Other			
<i>Administration Subtotal:</i>			
TOTAL PROJECT COST:			

*Please describe how you will ensure funding will be allocated and spent by **December 31, 2025***

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The application can only be submitted electronically.

An electronic copy of the application and supporting materials (e.g., project support letters from partners) in pdf format must be submitted to the Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Oversight Committee no later than 4:30 pm on November 8, 2024. The emailed proposal must be less than 15 megabytes in size. Project proposals selected for awards will need to sign grant documents prior to receiving the grant award.

Email proposals to: candace.davidson@renocountyks.gov

Certification by Authorized Representative

The attached statements and exhibits are hereby made part of this application, and the undersigned representative of the Applicant certifies that the information in the application and the attached statements and exhibits are true, correct and complete to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. By initialing each item and signing at the end of this application he/she further certifies that:

1. As Authorized Representative, he/she had been authorized to file this application.
2. The governing body agrees to provide additional documentation or information requested regarding this proposed project/program.
3. The Applicant has substantially complied with or will comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances as applicable to this project/program.
4. The project/program budget provided in this application form includes all funding requested from all sources of funding proposed for the project/program.
5. The Applicant acknowledges that all funds are subject to approval by the Reno County Commission and the City of Hutchinson City Council

Application Signature:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name

Date

Application Completeness Checklist

In addition to this application, **the following items should be included for a complete application package**; please initial that each item is included in this submittal if applicable.

_____ Provide documentation supporting any Partnership and/or Collaborative efforts

Provide documents that support any partnerships or collaborative efforts that identified, planned, or are implementing the program/project.

_____ Provide documentation to support any Match funding sources

For secured funding, you must attach a letter of support from the match funding source that:

- Specifies the dollar amount identified for this project,
- Equals the dollar amount shown in the "Amount/Dollar Value" column in the table below
- Describes the work to be accomplished through the match.

For pending resources, you must attach other written documentation showing a request for the matching funds. Documentation must:

- Include the project name,
- Note the date on which a future funding application will be submitted, and
- Identify the funding program from which funds are pending.

_____ Provide any letters of support for your program/project. (If applicable)

Submittal Information

For all programs, send one (1) **electronic copy** of the Application.

Email: candace.davidson@renocountyks.gov

(Must be less than 15 megabytes in size.)

For any technical issues submitting your application please contact Candace Davidson at candace.davidson@renocountyks.gov Please describe the technical issue that you are having, and someone will address the concern within 2 business days. Any technical issues that prevent on-time submission will be considered at the time of late submission.

Please make sure to sign and date your application. Any applications returned that are not signed will not be considered.

Application Evaluation Process

The Opioid Settlement Funds Advisory Oversight Committee is comprised of a variety of community stakeholders with background and in-depth knowledge of the Kansas Fights Addiction Funds. The review team will be tasked with providing reviews and ratings of the submitted applications, In addition, the review team will provide recommendations for funding to the Reno County Commission and Hutchinson City Council for final review and approval. The lists will include scoring criteria as well as the total score for each applicant.

The Reno County Commission and Hutchinson City Council shall have final approval of funding for projects/programs. No monies shall be expended from the fund without approval from the County Commission or City Council.

Each project application will be reviewed based on the information received and will include scoring in key priority areas. The scoring process will be used as a tool to assist in final project award decisions by the County and City.

Application Process

Applications will be reviews in the order received. The County and City anticipates applicants should receive a decision no later than December 20, 2024.

If the County or City determines that an application is ineligible, or the documentation attached does not meet the requirements the applicant will be notified via email that the application has not been accepted for funding

- Grant funds will be distributed to projects/ programs in priority order and partial awards may be considered for lower-scoring projects.**