

Vermont's State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant

Year 1

October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019

Through the Federal CURES act, Vermont is eligible for DHHS SAMHSA's non-competitive two-year State Opioid Response (SOR) grant with \$4 million awarded annually in September 2018 and September 2019. The proposed activities funded by the SOR grant in Vermont will support the continuation and expansion of activities started under the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR) grant.

The SOR grant program aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD), reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities for OUD including prescription opioids, heroin, and illicit activities secondary to OUD.

Vermont's proposed SOR grant activities aim to increase access to MAT, increase workforce capacity to treat substance use disorder (SUD), increase regional capacity to implement community-specific opioid strategies, and decrease opioid overdose-related deaths. The activities will focus on the following three populations to improve treatment access and engagement: 1) individuals who are in need of but not actively seeking OUD treatment, 2) individuals awaiting administration of MAT, and 3) individuals who may be at heightened risk for opioid overdose. Vermont will achieve these goals by implementing activities that support and enhance direct service and capitalize on Vermont's existing prevention, treatment, and recovery systems to address opioid misuse and serve all 623,657 Vermonters.

Determining Use of Funds

SAMHSA's Opioid SOR grant funds support evidence-based prevention, treatment, and recovery support activities to address the opioid crisis. Grantees may use up to 5% of their grant award for state administrative costs and 2% of their grant award for data collection. Required activities include:

- Implement service delivery models that enable the full spectrum of treatment and recovery support services that facilitate positive treatment outcomes and long-term recovery.
- Implement community recovery support services such as peer supports, recovery coaches, and recovery housing. Grantees must ensure that recovery housing supported under this grant is in an appropriate and legitimate facility. Individuals in recovery should have a meaningful role in developing the service array used in your program.
- Implement prevention and education services including training of healthcare professionals on the assessment and treatment of OUD, training of peers and first responders on recognition of opioid overdose and appropriate use of the opioid overdose antidote naloxone, develop evidence-based community prevention efforts including evidence-based strategic messaging on the consequence of opioid misuse, and purchase and distribute naloxone and train on its use.
- Provide treatment transition and coverage for patients reentering communities from criminal justice settings or other rehabilitative settings.
- Make use of the SAMHSA-funded Opioid TA/T grantee resources to assist in providing training and technical assistance on evidence-based practices to healthcare providers in your state who will render services to treat OUD in individuals seeking treatment and recovery services.

The process for determining the use of the funds includes recommendations from:

- The Vermont Alcohol and Drug Council
- Opioid Coordinating Council Report

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- AHS leadership
- Vermont Department of Health
- Stakeholders independently

The Vermont Department of Health reviews all recommendations and makes the final decision considering:

- Best alignment with the goals of the Department and Agency,
- Sustainability,
- Feasibility,
- Need,
- Reach of the investment,
- Best practice,
- Permissible under grant requirements, and
- Administrative burden.

Proposed Activities

The following activities have been proposed in the SOR grant application. Year 1 of SOR funding with anticipated disbursement in September 2018 will support the continuation and expansion of activities that began under the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR) grant.

CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	Amount
Workforce Development	Employment Consultants in Hubs and Recovery Centers- Continuation of funding for 3 STR pilot regions from 5/19-10/19 and expansion funding for an additional 3 regions. (STR Activity)	\$ 361,250.00
	Certification Fee, Educational Scholarships, and mileage reimbursement for Recovery Coaches	\$ 142,600.00
	VT Recovery Coach Rural Learning and Scholarships- technology needed for a comprehensive statewide learning network, establishment of a training hub, and support for 5 hosting partners in rural areas; scholarships for individuals to receive training in recovery coaching through the program.	\$ 106,200.00
Prevention	Combatting Stigma Campaign- public messaging campaign to increase understanding of addiction as a health issue, increase understanding of MAT as a tool in the treatment of OUD, and promote action steps for getting to treatment	\$ 225,000.00

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	Drug Disposal Kiosks and Mail-Back Envelopes – funds will be used to continue STR grant activities through purchase of additional liners for existing drug disposal kiosks and expansion capacity for new kiosks and liner supply and purchase of additional mail-back envelopes. (STR Activity)	\$ 44,600.00
	Prevention Hubs and Capacity Grants- Establishment of two regional prevention hubs in Vermont. These programs will develop and maintain regional readiness and capacity for primary and secondary substance misuse prevention	\$ 421,480.00
	Vermont Parent Child Centers- conduct screenings for substance misuse and providing parenting programs to at-risk and high-risk families. (STR Activity)	\$ 41,699.00
	Community Prevention Hub Evaluation activities – to continue to fund these evaluation activities previously supported with STR funding	\$ 100,000.00
	Rocking Horse Program- evaluation and expansion of the program; material revision and curriculum update; training for RH program facilitators – SOR funds will provide a one-time replacement of Block Grant dollars	\$ 155,400.00
	Kingdom County Productions “Listen-to” Project- development of a youth-focused musical production and discussion guide for distribution among Vermont schools statewide	\$ 50,000.00
Treatment/ Recovery	ER Recovery Supports- SOR funds support existing 3 regions of ER recovery supports in addition to three new regions for a full year. (STR Activity)	\$ 1,062,500.00
	Harm Reduction To-Go Packs (HRPs)- overdose prevention education materials, information on treatment and recovery resources, naloxone (with instructions for administering the drug)	\$ 410,562.00
	Substance Abuse Program Manager - Recovery Specialist (1 FTE)- planning, program development, stake-holder engagement and implementation of statewide recovery services (Fringe 40%/Indirect 75% of salary)	\$ 121,325.00

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	ASAM 3.1 Residential Program- program development and implementation (Recovery House one-time funds from SOR).	\$ 57,000.00
	Service Delivery Enhancement Specialists- expand Rapid Access: MAT (RAM) to three additional regions, integrate RAM and Recovery Support Services in the ED initiatives, and develop and implement community-based outreach and engagement strategies that promote awareness of RAM.	\$ 140,210.00
	VT Alliance of Recovery Residences - Certification support.	\$ 100,000.00
	State Opioid Coordinator (1 FTE)- coordinating the various streams of federal funding coming into the state to address the opioid crisis. Funding streams included will be Opioid STR, Strategic Prevention Framework – Prescription Drugs, CDC- Prevention Overdose, MAT-PDOA, HRSA, etc. (Fringe 40%/Indirect 75% of salary)	\$ 121,325.00
	Recovery Coach Pregnant and Parenting Women's Specialists- Vermont will expand a pilot program initiated at one recovery center to additional recovery centers.	\$ 186,000.00
Administration	Program Tech II (1 FTE)- supporting grant and contracting functions including sub-recipient monitoring and accounts payable, coordination of communications, compilation of reports (Fringe 40%/Indirect 75% of salary)	\$ 91,096.00
	Grant Evaluator (0.5 FTE)- directing the development and implementation of project evaluation, conducting evaluation data and data analysis activities, representing the project on evaluation issues in communication with SAMHSA, and serving as the project's evaluator, trains recovery and direct service providers to utilize GPRA (Fringe 40%/Indirect 75% of salary)	\$ 60,663.00
	Local travel	\$ 1,092.00
Total		\$4,000,000.00

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