

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Application FAQ

Funding and Budget

- **Question:** *What is the length of the grant period?*
 - **Answer:** The grant year is from July 1 to June 30. One-year projects will be based on a grant period from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Two-year projects will be based on a grant period from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028.
- **Question:** *Is there an estimated recommended budget range within the total amount available or is there an estimated number of awards that Region 6 plans to make?*
 - **Answer:** There is an estimated total award amount of \$2.5 million. There are no restrictions on the dollar amounts per applicant or the number of awards.
- **Question:** *Can you please confirm if the inclusion of Facilities and Administrative costs in this proposal is acceptable?*
 - **Answer:** Yes, you can include these costs. Please list them as separate line items under the Supplies and Operating Expenses sheet in your budget form.
- **Question:** *Do the funds originate from Region 6 or do they originate from a federal entity that distributes the funds to Region?*
 - **Answer:** These funds come from nationwide opioid settlement agreements. A portion of Nebraska's settlement funds is allocated to Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare and other regional authorities.
- **Question:** *What is meant by “obligate approved funds by June 30, 2026”?*
 - **Answer:** We are required to have funds committed to projects by June 30, 2026. Thus, a contract between the agency and Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare must be in place by June 30, 2026, committing the funds to the project. Grantees will be reimbursed for allowed expenses during the grant period using our monthly billing process.

Application Process and Requirements

- **Question:** *If an agency has multiple requests/ideas, should we turn in separate applications for each one?*
 - **Answer:** Yes, a separate application must be submitted for each individual project.

- **Question:** *In the grant verbiage it makes reference to the five priority areas. Does each need its own application?*
 - **Answer:** If you're requesting funding for multiple services or activities, a separate application is required for each individual project, even if they fall under the same priority area.
- **Question:** *The RFP guidance states that the application will be submitted on consecutively numbered pages. My question is, does this include the budget spreadsheets needing to be numbered also?*
 - **Answer:** The application form itself needs to be consecutively numbered. Because the application is to be completed in the PDF form, which is already numbered, this should not be a problem. The budget is a separate attachment and does not need to be numbered.
- **Question:** *How do we print the budget document once completed?*
 - **Answer:** At the bottom of the Excel sheet, right-click on the instructions sheet and select "Select All Sheets." Then, go to the file tab and select "Print."
- **Question:** *May we submit letters of support with our application, and if so, do the pages need to be numbered?*
 - **Answer:** Letters of support are not required but may be included with the application. The budget and letters of support do not need to be numbered. You should include 15 copies of the application, budget, and all supporting documents, as well as an electronic copy.
- **Question:** *For the application form, should it be printed double-sided or single-sided? Can the budget be stapled with the grant, or should we keep 15 copies of the budget separate?*
 - **Answer:** You may print the application form as single-sided or double-sided, provided the text on both sides is fully legible. Attach the budget to the end of the application and staple all pages together.

Funding Priorities and Permissible Uses

- **Question:** *Can you help me better understand the priority? Or where I will find verbiage to "core strategies" or confirm if core strategies are everything in attachment A?*
 - **Answer:** Region 6 is prioritizing five areas of interest: **1. Awareness, Education, and Prevention; 2. Community Connection and Support; 3. Enhanced Crisis Response; 4. Expanded Access to Treatment Services; 5. Provision of Wrap-Around Services, Such as Housing and Transportation.** Core strategies are those

listed in Exhibit E - Schedule A, which are a subset of the broader approved uses in Schedule B.

- **Question:** *Can funds be used to pay for Naloxone or other opioid overdose reversal medication?*
 - **Answer:** Please see H.1 under Prevention in the Exhibit E National Opioid Settlement Document (Attachment A) for information about Naloxone coverage.
- **Question:** *Can funds be used for the purchase of medications as part of MAT or MOUD?*
 - **Answer:** Please see A.1 under Schedule B, Approved Uses, in the Exhibit E National Opioid Settlement Document (Attachment A) for information about medication coverage.
- **Question:** *Does “expand availability of treatment for OUD” or “all forms of MAT” include the purchase of medications for patients?*
 - **Answer:** The purchase of medication is permitted, provided it meets the guidelines for "all forms of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration."
- **Question:** *Can patients who do not have clear legal immigration status receive services under this grant, including therapy and medications?*
 - **Answer:** Service recipients must be Nebraska residents and U.S. Citizens/Qualified Aliens.
- **Question:** *I'm interested in the prevention aspect of the grant and wanted to know if it could be used to bring in presentations for school districts to participate in.*
 - **Answer:** Funds may be used for "evidence-based prevention programs in schools or evidence-informed school and community education programs and campaigns." As a prevention strategy, one-time presentations/speakers are not considered best practice.
- **Question:** *We notice that the grant includes potential funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools, could you please verify if that includes presenters for staff?*
 - **Answer:** Yes, funding can be used for "staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community, and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis."