**DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)**

**RFA# RM0 DCOR012819**

**DC Opioid Response (DCOR) Prevention Grant**

**Purpose/Description of Project**

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is soliciting applications for a DC Opioid Response (DCOR) Prevention Grant. Eligible applicants are expected to implement evidence-based prevention strategies including, but not limited to: opioid awareness programs, group-level interventions, environmental strategies, policy change advocacy, etc., targeting one or more high need communities to prevent opioid misuse among youth and young adults in the District of Columbia.

Prevention efforts shall target youth and young adults ages 12 to 25 living in high need communities. Furthermore, for the purposes of this grant, all eight (8) Wards have been defined as “high need communities” for prevention.

The premise of this DCOR Prevention grant is that implementing prevention strategies at the community level where residents live and work, will, over time, lead to measurable and sustained changes in the District. Through community level partnerships, the District can more effectively overcome the opioid crisis and achieve the goal of the DCOR grant. Grantees are expected to implement a combination of an evidence-based intervention and environmental prevention strategies geared toward achieving the targeted outcomes of the DCOR grant.

Substance use disorder (SUD) prevention research suggests that youth and young adults do not engage in substance use solely because of personal characteristics, but rather due to a complex set of risk and protective factors in their environment. These risk and protective factors include the rules and regulations of the social institutions to which individuals belong (e.g., trust, social ties, relationships and exchanges among people); the norms of the communities in which they live; the messages to which they are exposed; and the availability of alcohol and other drugs to minors.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Eligibility**

* Ability to enter into an agreement with DBH requiring compliance with all District of Columbia laws and regulations governing Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health Grants (22A DCMR Chapter 44).
* A 501(c)(3), or ability to enlist the services of a fiscal agent to apply for the funding on behalf, if applicant is not 501(c)(3).

**Length of Award**

Grant awards will be made for a period of six (6) months from the award date. Grant may be continued for up to one (1) additional year based on documented project success, availability of funding, and DBH Director’s approval of a Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) via a *Continuation Modification*. Grant recipients will be expected to begin project implementation on April 1, 2019.

**Available Funding**

A total of $800,000 will be available to fund eight (8) DCOR prevention grantees with individual awards not to exceed $100,000. Grants will be awarded by DBH using grant funds from United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant.

**Anticipated Number of Awards**

DBH anticipates eight (8) awards representing each of the eight (8) Wards in the District of Columbia not to exceed $100,000.

**Request for Application (RFA) Release**

The RFA will be released Monday, January 28, 2019. The RFA will be posted on the website of the Office of Partnerships and Grants, [www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov) under the District Grants Clearinghouse. A copy of the RFA may be obtained from the DBH Community Services Administration, located at 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002, 3rd Floor, from Compliance Specialist, Katherine Cooke Mundle during the hours of 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. beginning January 28, 2019.

**Pre-Application Conference**

A pre-application conference will be held at DBH, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC, 20002, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 242 on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET. For more information, please contact Katherine Cooke Mundle at katherine.mundle@dc.gov or (202) 727-7639.

Note: Please use the West Entrance (closer to P Street NE) at security guard station and bring government issued ID.

**Deadline for Applications**

The deadline for submission is Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 4:45 p.m. ET.

1. SAMHSA: Risk and Protective Factors. <https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/practicing-effective-prevention/prevention-behavioral-health/risk-protective-factors> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)