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# Information Session: Opioid Crisis Innovation Challenge 2021

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# Introduction



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# Webinar Logistics

1. Webinar is being recorded and will be on [www.ForeFdn.org](http://www.ForeFdn.org) shortly after the session ends.
2. Presentation slides will be made available for download on our website.
3. Please use the “Q&A” found at the bottom of your Zoom screen.
  - If you have a similar question, please upvote using the thumbs up button on the question.
  - We will read as many questions live as time permits.
4. An FAQ and other resources will be provided on our website based on the questions submitted during the Q&A session.
5. Any resources you would like to share with everyone please send to [info@ForeFdn.org](mailto:info@ForeFdn.org)
6. There will be a brief survey immediately following the webinar. Please provide us with feedback!

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# About FORE

Founded in 2018, the **Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE)** is a 501(c)(3) private, national, grantmaking foundation focused on one urgent public health emergency – **the opioid crisis**.

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## Vision

To inspire and accelerate action to end the opioid crisis

## Mission

To convene and support partners advancing patient-centered, **evidence-based solutions** addressing the opioid crisis



## Focus

With **patients at the center**, our focus includes:



Professional  
education



Payer & Provider  
strategies



Policy initiatives

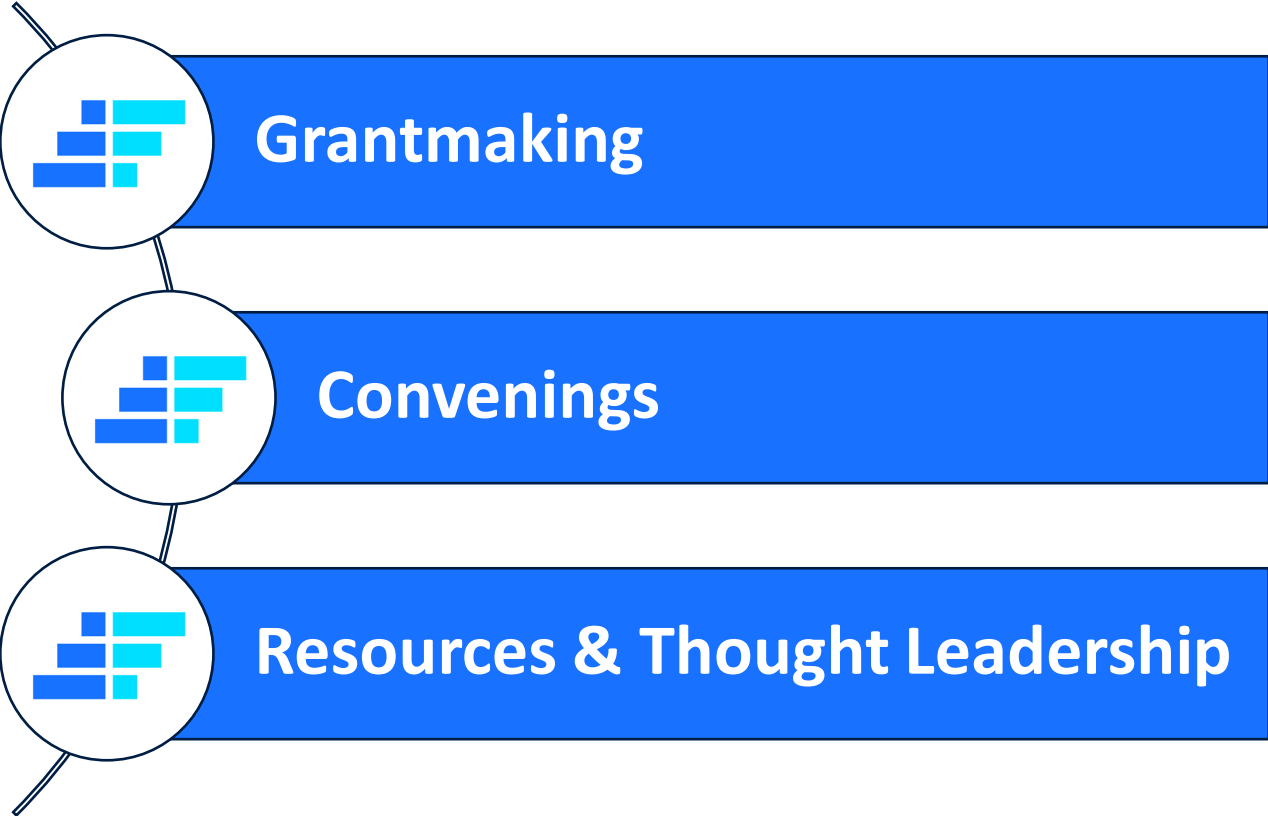


Public awareness



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# National Work Across Three Complimentary Activities



# Request for Proposals: Opioid Crisis Innovation Challenge 2021



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# Purpose

**While much effort, resources, and funding has gone to addressing the nation's opioid crisis, we continue to be faced with a national crisis of opioid-related addiction which has been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

One underlying reason for this may be that there continue to be long-standing challenges which may be limiting our ability to make as much progress as hoped for, even after two decades of growing public attention and increased available government funding.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the ability to bring together expertise from different fields and sectors, such as academia, healthcare, technology, and government, to rapidly begin to solve complex and immediate problems.

**We are looking to harness similar cross-sector collaboration efforts to accelerate new innovations and improvements across prevention, treatment, and long-term recovery.**

# Funding Opportunity



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“To provide grant support for specific projects that bring **an innovative approach to long-standing and complex issues** related to all aspects of stemming the tide of the nation’s opioid crisis.”



# Funding Opportunity: Target Projects

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Targets projects which can explore new “outside-the-box” ideas, bring together approaches from several diverse fields, and engage multi-disciplinary, cross-sector teams to solve some of the crisis’ most intractable problems. Focused on three areas:

1. **Professional Education and Training.** e.g., innovative new approaches to educating professionals and addressing stigma within these and other settings.
2. **Timely and Actionable Data.** e.g., integrating new and untapped data sources across different sectors to generate a more in-depth understanding of the crisis, as well as applying new emerging technologies (such as machine learning and artificial intelligence) to aid in national, state, and local government responses.
3. **Supporting the Transition from Treatment to Recovery.** e.g., novel uses of technology, such as digital and mobile apps, as well as other innovative ways to support those transitioning to long-term recovery.

# Funding Opportunity: Target Projects

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FORE prioritizes work which **incorporates a focus on patient-centered solutions and on health equity, as well as reaching diverse high-risk populations**. FORE also assesses projects within a framework of meeting one or more of our overarching objectives of supporting:



Professional  
education



Payer & Provider  
strategies



Policy initiatives



Public awareness

**Award**: up to **\$300,000/year** for up to **two years**

**RFP Open**: May 19 – July 19, 2021

# Funding Opportunity: Eligibility

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Generally, FORE will consider grant requests for *specific charitable purposes* from:

- U.S.-based 501(c)(3) public charities and organizations;
- Tax-exempt institutions of higher education (public and private);
- State governments and agencies;
- Local governments and agencies;
- City or township governments; and
- Native American tribal governments.

# Funding Opportunity: Key Dates

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Applications will be accepted until **11:59 PM EST on July 19, 2021** and grants will be awarded from Fall 2021 through early 2022. An additional round of this RFP may be considered after July 2021.

<b>May 19, 2021</b>	RFP released on FORE website
<b>July 19, 2021</b>	Last possible day to submit Concept Note
<b>July 30, 2021</b>	Latest notification for request for Full Proposal
<b>February 28, 2022</b>	Latest notification of final decisions (subject to change)

**Apply:** <https://ForeFdn.org/grants-and-funding/>

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