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**Opioid Response Efforts**

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# Information Session: Community-Driven Responses to Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose Mortality

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# Introduction



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# Webinar Logistics

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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 will be provided on our website based on the questions submitted during the Q&A session.
5. There will be a brief survey immediately following the webinar. Please provide us with feedback!

# 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



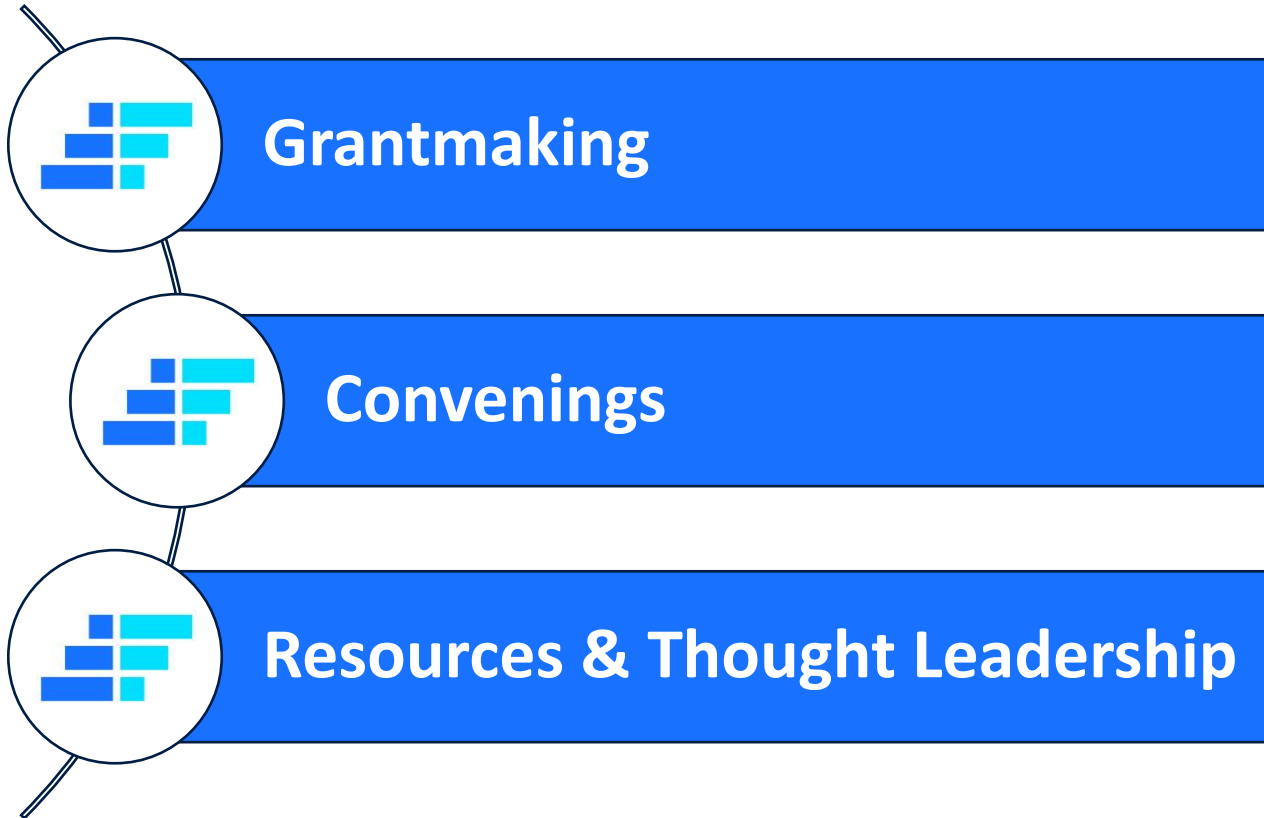
Public awareness



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# National Work Across Three Complementary Activities

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# FORE Grantee Portfolio

Grants to date:

**67**

Amount awarded:

**\$30.8M**



See all FORE Grantees on our website:  
<https://www.ForeFdn.org/Our-Grantees/>



# FORE's Grantmaking Programs

## Access to Treatment



## Innovation Challenge



**\$10.1 Million in Grants to Improve Access to Opioid Use Disorder Treatment**  
 March 12, 2020

## COVID-19 Response



**FORE Announces Second Wave of COVID-19 Response Grants - Bringing Total Emergency Funding to Nearly \$1 Million**  
 October 21, 2020

**FORE Announces \$4.8 Million in Grants That Support Innovative Solutions to Ending the Opioid Crisis**  
 February 01, 2022

## Prevention



**FORE Announces \$10.9 Million in Grants to Prevent Opioid and Substance Use Disorder in Children and Families**  
 March 22, 2022

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# Request for Proposals:



## Community-Driven Responses to Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose Mortality

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# Background

According to a recent CDC report, overall overdose fatalities increased by more than 30% from 2019 to 2020.

Rates increased to an even greater extent for African Americans (44%) and for American Indian and Alaska Native people (39%).

While rates among people who are White, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander all increased by about 22%.

Yearly overdose fatalities surpassed 108,000 during the 12-month period ending in February 2022.

***FORE convened a series of discussions with experts to better understand challenges affecting opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery services.***

***What emerged was the importance of funding community-driven OUD programs through community-based organizations.***

# Purpose

To help CBOs enhance their ability to deliver services addressing the opioid crisis, particularly in hardest hit communities.

CBOs have the trust of those they serve and understand what it takes to reduce barriers to opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, yet they struggle to find flexible funding needed to strengthen capacity and build key partnerships.

**FORE is aiming to support a cohort of CBOs who can use capacity building funds to enhance and expand the services they provide in their community to address OUD and Overdoses.**

# Funding Opportunity



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*To provide grant support that enhances community-based organizations' ability to deliver services addressing the opioid crisis, particularly in communities where people are at greatest risk of developing opioid use disorder and overdose deaths.*

**Award**: up to **\$75,000/year** for up to **two years**

**RFP Open**: August 24 – October 21, 2022

# Funding Opportunity: Target Projects

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Funding is for specific activities or projects designed to strengthen an organization's operations, leadership, technology, programmatic, and administrative capacity to achieve sustainable Opioid Use Disorder mitigation initiatives.

Requests may actualize one or more of the following or may propose other activities:

- **Conduct Organizational Assessments** to identify needs and design a plan to increase organizational effectiveness that will help meet current challenges, overcome barriers, and result in intentional and productive enhancements in OUD service delivery..
- **Enhance Operational Effectiveness** to improve productivity and organizational functioning in areas such as administration, finance, human resources, and technology.

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- **Strengthen Communication** efforts to raise awareness about an organization's mission and attract attention and resources to the organization.
- **Expand and Stabilize Resources** to develop financial stability by increasing the CBO's ability to develop necessary resources and plan for longer-term sustainability, including the ability to apply for foundation, corporate support and/or government funding streams.
- **Strengthen and Evaluate Programming** to enhance access and delivery of OUD services to more individuals and families in their communities.
- **Foster Collaborations** with a broader range of allies – i.e., child welfare, women and families, education, workforce, law enforcement, criminal justice, and primary and behavioral health entities – to strengthen community engagement that results in stronger and expanded services.

Proposals must demonstrate how the requested activities and funds would lead to improved services and outcomes with respect to some aspect of OUD/OD.

# Funding Opportunity: Eligibility

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- This funding opportunity is limited to Community-Based Organizations.
- Academic institutions, healthcare systems, and national organizations are ineligible, though may partner with a CBO provided CBO is the lead applicant.
- Applicant organizations must be a 501(c)3 organization (or non-profit with appropriate 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor).

*Complete information regarding organizational and project eligibility for a FORE grant can be found on our website's **Grant Guidelines and Eligibility** page. If you have further questions regarding eligibility for a FORE grant, please contact [info@ForeFdn.org](mailto:info@ForeFdn.org).*

# Funding Opportunity: Key Dates

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Applications will be accepted until **11:59 PM EST on October 21, 2022** and grants will be awarded in early 2023.

**August 24, 2022**

RFP released on FORE website

**October 21, 2022**

Last possible day to submit application

**January 31, 2023**

Earliest notification of final decisions  
(subject to change)

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

# Key Reminders for Submission

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- Check eligibility requirements for your organization on our [website](#)
- Review the [RFP document](#) for the specifics of the funding opportunity
- Have the project fit the budget being requested
- Clearly articulate what success would look like at the end of the grant.

*\*Given the volume of interest for this funding opportunity, we cannot assess ideas **prior** to the proposal submission. We encourage everyone who has an idea that fits the RFP to submit a proposal.*





# Thank You For Your Interest!

Questions & Answers

General inquiries: [info@ForeFdn.org](mailto:info@ForeFdn.org)



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