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Information Session: Opioid Crisis Innovation Challenge 2024

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Introduction to FORE



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Webinar Logistics

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3. Please use the “Q&A” found at the bottom of your Zoom screen.
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 - We will read as many questions live as time permits.
4. 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



FORE's Grantmaking Programs

FORE grantmaking programs to date have focused on:

- **Access to treatment** for vulnerable populations
- Responding to the **COVID-19 pandemic** through recovery services and evaluation of regulatory policies
- **Innovation** challenge to tackle some of the opioid crisis' most intractable problems (such as stigma, as well as generating more timely and actionable data)
- **Family- & community-based prevention** for children and families at high risk
- Supporting **Community-Based Organizations** responding to the overdose crisis
- **Fellowships and Training**

FORE Resources

Through issue and policy briefs, webinars, and articles, we are contributing current vital information to inform communities, providers, and policymakers on best practices and solutions.

See all FORE Resources on our website:
<https://www.ForeFdn.org/resources/>

FORE Grantee Portfolio

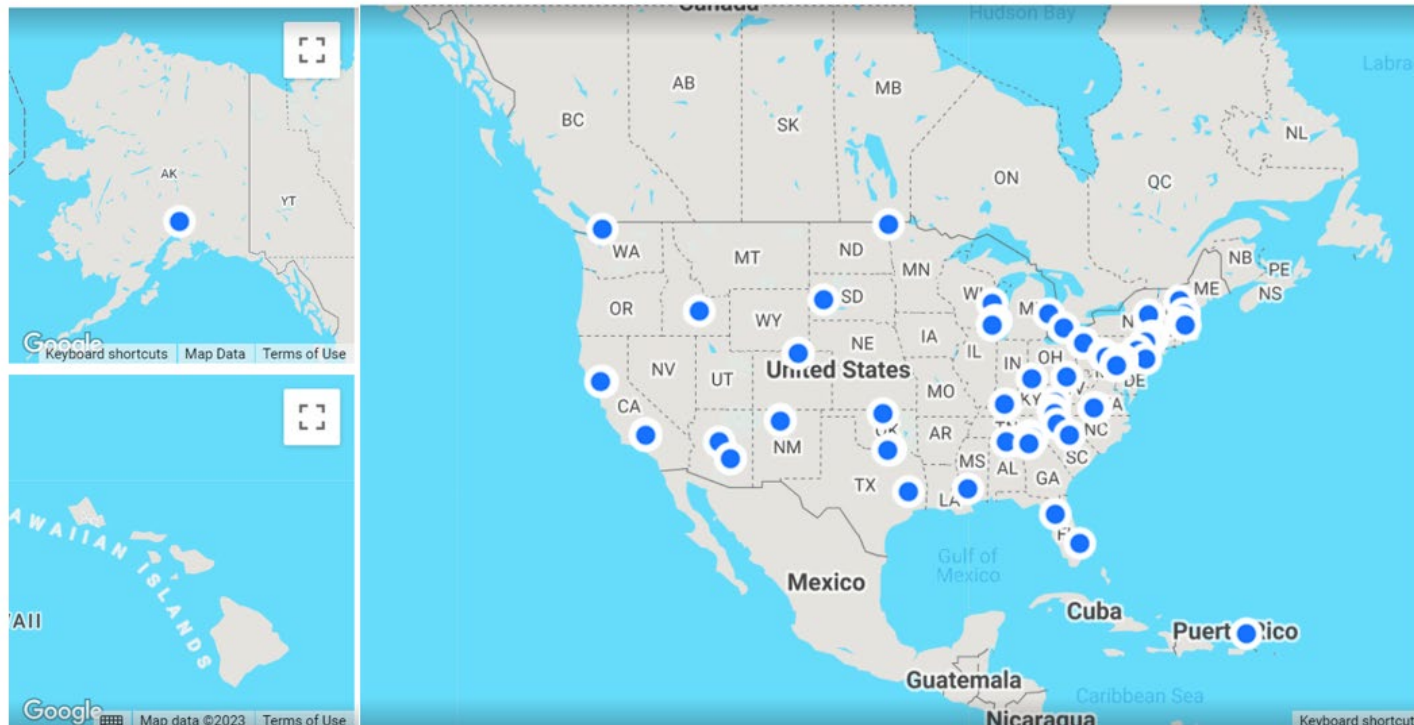
Grants to date:

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Amount awarded:

\$41.9M

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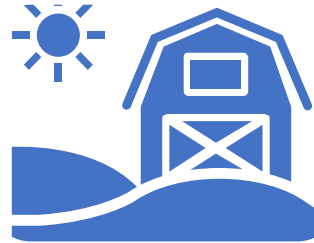
Populations of Focus



Children and Adolescents



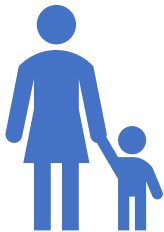
Minority Communities
(Black and/or Hispanic)



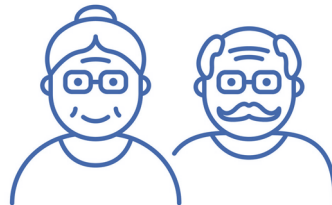
Rural Communities



Justice-Involved Populations



Pregnant and Parenting People



Older/Aging Adults



Native American and Tribal Communities

Request for Proposals: Opioid Crisis Innovation Challenge 2024



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Purpose

While much effort, resources, and funding has gone to addressing the nation's opioid and overdose crisis, we continue to be faced with a national crisis of opioid-related addiction and poisoning.

Launched in 2022, FORE's Innovation Program has supported projects that combine strategies from diverse fields and engage multidisciplinary teams to tackle some of the opioid crisis' most intractable problems.

The first cohort of projects focused on reducing stigma through creative ways of educating community members, leaders, and healthcare providers, and on developing novel, cross-sector collaborative methods to generate more timely and actionable data to better guide government responses to and inform the public about the opioid crisis.

FORE now sees an opportunity to further build the Innovation Program by generating new ideas and potential solutions for other significant, challenging problems related to the crisis.

Funding Opportunity



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“This opportunity seeks to **generate new ideas and potential solutions to other significant problems** that were identified in discussions with experts in the field as impediments to addressing the nation’s opioid and overdose crisis.”

Funding Opportunity: Target Projects

This RFP targets projects which can explore and/or evaluate 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. Innovative Payment Models.** e.g., creation and/or evaluation of payment models for improving access to all aspects of an individual’s treatment plan, development of quality measures to assess value of care, and/or analysis of policy issues, such as parity for SUD care or disparities in treatment reimbursement.
- 2. Workforce Development.** e.g., programmatic and policy work to expand and sustain the addiction and behavioral health care workforce pipeline, to deploy the current workforce in more strategic and impactful ways, and/or to create new training opportunities for peers.
- 3. Supporting the Transition from Treatment to Recovery.** e.g., development of innovative ways to address barriers facing those transitioning to long-term recovery, for example, recovery housing models

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: June 14 – August 8, 2024

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 August 8, 2024** and grants will be awarded through early 2025.

June 14, 2024

RFP released on FORE website

August 8, 2024

Last possible day to submit Concept Note

September 6, 2024

Latest notification for request for Full Proposal

(Applicants will have up to four weeks from notification to submit the Full Proposal.)

February 28, 2025

Notification of final decisions
(subject to change)

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

Key Takeaways

- Read the RFP closely to ensure that your submissions **align with one (or more) of the three focus areas**.
- FORE prioritizes work which incorporates a focus on **patient-centered solutions and on health equity**, as well as reaching diverse high-risk populations.
- **Multi-disciplinary collaboration and partnerships** across different sectors/agencies is a key component of the Innovation program and should be described in your Concept Note.
- Competitive applications will demonstrate clear, immediate needs, as well as the potential to inform short-term improvements as well as **longer-term, broader impact, sustainability, and scalability**.

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Concept Note Questions

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- **Need/Problem Being Addressed:** Briefly describe the immediate unmet need that this proposal seeks to address and how the innovative strategy proposed would address it (*maximum 100 words*).
- **Project Goal:** Provide a brief summary of the anticipated project goals (*maximum 50 words*).
- **Strategy and Approach:** Briefly describe the strategy and approach the proposed project will seek to accomplish the Project Goal above. Why is this approach innovative? (*maximum 150 words*).
- **Expected Outcomes:** Briefly describe the expected outcomes for the project. What impact will this project have on opioid use disorder patients and/or the field (*maximum 100 words*)?
- **Organization Information & Support:** Briefly describe your organization and its qualifications (as well as potential partnering organizations) for successfully completing the project (*maximum 100 words*).



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Thank You For Your Work!

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