



Information Session:

Community-Driven Responses to Opioid Use Disorder and Overdose Mortality 2025 – Capacity Building Grants

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Introduction



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Webinar Logistics

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1. The webinar is being recorded and will be available on 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.
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 - We will answer as many questions during the Q&A as time permits.

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 promoting excellence in:



Professional
education



Payer & Provider
strategies



Policy initiatives



Public awareness



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FORE Grantee Portfolio

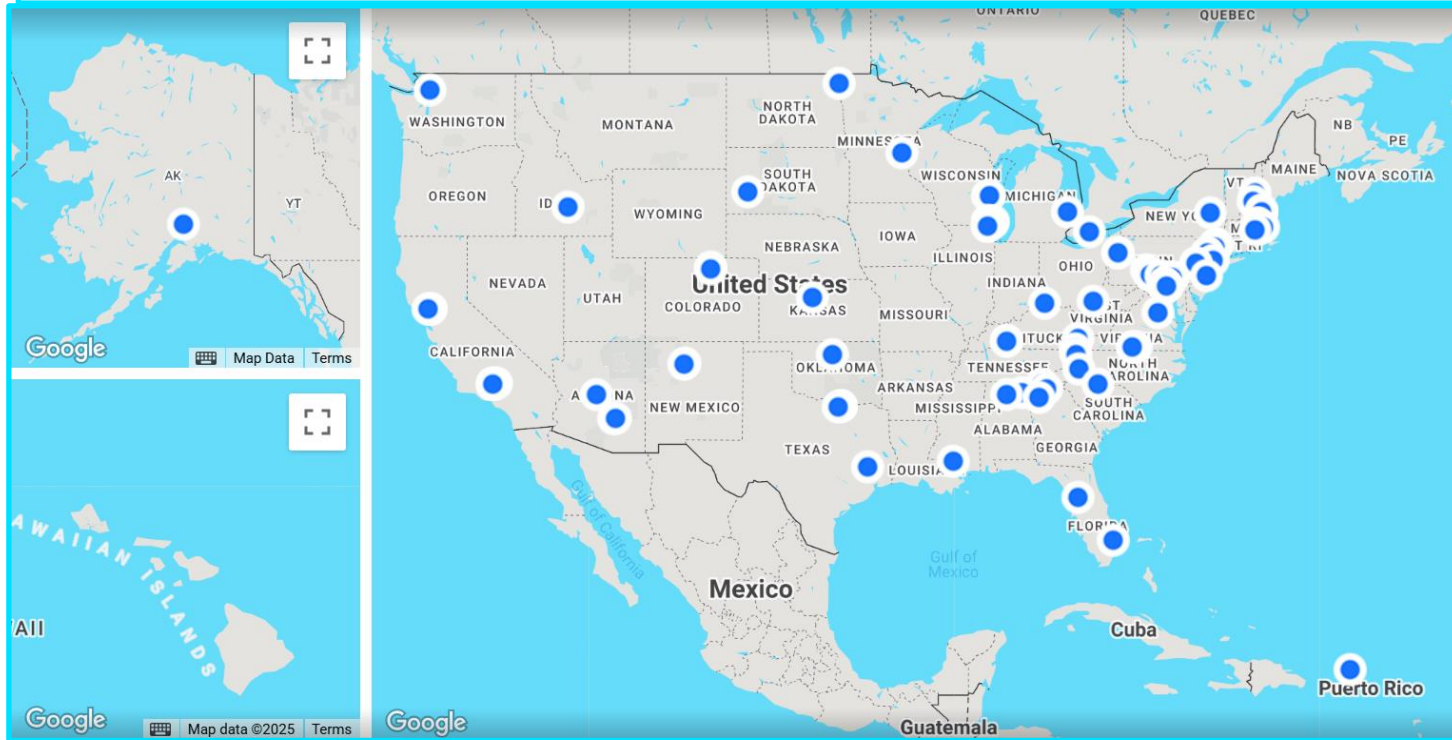
Grants to
date:

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Amount
awarded:

\$47.5M

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See all FORE Grantees on our website:
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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
- **Fellowship and Training** programs to prepare early career professionals to serve individuals and families impacted by the opioid crisis

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.

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Request for Proposals:



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In 2023, 22 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) were awarded up to \$150,000 in flexible funding to improve their operational effectiveness.

Funding Opportunity: Overview

This RFP will focus on continuing to support CBO capacity to address OUD and overdose through organizational strengthening, program development, and community partnerships. FORE will provide support for requests that lead to greater capacity for and expected sustainability of initiatives that reduce the burden of OUD and overdose in local communities.

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Grant Amount: Up to **\$75,000/year** for up to **two years** (\$150,000 total)

Concept Note Submission: **May 29 – July 2, 2025**

Notification of Request for Full Proposal: **August 15, 2025**

Full Proposal Submission: **September 15, 2025** (if invited)

Grants are expected to be awarded in late December 2025 through February 2026.



Funding Opportunity: Target Projects

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Funding is for specific activities or projects designed to strengthen an organization's operations, leadership, technology, programming, and/or administrative capacity to reduce the burden of OUD and overdose in local communities. Requests may include one or more of the following, or may propose other activities:

- **Enhance Operational Effectiveness**
- **Strengthen Communication**
- **Strengthen and Evaluate Programming**
- **Foster Collaborations**

Competitive applications will demonstrate how the funding will result in long-lasting improvements in access to OUD and overdose prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and/or recovery services in their communities.

Funding Opportunity: Eligibility

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This funding opportunity is limited to Community-Based Organizations that have been in operation for at least two years and have an annual organization budget between \$150,000 and \$7 million.

- Applicant organizations must be a 501(c)3 organization, nonprofit with a 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor, or a local or tribal government unit.
- Academic institutions, healthcare systems, and national organizations are ineligible, though may partner with a CBO provided CBO is the lead applicant.

*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.*

Funding Opportunity: Process

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This will be a two-stage application process.

Stage 1: Concept Note

- Your organization's mission;
- How you would use capacity-building funds to strengthen your organization's ability to respond to substance use, OUD, and overdose in your community; and
- What outcomes you would expect at the end of a 2-year grant.

Stage 2: Full Proposal (if invited)

- A description of community need, with a focus on serving high-risk populations;
- Capacity-building goals, timelines, objectives, and measurable outcomes;
- A line-item budget and required organizational eligibility documents; and
- A description of how the organization will be better-positioned after a FORE capacity-building grant.

Funding Opportunity: Key Dates

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Concept Notes will be accepted until **11:59 PM PT on July 2, 2025.**

May 29, 2025:	RFP released on FORE website
July 2, 2025:	Deadline to submit Concept Note
August 15, 2025:	Latest notification for Full Proposals
September 15, 2025:	Deadline to submit Full Proposals (if invited)
December 2025 – February 2026:	Anticipated notification of final decisions (subject to change)

More Information and Application Link: <https://ForeFdn.org/cboRFP2025>

Key Reminders for Submission

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- Check eligibility requirements for your organization on our [website](#)
- Read the [RFP document](#) for the specifics of the funding opportunity
- Ensure the proposed work fits the budget being requested
- Clearly articulate the goals and outcomes of the proposed capacity-building work

*Given the volume of interest in this funding opportunity, we cannot provide feedback on proposal ideas **prior** to the proposal submission.*

We encourage everyone who has an idea that fits the RFP to submit a concept note.



Thank You For Your Interest!

Questions & Answers

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