

September 8, 2022

Kathy Cowen
Director of the Office of Epidemiology
Columbus Public Health
240 Parson Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Kathy Cowen:

On behalf of Franklin County Public Health, it is my pleasure to inform you that Columbus Public Health has been awarded funding in the amount of \$97,000.00 for the activities described in your RFP proposal for Franklin County's Overdose Data to Action project (FCPH-RFA-OD2A-2022). This funding is allocated for project activities from September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023. Forthcoming, for your review, is the subrecipient contract and data use agreement. These items must be signed and returned to FCPH no later than September 23, 2022.

This award is contingent upon the following conditions being met:

1. Submission of a revised budget and workplan based on your award amount and inclusion of the Franklin County Public Health and/or CDC recommendations.
2. Grant funds must be used in accordance with the revised budget submitted to FCPH, if applicable, or the budget included with your proposal. Please see **Section I** related to proposed budget and work plan comments.
3. Grantee will have the opportunity to respond to the outlined comments in **Section I**. All comments must have a written response and be submitted to Jessica Williams within **15 days** of receiving this letter.
4. Grantee award allocation will only be used for the purposes allowed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Particularly, no funds will be used for any of the unallowable costs outlined in **Section II and Attachment D of the Contract**.
5. Grantee will furnish to Franklin County Public Health any information concerning a change in the proposal or a change in grantee's tax-exempt status.
6. If grantee's exempt status changes or if funds are not used for the purposes described in your proposal Franklin County Public Health reserves the right to have all remaining grant funds immediately returned.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter by signing and returning a copy of this letter by the above deadline. Franklin County Public Health is proud to support your mission.

Sincerely,

Theresa Seagraves,
Assistant Health Commissioner/Director, Health Systems and Planning

ACCEPTED BY: *Mindy DeCade Health Commissioner* 9/9/2022
Name & Job Title Date

Award Attachments

Section I: Technical Review/Comments
Section II: Unallowable Costs

Section I
Franklin County Overdose Data to Action (OD2A)
Technical Review

1. Response to Technical Review:

The recipient must submit a written response to the recommendations identified in the technical review within 15 days of receiving the recommendations outlined by U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Recommendations:

- Work Plan/Narrative:

- Please clearly describe or remove your statement "potentially getting hospital data" from your proposal and workplan.
- Clearly connect project management to work plan activities.
- Describe in detail the process you plan to use to implement those activities listed "as needed".
- Provide clarification regarding the role of the epidemiologist and the activities they will be responsible for.

- Budget/Budget Narrative:

- Your notice of award (NOA) indicates your total funding amount, please review the budget and narrative and if warranted, revise your budget to reflect the award amount.

2. Year 4 Work Plan (check one):

- Revised Work Plan is needed.
- Revised Work Plan is NOT required.

3. Year 4 Budget (check all that apply):

- Revised budget is needed due to a reduction in proposed budget.
- Revised budget is needed due to weaknesses or errors identified.
- Revised budget is NOT required.

Section II
Franklin County Overdose Data to Action (OD2A)
Unallowable Costs

The following activities are considered unallowable by the CDC:

- Prohibited purchases: Naloxone/Narcan, syringes, furniture or equipment.
 - Harm reduction and linkage to care activities are acceptable as long as O2DA funds are not used for prohibited purchases.
- HIV/HCV/other STD/STI testing.
- Drug disposal. This includes implementing or expanding drug disposal programs or drug take back programs, drug drop box, drug disposal bags.
- The provision of medical/clinical care.
- Wastewater analysis, including testing vendors, sewage testing and wastewater testing.
- Research.
- Direct funding for the provision of substance use disorder treatment.
- The prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as a stand-alone activity. However, activities related to ACEs are allowable if they pertain to establishing linkage to care, or to providing training to public safety and first responders on trauma-informed care.
- Public safety activities that do not include clear overlap/collaboration with public health partner and objectives.
- Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD): Funds can be used to support training and education related to treating opioid use disorder (OUD). However, OD2A funds cannot be used to pay for fees associated with obtaining a state medical license nor those associated with registration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prescribe controlled substances, necessary precursors to obtaining a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine to treat OUD. This applies to both direct reimbursements and contracts. If training, medical license, and/or DEA registration fee activities occur together, it must be clear that OD2A funds are not being used to cover the medical license nor DEA registration fees themselves. Other funding sources can be used to cover those fees.
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS): Funding the collection of NAS surveillance data is not allowable unless the activities are covered under the following examples (noted in the FAQs):
 - Surveillance of linkage to care during or after pregnancy for mothers who use opioids during pregnancy.
 - Tracking drug use patterns, overdose history, and linkage to treatment and risk reduction services for pregnant women.

- o Linking data sources on pregnant women available at the state and local level.
- o Prevention strategies and activities for pregnant women, infants born with NAS, and for healthcare provider/clinician support and education.
- Human immunodeficiency viruses (HIV)/Hepatitis C surveillance (HCV): Funding collection of HIV-related and HCV-related surveillance data is not allowable unless the activities are covered under the following examples:
 - o Linking HIV/HCV datasets with drug overdose datasets.
 - o Adding questions about substance use and drug overdose to interviews of people who newly acquired HIV and/or HCV conducted as part of reportable diseases surveillance.
 - o Conducting interviews about substance use and drug overdose with people who have HIV and HCV because these groups are at high-risk of injection drug use.