

Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund

2022-2023 USER GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

The City of Philadelphia is partnering with the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation to launch the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund, a citywide grant fund that returns opioid settlement funds as critical investments and resources to communities impacted by the overdose crisis in Philadelphia.¹

In 2021, Philadelphia lost 1,276 people to the overdose crisis, the highest number of unintentional overdose deaths on record and a 5% increase in fatal overdoses from 2020. In Philadelphia, the majority of fatal overdoses occur at home. Communities of color are among the most impacted as overdose trends continue to show racial disparities. In 2021, more Non-Hispanic Black individuals died from unintentional overdose than any other racial/ethnic group. And while most unintentional overdose deaths involved opioids such as heroin and fentanyl, deaths involving stimulants such as cocaine and methamphetamine (with and without opioids present) also increased.²

The Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund mobilizes trusted community messengers in efforts to repair and revitalize impacted communities. The Fund will award grants to community-based organizations that engage residents in neighborhoods impacted by the opioid epidemic and overdose crisis through direct programs in overdose prevention, substance misuse awareness and education, and harm reduction, in addition to holistic programs that address collective trauma and/or stigma associated with substance use, and promote mental wellbeing for communities and community-based workers in the substance use field.

All grant applications are due on February 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM EST.

Guiding Principles

The Guiding Principles for the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund include:

- **Promote community resilience and wellness in communities impacted by the overdose crisis** through trusted community messengers and peer support workers
- **Improve health outcomes and provide connections to available resources for residents,** including treatment and/or recovery from SUD, housing, social services, public benefits, childcare and employment
- **Heal and strengthen cohesion and connectivity in communities** through trauma-informed practices
- **Meet residents where they are** - bring evidence-informed harm reduction and substance misuse prevention into communities in ways that are culturally appropriate and respond to specific, unmet needs for underserved participants
- **Strive to repair historic strains in relationships between communities and the public sector** including law enforcement, school, and health
- **Expand capacity of participants** - both organizations and individuals - to pursue sustainable, quality-of life focused planning and programming in response to the overdose crisis
- **Ensure representation and equity** across programs and services

¹ In 2022, the state of Pennsylvania successfully negotiated its share of the opioid settlements litigation, a collection of lawsuits nationwide against opioid pharmaceutical companies due to the opioid crisis. A portion of Philadelphia's opioid settlement dollars will be pooled directly into the Opioid Settlement Community Prevention Fund on an annual basis.

² Philadelphia Department of Public Health. [Unintentional Drug Overdose Fatalities in Philadelphia](#), 2021. CHART 2022; 7(3): 1-7.

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Grant Focus Areas

The Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund will provide grants targeting the following six grant focus areas. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how their work aligns with, advances, and supports **at least one** of these grant focus areas:

1. **Expand efforts in community-based prevention, education, and harm reduction**
2. **Promote and facilitate connections to behavioral health treatment and recovery services**
3. **Address and respond inclusively to complex, unmet community needs** related to substance use for communities of color and underserved populations
4. **Heal individual and collective trauma** related to substance use
5. **Reduce stigma in communities** related to substance use
6. **Promote public safety and wellness for community workers** in the substance use field

Please see the **full list of allowable uses with examples** on Page 7.

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Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for funding, organizations must meet the following requirements:

- **Nonprofit Status:** The organization must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or have a fiscal sponsor.
- **Geographic Location:** The organization must be based in and serve communities located in Philadelphia County. Special consideration will be given to projects located in areas most impacted by the overdose crisis. Organizations working in the following zip codes are strongly encouraged to apply: **19124, 19132, 19133, 19134, 19140.**
- **Organization Budget Size:** The organization must have an annual budget of \$5 million or less.
- **Community Engagement:** The organization must demonstrate that they have a track record of engaging Philadelphia residents.
- **Representation:** The Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund is dedicated to advancing racial and socioeconomic equity in response to health disparities experienced by underserved communities in the overdose crisis. The grant process will prioritize organizations whose leadership and board reflects the local community they serve.
- **Attend or View a Virtual Informational Session:** All applicants are required to attend or view an informational session. The sessions will be offered twice virtually on **Monday, January 9 from 5:30-6:30PM** and **Tuesday, January 10 from 10-11PM.**
 - To register for the January 9 session, [click here.](#)
 - To register for the January 10 session, [click here.](#)
- **Attend a Virtual Compliance Session:** All applicants are required to attend a compliance session. The sessions will be offered twice virtually on **Monday, January 23 from 10-11AM** and **Wednesday, January 25 from 5:30-6:30PM.**
 - To register for the January 23 session, [click here.](#)
 - To register for the January 25 session, [click here.](#)

Additional Requirements:

- Applicants must demonstrate how their work supports at least one of the six approved Grant Focus Areas (see full list on pg. 7)
- Applicants must demonstrate that funds from this grant will directly benefit community members located within the boundaries as defined by their selected grant application.
- Applicants must be able to document and report on use of grant funds and how project success will be measured.
- Applicants must meet and maintain minimum insurance requirements, as needed.
- All staff and volunteers with contact with children under 18 years of age must have completed background checks on file prior to start of program.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to equity and inclusion with respect to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical and cognitive ability, immigration status, and religion, among participants, board members, leadership team and staff.
- Applicants must have decision makers (board members, leadership team, staff) that reflect the communities being served by the organization/project.

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Grant Types

Applicants may apply for **one** of the following grants:

- **Capacity Building Grants are flexible grants for \$20,000** that support a wide range of general, operating and program costs. Funding can also serve as capacity building to support organizational development, training, technical assistance, and research.
- **Program Grants are grants for \$100,000** to support programs and projects that directly advance overdose prevention, substance use awareness and education, and harm reduction, in addition to holistic efforts that address individual/collective trauma and substance use-related stigma in communities.
 - Program Grantees may be eligible to apply for an additional year of funding upon project completion.
 - Partnerships are allowed; applications must have one group serve as primary grantee. Program grants may support strengthening of community partnerships or long-term, collaborative initiatives.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday, December 20, 2022	Application period opens
Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM Tuesday, January 10 2023 at 10:00 AM	Informational session(s) about the application process
Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM Monday, January 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM	Mandatory compliance session(s) about the compliance requirements for the grant opportunity
Friday, February 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM	Application period closes
Spring 2023	Applicants will be notified of their grant award status

All dates are subject to change. Changes will be posted on the Scattergood Foundation's website.

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Application Requirements

Applicants will be asked to provide the following information in the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund application, which can be accessed through Scattergood's [online grant portal](#).

ALL APPLICANTS

Organizational Information

- Organization Overview and Background
- Organization Representation
- Financial Information

Community Information

- Geographic Area
- Community and Population of Focus

Additional Information

- Capacity Building Needs

Capacity Building Grant Applicants

Funding Request and Mission Alignment

- Grant Focus Area
- Funding Request
- Budget and Budget Narrative
- Alignment with Guiding Principles
- Tracking Success and Outcomes of Interest

Program Grant Applicants

Program Description and Mission Alignment

- Program Name
- Grant Focus Area
- Program Description
- Evidence-Based or Evidence-Informed Approach
- Partnering Organizations
- Budget and Budget Narrative
- Alignment with Guiding Principles
- Tracking Success and Outcomes of Interest
- Future Funding and Sustainability

Additional Application Requirements

All proposals should be submitted through the online application portal. The portal can be accessed from the Scattergood Foundation website.

If you encounter any issues using the online portal, please contact info@scattergoodfoundation.org for assistance.

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In addition to the grant narrative, organizations will need to provide the following documents:

- For 501(c)(3) applicants, upload a copy of your IRS determination letter
- For fiscally sponsored applicants, provide a letter of support from fiscal sponsor and a copy of their IRS determination letter
- Budget template, including budget breakdown and justification
- Copy of previous financial audit, or financial statement template

Awardees must complete and sign a grant agreement with the Scattergood Foundation before the start of their project.

- Awardees must complete fiscal documentation to process any funds under the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund grant program which may consist of electronic signatures, scanning and printing documents and uploading the files. If you need assistance completing and submitting fiscal documentation, please contact info@scattergoodfoundation.org.
- Awardees must complete and submit [a budget template](#).
- Awardees must demonstrate program outcomes to be considered for future funding.
- Once the grant agreement is signed, grantees receiving a Capacity Building Grant will receive up to 100% of the grant award. Grantees receiving a Program Grant will receive up to 20% of the grant award.

Application Support and Contact Information

Information Sessions

Applicants are required to either attend or view one of two offered information sessions to learn about the process, application questions, and other details about the Fund. Sessions will be offered virtually on **Monday, January 9 from 5:30-6:30PM** and **Tuesday, January 10 from 10-11AM**.

- To register for the January 9 session, [click here](#).
- To register for the January 10 session, [click here](#).
- If your organization is unable to attend, sessions will be recorded and posted on the Scattergood Foundation's website. Spanish language interpretation will be available.

Compliance Sessions

All applicants are required to attend one of two compliance sessions to learn about the compliance requirements for this grant opportunity. The sessions will be offered virtually on **Monday, January 23 from 10-11AM** and **Wednesday, January 25 from 5:30-6:30PM**.

- To register for the January 23 session, [click here](#).
- To register for the January 25 session, [click here](#).
- If your organization is unable to attend, please contact info@scattergoodfoundation.org. Spanish language interpretation will be available.

Questions

Please submit questions to info@scattergoodfoundation.org.

Language Access

The grant user guide and application will be made available in both Spanish and English. If you need interpretation support in another language, please email info@scattergoodfoundation.org.

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FUND ALLOWABLE USES & EXAMPLES

1. Expand community-based prevention, education, and harm reduction

including, but not limited to:

- **Offer targeted outreach and engagement in communities to address opioid use, prevent overdoses, and promote harm reduction**
- **Harm reduction for those at risk for substance misuse may include:**
 - Distribute opioid overdose reversal medication (e.g. naloxone); offer overdose reversal trainings; offer safe syringe exchange
 - Offer prevention programming and activities for individuals with, or at risk of developing substance use disorder (SUD)
 - Connect individuals at risk for or with a SUD to overdose education, counseling, and health education
 - Support capacity development to integrate and strengthen programs in harm reduction and education
- **Build sense of community and encourage prosocial behavior among residents**
 - Create safe spaces and support groups for participants
 - Increase community efforts in service projects in beautification, blight removal, litter clean-ups
 - Provide life-skills, employment or financial education training
 - Create opportunities for residents to engage in positive outdoor community activities that promote mental health and inclusion, are free and accessible
- **Expand prevention and awareness for families, including but not limited to:**
 - Provide education through youth-focused programming that prevents substance misuse
 - Create prevention programs in schools
 - Create or support school-based contacts that parents can engage with to seek immediate treatment services for their child
 - Encourage positive youth development
 - Support prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery programs focused on young people
- **Support direct program services to participants indirectly or directly affected by the opioid overdose crisis, the War on Drugs and the crack epidemic.**

2. Promote and facilitate connections to behavioral health treatment and recovery services

including, but not limited to:

- **Hire or train certified behavioral health workers** to provide in-house services and supports
- **Hire peer support specialists or recovery coaches**
- **Hire and train community navigators and/or case managers** to provide support and facilitate connections to resources for participants
- **Support people with substance use disorder to access treatment and/or begin the path to recovery**
 - Establish processes, protocols, and mechanisms for referral to appropriate treatment and recovery support services.
 - Connect individuals to treatment and support services such as residential and inpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient therapy or counseling; recovery counseling

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- Facilitate connection to wraparound services for individuals with SUD, in recovery and their families to resources such as: access to housing, transportation (SEPTA passes), job placement/training, childcare; benefits; peer support groups
- **Provide connections to care through evidence-informed programs or strategies** for people who have or are at risk of developing SUD
- **Refer individuals to treatment for infectious diseases such as HIV, hepatitis C, and other infections transmissible by intravenous drug use**, and encourage individuals to take steps to reduce substance misuse and engage in harm reduction.

3. Address and respond to complex, unmet community needs related to substance use

including, but not limited to:

- **Projects that will be given special consideration are those that provide specific support and respond inclusively to unmet needs of persons and families of persons that are:** persons of color; identify as LGBTIQIA+; youth (aged birth to 24); formerly incarcerated individuals; pregnant and/or parenting individuals; juvenile justice-involved; child-welfare involved; have undocumented status; have limited English proficiency; have lost a loved one to SUD; veterans; people who use drugs (PWUD); persons in SUD treatment and/or recovery; persons experiencing homelessness; persons who engage in sex work; persons experiencing poverty and/or housing insecurity.
- **Support programming, provide training on best practices that centers and addresses unmet needs related to substance use for underserved participants** listed above.
- **Address the needs of justice involved persons**
 - Support pre-arrest, pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for persons with OUD that are justice-involved
- **Address the needs of pregnant or parenting people who use drugs and their families**
 - Offer home-based wraparound services to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions, including but not limited to: parent skills training; trauma-informed behavioral health support for ACEs; support for children's services
- **Address the needs of formerly incarcerated persons in reentry**
 - Organizations that hire persons in reentry to lead peer support groups
 - Offer programming specific for persons in reentry in response to the War on Drugs
- **Ensure cultural competence and inclusion in programming, education materials and communications**
 - Create or support culturally appropriate programs and services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring substance use disorder/mental health conditions, especially for people of color, participants with immigration or undocumented status, or in faith-based communities.
 - Promote language access in substance misuse prevention programming, education materials and communications, especially for participants with Limited English Proficiency.

4. Heal individual and collective trauma related to substance use

including, but not limited to:

- **Build community resilience through trauma-informed programming that addresses grief and loss of a loved one to a fatal overdose**, in addition to individual and collective, intergenerational trauma as a result of the overdose crisis.
- **Provide trauma-informed care through peer support groups, arts-based healing workshops and/or specialized training.**

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- **Connect individuals with OUD and family members** to treatment for trauma; provide enhanced support for families suffering from trauma.
- **Fund staff training in trauma-informed community engagement and conflict de-escalation** to ensure staff are equipped to identify and address trauma and risk factors that stem from adverse childhood experiences.

5. Reduce and dismantle stigma in communities related to substance use

including, but not limited to:

- **Reduce stigma associated with substance use and co-occurring disorders, harm reduction and medication assisted treatment**, including common misperceptions and harmful stereotypes that create barriers to community conversation and care.
- **Support programming that reduces community stigma** related to substance use and treatment for SUD
- **Provide overdose prevention education and expand substance use awareness to communities**, including but not limited to opioids and its synthetic analogs.

6. Promote public safety and wellness for community workers in the substance use field

including, but not limited to:

- **Provide ancillary services that promote safety for community workers** in the context of narcotics trade
- **Offer trauma-informed trainings for community-based outreach workers** in topics such as vicarious trauma, mindfulness & mental wellbeing, and public safety planning

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Opioid Response Unit Mission and History

Established in February 2020, the City of Philadelphia's Opioid Response Unit (ORU) ensures that City departments are operating under a unified strategy to share resources and expertise in response to the overdose crisis in Philadelphia. The ORU focuses on expanding the prevention and treatment of substance use disorder while helping impacted communities recover through coordinated efforts in community support and public safety. The ORU aims to mobilize community response, both among residents, providers and community partners on the ground, but also among the funding community to target critically needed resources and investments into communities impacted by the overdose crisis.

Glossary Of Terms

Adverse childhood experiences³ refer to potentially traumatic events that occur to people under the age of 18. ACEs may include but are not limited to exposure to abuse, neglect, parental substance use or mental illness, parental incarceration, violence in the home and community, and racism.

Community stigma⁴ describes negative attitudes, discrimination, or prejudice directed towards an individual or a group and can prevent a person from seeking out proper care, support, and treatment.

Community-based prevention refers to the role of community-based organizations in reducing the harms of substance misuse and preventing overdoses through holistic, evidence-informed prevention strategies in community engagement, outreach and programming, including community-based education and harm reduction.

Prevention activities⁵ are activities that work to inform, increase awareness, connect and support individuals and communities with resources to prevent the use and misuse of drugs and the development of substance use disorder.

Community-based education is a community-based approach to teaching and learning through community engagement, including but not limited to evidence-informed workshops, events or training related to substance misuse prevention.

Community healing refers to promoting community resilience and wellness through prosocial, holistic efforts that improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities for communities impacted by the overdose crisis. This may include community-based practices that are culturally competent and trauma-informed, addressing individual and collective trauma in impacted communities, or reducing stigma related to substance use in communities.

Co-occurring disorder⁶ describes the coexistence of both a mental health and a substance use disorder.

Cultural competence⁷ describes the ability to understand and respect specific values, attitudes, beliefs, and mores that differ across cultures, and to consider and respond appropriately to these differences throughout planning, implementing, and evaluating programs and interventions for focus communities and populations.

Evidence-informed practice⁸ is an approach to prevention, treatment or recovery that may be shown to be effective by some form of documented research evidence, in addition to anecdote or professional experience. Not all evidence-based practices have been developed for all populations and/or service settings. Evidence-based practices can be found using SAMHSA's [Evidence-Based Practice Resource Center](#).

³ [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

⁴ Angermeyer, M.C., & Dietrich, S. (2006) Public beliefs about and attitudes towards people with mental illness: A review of population studies. *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica*, 113(3), 163-79.

⁵ [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; SAMHSA](#)

⁶ [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

⁷ [National Center for Cultural Competence, Georgetown University](#)

⁸ SAMHSA

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Harm Reduction⁹ refers to practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences and harms associated with substance use, including:

- Seeking to minimize the harmful effects of drugs rather than ignore or condemn people who use, understanding that drug use ranges from frequent use to total abstinence.
- Calling for judgment-free and at-will resources for people who use drugs.
- Being honest about the risks of drug use.

Health equity¹⁰ involves ensuring that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Behavioral health equity is the right to access quality health care for all populations regardless of the individual's race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or geographical location. This includes access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services for mental and substance use disorders.

Health disparities¹¹ refer to preventable differences in health or healthcare that are experienced by populations that have been disadvantaged by their social or economic status, geographic location, and environment.

Social determinants of health¹² are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. SDOH includes economic stability, access to quality education, access to quality healthcare, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD)¹³ is a complex medical condition in which there is intense, uncontrolled use of a substance despite harmful consequences to the point where use impairs a person's ability to function in day-to-day life.

Substance misuse is any misuse of drugs that may be harmful and put someone at risk of having an overdose.

Trauma^{14 15} results from an experience, series of events or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically, emotionally harmful or life threatening and has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being. If untreated, trauma can have lasting and adverse effects on an individual's social, emotional, and physical well-being. Substance use, mental health conditions, and other risky behaviors have been linked with traumatic experiences, especially traumatic events that occur during childhood.

Trauma-informed¹⁶ describes an approach by program, organization or systems to realize the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for healing; recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma in staff, clients, and others involved with the system; and respond by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings.

Underserved or disproportionately impacted populations are communities who may be impacted by the opioid and overdose crisis, at risk of developing SUD or co-occurring mental health disorders, experiencing health disparities and/or trauma, or face gaps in access to quality services, resources and care. These include the following populations: Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latino and People of Color; LGBTQIA+; Youth (birth - age 24); Pregnant or parenting individuals who engage in substance use; Veterans; Juvenile-justice involved populations; Child-welfare involved populations; Formerly incarcerated persons; Persons who have lost a loved one to overdose; People with undocumented status; Persons with limited English Proficiency (LEP); People who use drugs (PWUD); People in recovery from substance use disorder; People experiencing homelessness; People who engage in sex work; Participants that are low-income, experiencing poverty and/or housing insecurity.

⁹ [Philadelphia Department of Health; The National Harm Reduction Assistance Center.](#)

¹⁰ SAMHSA

¹¹ [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

¹² [The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; CDC](#)

¹³ [American Psychiatric Association; National Institute of Mental Health](#)

¹⁴ [DBHIDS Trauma Toolkit \(2021\); SAMHSA](#)

¹⁵ [SAMHSA, Trauma and Violence](#)

¹⁶ [SAMHSA: Trauma-Informed Care in Behavioral Health Services](#)