

Grant Opportunities

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RFI: Combating Youth Vaping in Colorado

Deadline: For consideration, a respondent to the Combating Youth Vaping in Colorado RFI (LAAA 2024-13) must submit a response no later than 5:00 PM on September 15, 2023 to procurement@coag.gov.

Purpose: The Office is planning to issue future Requests for Applications (RFA) to fund efforts to address the issue of youth vaping. This is a Request for Information (RFI) to inform priority areas for the RFAs and is intended only for research purposes.

The Colorado Attorney General's Office is issuing this RFI to receive responses from Colorado school districts, and Colorado nonprofits as potential applicants about strategies to address youth vaping (i.e., use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems or "ENDS"). The Colorado Attorney General's Office is seeking information about the effectiveness of current strategies being used to prevent, abate, and/or cease the use of ENDS by youth and potential strategies that could be effectively implemented for this purpose. The DOL is particularly interested in any strategies that involve education and prevention, such as programs that incorporate positive norming, mentorship, peer support, and building connections and trusted relationships. The information gathered in this RFI will guide the priority areas and structure for the use of grant funds aimed at this purpose.

Areas of Focus: Prevention and Education

Amount of Funding: Stay tuned! This is initially a request for information that will help guide the funding.

Information Sharing Process: Submit all responses by email to procurement@coag.gov and show the RFI number and title listed in the e-mail subject line.

Link: <https://coag.gov/app/uploads/2023/08/Final-RFI-2024-13-Combating-Youth-Vaping-in-Colorado.pdf>

Expanding Financial Coaching and Counseling Services

Deadline: Submit a completed application no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 3rd, 2023

Purpose: The Colorado Department of Law announces that grant applications are being accepted for funding to support programs that expand access to free, individualized financial coaching and counseling services. Funds will support entities with programming seeking to serve any of the following priority areas: financial coaching and counseling service delivery; development of partnerships tools and resources; and training and certification programs.

Free, professional financial coaching/counseling is a promising financial empowerment strategy. Financial coaching and counseling services help individuals improve their financial capability, address challenges, and achieve financial health and asset-building goals. These strategies are successful in that they are tailored to individuals' needs and circumstances, are culturally responsive, outcome and data driven, delivered by trained professionals, and can be integrated into a wide array of public service programs.

However, the Office believes that free financial coaching and counseling services are not currently widely available, known, or accessible to all Coloradans. Thus, an opportunity exists to increase capacity and support resource development of financial coaching and counseling programs in order to make these services more readily available across the state.

Areas of Focus: Cross between Prevention and Treatment

Amount of Funding: The DOL does not anticipate awarding more than \$1,000,000 to any one grantee. Up to \$3,000,000 is available in this funding period.

Project Period: The anticipated projected funding period is estimated to begin in January 2024 and conclude in December 2025. The actual funding period will coincide with the award date and grant agreement execution and is subject to vary from the dates above, accordingly.

Eligibility:

To qualify for an award of a grant under this RFA, an applicant must meet the following mandatory qualifications:

- Be a governmental entity OR non-profit organization, registered, and in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State;
- Have a presence in Colorado and/or be able to demonstrate ability to exclusively serve Colorado consumers exclusively through this funding.

Application Process/ Link to Grant: <https://coag.gov/app/uploads/2023/08/OFE-RFA-LAAA-2024-01.pdf>

Sponsors: The Colorado Department of Law / COAG

Pre- Application Webinar: PRE-APPLICATION WEBINAR: The Department of Law will host a webinar covering the RFA and how to apply on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Interested applicants can [register to attend here](#). A copy of the recording will be posted on this website within 2-3 business days of the event.

Areas of Consideration:

- What organizations currently engage in this work?
- Are there resources that could benefit from the addition of financial coaching or counseling?

2023 Overdose Awareness Mini-Grant

Deadline: Events must take place by September 27, 2023, and invoices must be received by October 30, 2023

Purpose: The Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) has a one-time funding/reimbursement opportunity through the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant to sponsor overdose awareness community events.

The BHA's goal is to support 10 local agencies in hosting events aimed at community awareness of overdose trends, signs and symptoms of someone experiencing an overdose, and naloxone (the opioid overdose reversal medication) use and availability. Events should also address stigma and increase support for people in recovery, including those who use medications for an opioid use disorder.

Recipients that are in rural and frontier areas of the state, and non-profit and/or tax-exempt at either the federal or state level will be given priority. See tax exempt qualifications at <https://tax.colorado.gov/tax-exemption-qualifications>

Areas of Focus: Harm Reduction

Amount of Funding: Reimbursements shall not exceed \$5,000.00 per organization

Project period: Events must take place by September 27, 2023, and invoices must be received by October 30, 2023

Eligibility:

- Events must take place by September 27, 2023, and invoices must be received by October 30, 2023.
- Reimbursements shall not exceed \$5,000.00 per organization.
- Events using these grant funds may not charge for admission.
- Fundraising events are ineligible for this funding opportunity.
- Virtual events are encouraged, but these funds cannot be used to purchase equipment or gift cards for attendees.
- Pro-social events may include some food and beverages, but may not exceed \$3/per person per day.

Application Process: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c14b0c4e706243fb90a0c86252e26fb4>

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Sponsors: Colorado Behavioral Health Administration

Areas of Consideration:

- What events are already planned or in the works?
- Which organizations host these kinds of events?

Supporting Coloradans in Recovery Through Non-Clinical Programs

Deadline: October 15, 2023

Purpose: The Colorado Health Foundation will provide grants for culturally- and linguistically-responsive programs that support individuals with mental health and/or substance use challenges in accessing non-clinical support services close to home, thus making recovery possible. Projects should focus on the purpose and community dimensions in Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) model of recovery. [Read More.](#)

Areas of Focus: Recovery

Amount of Funding: Not specified

Project period: Not specified

Eligibility:

- Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, government agencies, or projects partnering with a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, including:
- Preference will be given to projects that are:
 - Run by organizations that are peer-led or peer-driven
 - Led by or provided by peers such as a peer support specialist, peer navigator, peer coach, or recovery coach
 - Proposed by organizations who already have experience providing recovery services
 - Responsive to the needs of people in recovery and their families through trauma-informed programming
 - Providing support and resources for the mental wellness of peers and staff
- Organizations must provide non-clinical programs that fall under SAMHSA's purpose and/or community dimensions of recovery:
 - Purpose – Conducting meaningful daily activities such as employment, education, volunteering along with having the independence, income and resources to participate in society.
 - Community – Having relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope.

Application Process: A link to the [online application](#) is available on the [program website](#).

Link to grant: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/5468>

Sponsors: Colorado Health Foundation

Areas of Consideration:

- Region 4 organizations that have peer-led recovery programs

- Lots of time before the October round of funding

Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant

Deadline: May 1, 2024 (annual grant)

Deadline: May 1, 2023, May 1, 2024; May 1, 2025

Purpose: The Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant (Short Title: EMS Training) provides funding to recruit and train emergency medical services personnel in rural areas with a focus on addressing substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health conditions. [Read more.](#)

Areas of Focus: Treatment, Recovery & Harm Reduction

Amount of Funding: Award ceiling \$200,000

Project period: 1-year

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include rural emergency medical service agencies operated by local or tribal governments (fire-based and non-fire based) and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies.

Application Process: Links to the full announcement, [application instructions](#), and the online application process are available through [grants.gov](#). This opportunity has been issued as standing funding announcement that will remain open until May 1, 2025. Applicants can apply for funding in any of the three project periods, with the following due dates:

- May 1, 2024
- May 1, 2025

Link to grant: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/funding/4864>

Sponsors: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Areas of Consideration:

- A 10% non-federal matching contribution is required.
- Was there a rural emergency medical service agency in your region that applied for this in the last round of funding (May 2023)?
- Would a rural emergency medical service agency in your region want to apply for this and have the capacity to apply for this?