



## REGION 4 OPIOID COUNCIL

**March 2025**

### **Request for Proposals (“RFP”) RFP No. 3**

#### **Overview:**

The Colorado Attorney General's Office (AG) participated in a national lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies over the opioid crisis, resulting in each state receiving Opioid Settlement Funds to address the epidemic. The AG collaborated with local governments to establish regions for distributing these funds annually. These funds are distributed over 18 years. The terms of the national settlement dictate the guidelines for how these funds can be used.

Region 4 includes ten counties in Central and Northeast Colorado: Elbert, Lincoln, Kit Carson, Cheyenne, Yuma, Washington, Morgan, Logan, Sedgwick, and Phillips. The Region 4 Opioid Council, a governing board made up of members from these counties, oversees the allocation of the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Currently, Region 4 focuses on three key initiatives. The transportation initiative increases access to treatment and recovery services by expanding transportation options in the region. The region also supports four local correctional facilities to enhance access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) within the criminal justice system. Additionally, Region 4 is working to strengthen education and training for addiction care providers to improve local referral networks and care access. To learn more about Region 4 and its ongoing initiatives, please [visit the Region 4 website](#).

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

The services that can be funded with the Opioid Settlement Funds are outlined in the National Opioid Settlement Exhibit E document linked below. An overview of the areas identified for Approved Use of Funds includes the main areas of Treatment, Prevention, and Other Strategies. Nested underneath these broad areas include Recovery, Harm Reduction, and Criminal Justice focused strategies. The Region 4 Opioid Council is seeking proposals for projects that address any of the approved uses in Exhibit E. Region 4 is mindful of not duplicating behavioral health existing regional services but rather leveraging this funding to

further expand access to existing services and develop new necessary services in our communities.

Region 4 is made up of all rural and frontier designated counties, so service access and resources for those affected by Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is the ultimate goal and objective.

All proposed services must align with the Schedule B Approved Uses pages E4-E10, in the following [linked document](#).

Applicants are welcome to submit proposals focusing on Treatment Services, Prevention, Recovery Services, Harm Reduction, or Criminal Justice initiatives.

The Region 4 Opioid Council will award two-year grants with a maximum budget of \$500,000 total for the two years, per award. The Council reserves the right to fund more than one award, if desired.

Engaging in evaluation activities and quarterly reports to Region 4 shall be required as a condition of accepting funding.

**Timeline:**

Proposals will be accepted until **April 15th, 2025 at 5:00 pm MST**. Proposals received after the deadline may not be considered or accepted.

**Place of Delivery:**

To be eligible to submit a proposal, all proposal documents must be submitted to Region 4 Opioid Council, Attn: Region 4 Opioid Council Board: at [reg4support@omni.org](mailto:reg4support@omni.org)

**Evaluation:**

Region 4 Opioid Council, through its fiscal agent, Yuma County, shall award contracts to awardees based on the evaluation criteria contained within this RFP.

**Reservation of Rights:**

Region 4 Opioid Council and its fiscal agent, Yuma County, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and to reserve any request for proposals. Region 4 Opioid Council and its fiscal agent, Yuma County, also reserve the right to award contracts as it deems will best serve its interest, including partial awards. Funds will be issued on a reimbursement basis by Yuma County serving as the Region 4 fiscal agent following receipt of project reports and associated expense invoices, subject to approval by the Council and/or its designee. All decisions are final.

**Required Information:**

- 1) Name of the Organization;
- 2) Mailing Address;
- 3) Applicant Contact Name and Title;
- 4) Applicant Contact email and phone number;
- 5) Applicants must submit an approved audit or financial review for the past (3) years.
- 6) No more than five Letters of Support, at least one of which must be a local government;
- 7) RFP's must contain the following language, signed by the Applicant or Applicant's Representative: "Applicant hereby certifies and warrants that all statements and representations, including all sources and uses of funds, made in this RFP are true and correct and may be relied upon by the Region 4 Opioid Council .

### Questions to be addressed in the application:

- 1) Please provide a brief summary of the specific needs and/or gaps in Region 4 your proposed program or project will address.
- 2) Brief description of the program. Include language that proposed services must align with the Schedule B Approved Uses pages E4-E10, in the following linked document:<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/TEVA-Exhibit-E.pdf>
- 1) For existing programs, please explain how your program will be expanded, the amount of funding requested, and why additional funding is required. Please indicate which counties are currently served and will be served, if expanded.
- 2) Describe any new initiatives that you intend to launch, the amount of funding requested, and why additional funding is required. Please indicate which counties will be served by the new initiative.
- 3) Include a preliminary timeline for establishment/expansion of your program and for all program deliverables.
- 4) Please describe any capital infrastructure currently in place or anticipated capital investment needs as well as associated funding required.
- 5) Will this program be utilizing funds from other sources in conjunction with the Opioid Settlement Funds?
- 6) What are the anticipated project deliverables and associated outcomes of your program after applying this funding? How will you measure those outcomes? What does success look like?
- 7) Provide information evidencing that the Applicant has a proven track record of experience and success with this or similar programs or as an entity with historical productivity.
- 8) Is there any current or anticipated opposition to your program?
- 9) Do you have funds available to implement and accomplish the program without funding through this RFP? Please explain.
- 10) How do you plan to fund future management and/or operating costs of the program to ensure sustainability?
- 11) Ability to further the goals of the 2-year plan, as described in the “Goals and Objectives” section above.

- 12) If your organization is not successful in securing funding for your program from Region 4 Opioid Council, what is the future of your program?

**Evaluation Criteria:**

All RFP responses shall be evaluated based on the answers to the questions provided above and the following criteria:

- 1) Length of time providing the service.
- 2) History and examples of work in rural and frontier areas of Colorado.
- 3) Number of counties within Region 4 that will be served.
- 4) Timeline for providing the service.
- 5) Ability to address the diverse needs of Region 4.
- 6) Anticipated outcomes.
- 7) Ability to utilize and improve existing regional programs and services.
- 8) Financial stability of the organization and program.
- 9) Ability to establish additional and ongoing funding sources.
- 10) Sustainability of the program.
- 11) Organizational compliance, reputation, and business practices including but not limited to SAM.gov registration, Better Business Bureau ratings, Secretary of State business entity status, length of operation, references, and any other available public information.