



OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICANT GUIDELINES

I. Overview:

The City of Mesa has received funding through the One Arizona Agreement as part of the \$1.14 billion in opioid settlement funds. Of this, \$1.0 million has been allocated to community grant programs for nonprofit organizations to support initiatives addressing opioid-related issues. The application deadline is **March 11, 2025**.

II. Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Request funding of at least \$50,000
- Serve Mesa residents
- Align with at least one of the funding priorities:
 - Prevention and Education
 - Early Intervention and Treatment
 - Harm Reduction and Rescue
 - Recovery and Resiliency

III. Application Review Questions:

The following sections provide an overview of the questions you can expect in the application.

A. Agency Information:

1. Agency history, services, and locations
2. Mission, vision, and diversity statement

B. Program Details:

1. Project name and description
2. Needs assessment (including data-supported justification)
3. Target population served (e.g., youth, pregnant or parenting women, families, veterans, individuals experiencing homelessness)
4. Scope and expected outcomes
5. Location and reach (citywide or specific areas)
6. Budget allocation (Mesa funds cannot be used for administrative costs)
7. Scalability based on funding availability
8. Differentiation from similar services offered in Mesa

9. Collaborative efforts with partner agencies
10. Staff qualifications and agency capacity
11. Marketing and outreach strategies, including plans for reaching individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

IV. Financial Summary:

- A. Previous funding received from the City of Mesa (if applicable)
- B. Match or leverage funds provided (if any)
- C. Audit history and any unresolved financial audit findings

V. Supporting Documents:

- A. Proof of Good Standing Status with the Arizona Corporation Commission
- B. IRS letter of nonprofit status
- C. Most recent financial audit (or balance sheet and profit & loss statement if no audit is available)
- D. Most recent IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ
- E. Current Board of Directors roster

VI. Evaluation & Selection Criteria: Applications will be reviewed based on the following factors:

- A. Alignment with funding priorities
- B. Strength of the needs assessment and program design
- C. Clarity and feasibility of the implementation plan
- D. Organizational capacity and experience
- E. Partnerships and collaborative efforts
- F. Financial sustainability and budget justification

Presentation Requirement: Selected applicants may be required to present their proposals to the Opioid Settlement Grant Committee. Attendance by a representative is mandatory for funding consideration if requested.

Submission Deadline: All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by March 11, 2025.

For additional information or questions, contact deana.lopez@mesaaz.gov or call 480-644-5030.

We encourage all eligible organizations to apply and contribute to the well-being of Mesa residents through this funding opportunity.