



YOR 2 RFA Questions and Answers

See below for responses to questions received as of December 20, 2020. Check back for updates to this list.

SUBCONTRACTING & PARTNERS

Question: Is a grantee REQUIRED to subcontract with other agencies?

Answer: No, a grantee is not *required* to subcontract with other agencies. However, all goals and objectives for a continuum of care must be met either by the lead agency and/or through memoranda of understanding (MOUs) or subcontracts.

Question: Will we have access to who was on the informational webinar to determine further collaborative partners?

Answer: YOR California will not provide a list of people who attended the informational webinar.

Question: In order to qualify, is an agency required to propose treatment for MAT/ODU/StUD or can these services be outsourced?

Answer: The lead agency does not need to provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services themselves. The lead agency may work with other agencies to provide these services through subcontracts or partnerships. However, access to MAT must be provided.

Question: Are letters of support from collaborative partners or service sites required if these agencies/schools will not be receiving any YOR funding?

Answer: MOUs or Letters of Intent supporting the delivery of a continuum of services are needed. If the provider is receiving YOR California funding, they are subcontractors. If partners are not receiving YOR California funding but are an integral part of the continuum of services, they are considered other key partners.

ELIGIBILITY

Question: If we received funding for YOR 1, are we eligible for YOR 2?

Answer: Yes, YOR 1 grantees may apply for the YOR 2 funding. Your organization needs to meet all criteria and show how this is not just a continuation but an effort to increase access to services for youth misusing opioids and/or stimulants.

Question: If we were a partner or subgrantee in the first round of YOR funding, are we eligible to be a subgrantee in this round of funding?

Answer: Yes, if you were a YOR 1 partner or subgrantee, you are eligible to be a lead agency, if lead agency requirements are met, or a subgrantee for YOR II funding.

Question: Is it required for applicants to serve the entire age group (12-24)?

Answer: No, it is not required for applicants to serve the entire age group. You are eligible to apply if you serve a subset of the age group. The Request for Applications (RFA) asks for a description of your target population.

Question: Our agency only serves 18+. Would this prevent us from being qualified for this grant, or could our narrative explain our focus on 18+?

Answer: No, you are not prevented from applying. You may target ages 18-24 underserved or marginalized youth.

Question: Do Indian organizations need an official Tribal resolution supporting the project prior to application?

Answer: There is no YOR California requirement for a Tribal resolution.

TYPES OF SERVICE

Question: Are services for parents/families acceptable as part of the proposal?

Answer: Family engagement is encouraged, and family-centered treatment is required. Family services are an implementation component of the continuum to support access and engagement of youth, unless otherwise restricted, such as for youth experiencing homelessness.

Question: Is training of professionals, such as physicians or pediatricians, on SUD/OD/StUD issues an acceptable type of service?

Answer: Yes, training of professionals is a part of capacity building. Trainings should be aimed at increasing access to youth-relevant, evidence-based services for youth misusing opioids and/or stimulants. This is allowable as a component of engagement objectives. Please note that procurement of the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA) Waiver training is not an allowable use of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) II and YOR II funds, as this training is offered free of charge from the at www.pcसनow.org. YOR California funding may not be used to procure DATA Waiver

training by recipients or subrecipients of SOR funding or to incentivize eligible providers to receive this training.

Question: How many youth participants are agencies expected to serve?

Answer: There is no specific minimum or maximum number of youths to serve. The RFA asks that the implementation plan include the projected number of youths served per month and during the contract year. While we do not specify the number of youths to be served in each project, we will be analyzing the cost-client/patient ratio for each proposal as a factor in the selection process.

Question: Do grantees need to have certain licensing to provide MAT/ODU/StUD?

Answer: YOR California grantees must meet all licensing and certification requirements for each service offered. YOR California expects that the lead agency delivers and/or partners with agencies to develop a continuum of care to meet needs of youth. In order to provide MAT itself, there are licensing requirements. These are different for the three U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications.

Question: Can you briefly go over what type of agencies have been funded before?

Answer: Take a look at the [YOR California projects web page](#) for information on YOR 1 grantees.

Question: What is the general stance on funding harm reduction services?

Answer: Outreach and engagement are essential elements of increasing access to youth. Provision of naloxone to prevent overdose is also included. See the [allowable expenses from DHCS](#).

MEDI-CAL

Question: Is MAT treatment billed to the grant or to Medi-Cal?

Answer: YOR California funds should only be used when no other funding source exists. They are funds of last resort. If a participant is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, MAT and other eligible services should be billed to Drug Medi-Cal. YOR California funds should not be used in place of the provider ensuring all Medi-Cal eligible clients are enrolled.

Question: It seems only Medi-Cal billable providers qualify for this grant. Are my assumptions correct?

Answer: No, YOR California anticipates that lead agencies will have partners and subcontractors. Drug Medi-Cal is only one source of funding for MAT and other treatment services.

APPLICATION AND FUNDING

Question: Will receiving this grant award affect future opportunity from the SAMHSA-Native Connections?

Answer: No, a YOR 2 grant award is unrelated to other grants.

Question: Why is the implementation plan labeled Initial Implementation Plan?

Answer: The initial implementation plan is an essential element of the application. YOR California recognizes that grantees may not have all of the service pieces in place at the time of the application. A final implementation plan will be submitted to YOR California for approval as a deliverable.

Question: Can you explain the deliverable section of the implementation plan?

Answer: The implementation plan consists of six parts. Part 1 is Start-Up and Capacity-Building. To complete this deliverable section, review the RFA and identify the key steps you will take to build your network and expand access to quality, youth-relevant services. Identify a measurable deliverable for each milestone. For Parts 2-6, there are some measurable deliverables provided followed by two boxes. Enter the number per month in the first box and the anticipated number over the contract period in the second box. You may also add additional measurable deliverables related to your project underneath.

Question: Is there a specific format for the budget justification, or can we just type directly into the excel spreadsheet in the format that makes most sense for us?

Answer: Please use the standard narrative format. Include it as a second tab on the budget template.

Question: For statewide or specialized organizations proposing capacity-building only awards, can you provide more guidance on the general grant ranges; I know we could apply for more than \$50,000, but is there maximum amount a cap?

Answer: There are no funding caps.

Question: When should YOR California funds be used for direct treatment services?

Grant funds for allowable expenditures can only be used for: (1) services directly attributable to the YOR California Project, (2) services to individuals who are not covered by public or commercial health insurance plans, (3) services to individuals whose coverage have been formally determined to be unaffordable, or (4) services that are not sufficiently covered by an individual's health insurance plan. Expenditures for services only partially attributable to the YOR California grant must have sufficient rationale identifying cost-sharing allocations. Please see [Attachment 4: Budget Template, Instructions, and Allowable Cost Information](#) for more information.

Question: Are funds able to provide contingency management, and are there caps on the total value any one recipient can receive?

Answer: Yes, contingency management is allowed under this grant allocated at \$75 per person per year.

Question: Is there a limit on indirect rate?

Answer: An organization may use their federally approved indirect rate or an indirect rate of up to 10 percent is allowed. Allowable expense guidelines are available at this link:

<https://www.californiamat.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Allowable-Costs-Fact-Sheet-ahpFINAL-1.pdf>

Question: How many grantees will be funded?

Answer: Anticipated award amounts for implementation grants will be in the range of \$375,000 - \$700,000. Most capacity-building only grants will be for \$50,000. Depending on amount of funding each agency applies for, YOR California expects there will be approximately 25-30 grantees.

Question: Can we ask additional questions?

Answer: Send your questions to YORCalifornia@ahpnet.com by December 29, 2020. YOR California will send answers to all agencies completing the optional [Notice of Intent](#). YOR California will also post updates to this Questions and Answers document after this date. If possible, YOR California will try to answer questions received after December 29, but cannot guarantee responses.

Question: Can you confirm that the application deadline is January 15 at 5:00 p.m. and not January 6? At the end of the application form it says January 6.

Yes, applications are due on **January 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. PST**. The date at the end of the application has been corrected and the [revised application](#) is posted on the [YOR California website](#).