

## RFP: 2021 Opioid Crisis Innovation Challenge

### OVERVIEW

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2021 Opioid Crisis Innovation Challenge. Through this opportunity, FORE is looking to support “outside-the-box” ideas to solve problems connected to the opioid crisis. FORE will provide grant support for specific projects that can explore and/or evaluate innovative ideas, bring together approaches from several diverse fields, and engage multi-disciplinary teams to solve long-standing issues. Projects should address one of the following three areas:

- Professional Education and Training
- Timely and Actionable Data
- Supporting the Transition from Treatment to Recovery

The full RFP is available [here](#). Interested applicants must submit a Concept Note by July 19<sup>th</sup>. FORE will subsequently select applicants to submit a Full Proposal, for which applicants will have an additional four weeks. FORE may consider an additional round of this RFP after July 2021.

### FUNDING

FORE will provide grants of up to \$300,000 annually for up to two years to awarded applicants. Award amounts and project duration must align with the scope of work and the capabilities of the applying organization. There is no expectation of any specific number of awards.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for FORE grants should be not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations.

### APPLICATION

FORE will prioritize work that incorporates a focus on patient-centered solutions and health equity. FORE will also prioritize projects that seek to reach diverse, high-risk populations.

FORE will assess projects within a framework of meeting one or more of the following FORE overarching objectives to support:

- Policy initiatives;
- Professional education;
- Payer and provider strategies; and
- Public awareness.

Proposed innovative solutions should contribute to long-lasting improvements in patient care and/or other aspects of the national opioid crisis.

### Timeline

Applicants must first submit a short Concept Note by July 19<sup>th</sup>. Following an evaluation of the Concept Notes for responsiveness to the RFP and alignment with FORE’s mission and interests, FORE will

invite selected applicants to submit a Full Proposal by July 30<sup>th</sup>. Once they receive this invitation, applicants will have up to four weeks to submit the Full Proposal. FORE will then notify awarded applicants by February 28, 2022, at the latest.

Programmatic questions may be submitted to Ken Shatzkes, PhD at [kshatzkes@ForeFdn.org](mailto:kshatzkes@ForeFdn.org). Technical questions may be submitted to Lydia Tschoe, MHA at [lotschoe@ForeFdn.org](mailto:lotschoe@ForeFdn.org). Eligibility questions may be submitted to [info@ForeFdn.org](mailto:info@ForeFdn.org).