

DASA OPIOID STATE TARGETED RESPONSE (STR) FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: ILLINOIS OPIOID ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY SERVICES (OARS) HOTLINE

IDHS/DASA recently received \$16.3 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 21st Century Cures Act authorized funding under the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant (Opioid-STR) program. This award supports a coordinated state-wide effort to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery support services for opioid use disorders (OUD). In its application, IDHS/DASA proposed multiple approaches to address the opioid crisis in Illinois.

Given the broad range of opioid-focused efforts in Illinois, it is critical that members of the general public, especially those in crisis or involved in crisis situations, have ready access to not only information regarding available services but also immediate assistance with engaging in these services. In response, IDHS/DASA is releasing a new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis Grants - Illinois Opioid Assistance and Recovery Services (OARS) Hotline. IDHS/DASA has allocated \$1,200,000 to support the development and operation of an Opioid Crisis Hot-line for opioid using persons and their friends and family members that will be accessible on a 24-hour basis, serve as a source of preliminary assessments and recommended levels of care, information regarding alternative service providers, and assistance in scheduling assessment appointments on behalf of those in need.

This competitive funding opportunity is posted at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=97098>.

1. This competitive funding opportunity is limited to organizations that satisfy the below conditions:
 - a. Are in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State.
 - b. Provide the requested information as outlined in this NOFO to be considered for funding in SFY 2018. The successful proposal will serve as the applicant's program plan and budget for the SFY 2018 grant period.

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2. Organizations that are licensed by IDHS/DASA to provide treatment services are eligible to apply.
3. The successful applicant will be required to comply with all performance expectations stated in this NOFO, including those that may be communicated by IDHS/DASA post-award, to ensure the transparency of delivered caller services.

Applicants must pre-qualify through the Grants Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) at the Grantee Portal, www.grants.illinois.gov. During pre-qualification, Dun and Bradstreet verifications are performed and include a check for Debarred and Suspended status and standing with the Secretary of State. The process also includes a financial and administrative risk assessment utilizing an Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ). Applicants will be notified if ineligible for an award as a result of the Dun and Bradstreet verification and the corrective action necessary to become eligible.

Applications must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2017. The completed grant proposal must be submitted electronically to DHS.GrantApp@Illinois.gov. The NOFO contains further details about the proposal submission, funding expectations, and guidance for submitting any questions. If further clarification is needed, please direct your inquiry to the DASA Help Desk at: DoIT.DASAHHELP@ILLINOIS.GOV.