



RFQu 2024-13

ADDENDUM #2

Bay County Opioid Settlement Funds
Request for Funding Proposals

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – THIS IS NOT AN ORDER OR OFFER

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| DATE OF REQUEST | MAY 31, 2024 |
| REFERENCE PROPOSAL NUMBER | RFP 2024-13 |
| DEADLINE FOR PROPOSERS QUESTIONS | JUNE 14, 2024 5:00 PM |
| RESPONSES DUE FROM COUNTY | JUNE 28, 2024 5:00 PM |
| PROPOSED DATE/TIME REQUIRED | JULY 8, 2024 11:00 AM |
| EMAIL SUBJECT LINE | “BAY COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS REQUEST FOR FUNDING PROPOSALS” |

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1. What is the current opioid settlement fund balance?

We recently received a distribution on June 4, 2024, bringing our total to \$1,249,232.11 for remediation.

2. If these totals are accurate, what is the rationale for distributing \$250,000 this year? It seems that given the crisis we are in, more help upfront will help end this crisis sooner, with less funding needed later in the distribution.

At the time the RFP was released, our fund total was \$898,163.77. There is no notice or indication of when additional distributions will be made, nor do we know what amount. We also have a focus on sustainable programming, so we want to ensure we have sufficient funds in future years.

3. Do the unspent funds gain interest or dividends while they are being held? If so, what happens to those gains?

The unspent funds are invested and earn interest. The use of the interest is unrestricted.

4. Would the commissioners be willing to attend a 1 hour "Addiction 101" presentation provided by multiple stakeholders? Given the millions of dollars that will be distributed, it would be helpful to allow those of us in the community who are fighting this battle to explain the current crisis in our community. There are still things I learn that surprise me. Like the #1 age group to receive Narcan from EMS in Bay County is 55 and older. See attached report from May 2023 - May 2024 from U of M.

Please send the information to Lindsey Arsenault, Board Coordinator, arsenaultl@baycounty.net and the commissioners will certainly consider attending.

5. What is the maximum dollar amount that an agency can request?

Please submit whatever you would like for consideration. We anticipate allocating \$250,000 this year. The amount will vary based on the submissions received.

6. Can the indirect cost cap be raised from 5% to 10% so agencies can pay for fringe benefits for new staff positions or accounting / admin expenses that are over 5%? Typical fringe benefits are 8%.

- a. **Rationale:** Several agencies could benefit from adding staff to provide new services but are concerned about the additional costs they would need to incur to cover fringe benefit or admin costs over 5%. Allowing a higher cap would remove those barriers.

We agree that 10% would be an allowable indirect cost amount if you are considering fringe benefits as part of indirect costs.

7. Would the commissioners allow a one-time capital expenditure above the \$250,000 allotted for this year to allow for the purchase and startup of a recovery house?

- a. **Rationale:** There are no recovery housing options in Bay County. When people go to treatment and return to Bay County, they often go back to their same unhealthy living situation. This is also problematic for those on probation or parole who want recovery housing but are required to live in Bay County or go through a cumbersome process of having their case moved to another county.

Please submit for consideration any proposals, without more information it seems unlikely as it appears to be outside of the focus of the RFP.

8. We have a question about the third criteria for eligibility: “Have or willing to establish business in Bay County.” Must a successful bidder have a physical location within Bay County? Is an organization that provides services/business to Bay County eligible to apply for funding?
 - a. **For context:** Saginaw Valley State University has a project that serves Bay County and is in alignment with the RFP, but this project does not have a physical business location in Bay County.

As long as services are being provided in Bay County, you do not need a physical mailing address/business location in Bay County.

Addendum released by,

Frances Moore