

State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants

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Grant Overview

- 2-year grant that aims to address the opioid crisis by
 - Increasing access to treatment,
 - Reducing unmet treatment need, and
 - Reducing opioid overdose deaths through the provision of
 - ❖ Prevention
 - ❖ Treatment, and
 - ❖ Recovery activities for opioid use disorder (including both prescription opioids and illicit drugs, such as heroin)

Funding Amount & Requirements

- **\$11,782,710 per year for two years**
 - Cannot use grant funding to supplant existing opioid services
- **At least 80% of grant award must be spent on opioid use disorder treatment and recovery support services**
- **Up to 5% of award can be used for administrative/ infrastructure costs**

Population to be Served

- Treatment funds will serve 2,030 people in year 1 and 3,628 in year 2 (total of 5,658 people)
- It is estimated that 750 first responders and other stakeholders will be trained in year 1 and 1,500 in year 2

Goals and Objectives

- Increase awareness about opioid misuse and abuse
- Provide training for the public, communities, schools, and first responders to prevent opioid misuse and abuse in Georgia
- Expand detox services for individuals with an opioid use disorder in targeted areas
- Expand access/bed capacity of residential services for individuals with an opioid use disorder in targeted areas

Goals and Objectives (continued)

- Incorporate certified peer specialists in identified emergency departments to ensure immediate connection for individuals
 - Who have experienced an opioid overdose
 - With an opioid use disorder who are presenting for services
- Expand/develop recovery support services for individuals with an opioid use disorder
- Implement a warm line, run by peers, for individuals struggling with opioid use disorder
- Develop medication assisted treatment (MAT) clinic based capacity for DEA approved medications

Treatment and Recovery Activities

- Expanding detox capacity by eight beds across two providers in two locations
- Increasing bed capacity at one provider site (four intensive residential beds, eight semi-independent beds, and eight independent beds)
- Implementing peer specialist programs in two hospital emergency departments
- Requiring selected treatment providers that expand MAT services, to employ a peer specialist to engage individuals and link them to treatment resources

Treatment and Recovery Activities (continued)

- Implementing a warm line run by peers
- Implementing MAT via a pharmacy benefit in eight treatment provider locations
- Implementation of a Department of Community Supervision/Department of Corrections MAT Vivitrol pilot
- Supporting the purchase/distribution of naloxone in community and via CSBs

Evaluation/Data Collection

- An evaluator will work with the project director and project coordinator to develop and implement the evaluation plan and provide the project staff with data to assist with project monitoring; and to complete all required federal reports
- The evaluator will
 - Conduct the project needs assessment during the first quarter of year 1;
 - Assist with development of the project strategic plan; and
 - Conduct treatment and prevention activities per grant