

RFF 2023 007 Questions and Answers

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
Would renovation be an allowable expense when it comes to renovating a building for recovery center (meaning a facility housing numerous social services agencies providing support to individuals in recovery through resources, treatment, programs and more) purposes?	Based on the information provided in the question, this activity would be permitted under Exhibit E.
Would OCRA recovery housing funds be an eligible local contribution towards the match? The awards were announced in 2022, but no funds have been released yet and the projects won't start until later this year. These funds would be part of a large housing capacity proposal impacting several counties.	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Would county tax dollars for mental health funding qualify as being granted funds from a qualified local unit of government?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Would capital expenses related to Abatement Purpose A.1: Expand availability of treatment for OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions be eligible? An example would be capital expenses to renovate a former hotel for providing residential recovery services, including client rooms, staff areas, meeting rooms for client-staff interactions, kitchen and dining space, exterior security, HVAC updates, electrical updates, external signage and facade, children's play areas, etc.	We believe the activities in the question are permitted under Exhibit E, Section A1. Any residential treatment provider must be certified by DMHA with an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) designation and any recovery residence must be certified by DMHA and must accept all three forms of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in order to be considered for this grant opportunity. This must be documented in your narrative.
Would Affordable Housing Program grant dollars be an eligible local contribution? The funds are considered private from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis.	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Will we receive priority consideration if our eligible match dollars exceed our request for RFF-2023-007 funding?	Special consideration or priority will not be given if match dollars
Will we need to track or submit our match dollars to the state on an ongoing basis through claims or other means once we have received RFF-2023-007 funding?	As part of the grant contract, regular reports will be submitted. Deviations from the match dollars will need to be reported as part of that process.
Will the fund come through reimbursement? Or will they be just be released if we are awarded any?	Funds are dispersed on a reimbursement basis through deliverables.
Who constitutes "key personnel" for the application?	Key personnel is anyone who is implementing the program or being paid out of the grant.
Where do we list training costs?	Training costs should be listed under Section 2 (Travel/Transportation) of Attachment B.
When applying for funds are entities applying towards the city funds and the county fund total combined? Or Simply the city they are located in?	There is not a limit to the number of local units of government that provide funding for an application. It is understood that many organization work across municipal or county boundaries. Furthermore, it is understood that some entities may be represented in multiple applications as communities prepare their submissions.
What is the match requirement?	There is no match amount requirement.
What is considered administrative and toward the 3% max? (ie. Is this indirect or program staffing/supplies?)	The 3% administrative cap is for indirect costs. Program staffing/supplies is not considered administrative.
What bidding processes need to be used for construction?	A bidding process must be competitive and adhere to state and local laws.
What are the guidelines for the unrestricted shares of the settlement distribution?	Unrestricted distributions are not restricted to a specific purpose, however, a local unit of government has the authority to use the funds for abatement purposes.

What are the administrative compliance requirements for this grant?	Administrative compliance, reports, data, etc. will all depend on the activities performed under the grant.
We were wondering if there will be KPI requirements? What data will be required to be shown proving clients are being served under this funding?	This will be determined after the award of the grant funds and depends on the activities being performed.
We have local town councils that are letting our organization receive their settlement money but the county has not decided about their portion. If only the towns give us the money to use as matching funds, should we have each Town Council sign an authorization form or does the Commissioner still have to sign it?	The executive for the local unit of government must complete the authorization form (Attachment A). If an application includes funding from multiple local units of government, each local unit of government that is contributing match funds must complete Attachment A.
We have a local foundation that committed to a three-year project to improve mental health. Could the third year of funding that aligns with the first year of this award be considered match for this grant? Additionally, could the funds budgeted for their competitive grant cycles for 2023-24 and potentially 2024-25 to promote mental health and prevent substance misuse be used as match?	Attachment A is required. An organization may put up their own match funds, however, the local unit of government must also put up funds in order for an applicant outside of the local unit of government to be eligible. Match funds must be new funding that has not already been expended or is not regularly appropriated to the applicant. This grant opportunity only encompasses funds from the 2022 and 2023 distributions of the National Opioid Settlement.
Under the same Abatement Purpose, would capital expenses to renovate a former hotel into a clinic that provides MAT treatment and services to those with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH conditions be eligible?	Based on the information provided in the question, this activity would be permitted under Exhibit E.
Under the Proposal Content/Scoring Criteria, 6. Sustainability of the Program b. Extent to which the applicant intends to continue to operate the service program through cooperative agreements and other formal arrangements – Is this during the project period of the award and/or beyond?	This is beyond the grant timeline. How do you plan to continue the work started under this grant past its end.
The Year 2 tab lists Year 1 in the spreadsheet. Do you want us to adjust that or will a new budget template be issued?	The budget template is an example. Please adjust the Year 2 tab.
The Serenity House was established in 1974 and is currently a certified level III recovery residence. We are a non-profit and we own the land where the house is located. We built the new building we are currently in in 2008 and began construction on The Recovery Complex/support center next door a couple years later but our funding ran out. I have attached photos of the incomplete building as it is now. We have a \$400K matching grant as of September 2022 from Ogle Foundation. We need to raise approximately \$400K ourselves. We have asked the Clark County Commissioners for \$200K from their initial share/2022 disbursement to help us complete the building. The way we understand Exhibit E, we would qualify based on the reasons stated on the attached. The primary question the attorney for the commissioners had was this....can the funds be used to finish this building. He was going to check into it on his end and I thought I would check with you on my end.	Based on the question and the assumptions of what "The Recovery Complex/Support Center" would entail, it is believed that finishing the building is an acceptable use of funds per Exhibit E. Any proposed recovery housing must be certified by DMHA and must accept all three forms of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in order to be considered for this grant opportunity. This must be documented in your narrative.
The guidance states that anyone, including local units of government (e.g., municipalities), are eligible to apply. However, during the informational sessions, Doug Huntsinger stated these local units of government were only eligible as long as they had already received funding from the Opioid Settlement. Does the "Opioids-Estimated-Payments-Revised-10-18-2022-1 (5)" spreadsheet include only the agencies eligible to apply?	The linked spreadsheet lists the eligible local units of government and their estimated payments over the 18-year settlement. Any entity that has been granted match funds from an eligible local unit of government is also permitted to apply.
Should matching dollars be documented in the budget or narrative?	Match dollars should be documented in the narrative.
Role of local governments/partners: Is it possible for IUH to subaward out to local organizations/grassroots communities?	Yes, collaboration and partnerships with other organizations is encouraged.

RFF indicates an entity that “has been granted funds from a qualified local unit of government” can submit a response. What does this mean?	If your organization has received eligible funds from a local unit of government that has received funds from the national opioid settlement, you are eligible to respond to the RFF.
Regarding the funding opportunity, RFF-2023-007, is this opportunity open to Community Mental Health Centers or only local government entities?	Any entity is eligible to apply for the grant but must have the authorization form (Attachment A) completed by the local unit of government that is contributing funds.
Please describe what is intended by “population of focus”? How specific or broad should that be?	Who and where are you serving? Are there any special populations of focus to note?
Paragraph 4 further discusses eligibility: “ This RFF requests responses from local units of government that received funds per the National Opioid Settlement Agreement or any entity that has been granted funds from a qualified local unit of government. Eligible local units of government can be found here.” Unfortunately, the link above (titled “here”) takes us to a spreadsheet, not eligibility details. Can you provide the content that is supposed to be found “here”?	The linked spreadsheet lists the eligible local units of government and their estimated payments over the 18-year settlement. Any entity that has been granted funds from an eligible local unit of government is also permitted to apply.
Paragraph 3 of the RFF Announcement states that eligibility is for local governments, as follows: “As part of the National Opioid Settlement, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction is making available a one-time funding opportunity to local units of government...” On the webinar, I also asked the question and it was affirmed that for-profits are eligible. Yet, for-profits are not local units of government. I am trying to ascertain under what conditions we may be eligible. Can you please confirm who is, indeed eligible?	Any entity, including for-profits, is eligible to apply for the grant but must have the authorization form (Attachment A) completed by the local unit of government that has committed match funds.
Our Problem-Solving Courts are trying to use some of the opioid settlement funds for support, and we do not want to take away from their efforts. They worked with a task committee in 2022 to establish their program, but they have not received money. Is that because they need to apply for this matching grant?	This grant is not tied to other grant opportunities.
Our funds say unrestricted share and abatement share. Are those both available to be used as matching funding or only one of those funds?	Match funds may come from either the unrestricted or restricted amounts at the discretion of the local unit of government. Funds awarded by the state classify as restricted and therefore grant activities must meet the requirements under Exhibit E of the settlement.
Our county is planning on submitting multiple proposals as part of a collaborative county plan to address substance misuse in our area. Would you prefer the proposals all be included in a single document since they will all be part of a unified plan among multiple county sectors or would you prefer for them to be submitted separately if there are different lead organizations for each project?	Communities that are coordinating their activities should coordinate their submissions. In this case it would be recommended to have one fiscal agent to reduce administrative burden on both the part of the applicant and the state.
Our county council is interested in funding our crisis center and is in the process of authorizing funding. The first time they could consider this matching grant is February 28 when the Finance Committee of the Council would commit their funding (likely opioid settlement dollars). Given the short timeframe for submission, would this be sufficient authorization: If the President of the Council signed the authorization with language explaining that “the Finance Committee of the Council is forwarding the favorable request for funding of \$_____ to the full Council at their March 14 meeting for their approval”?	Attachment A is a requirement. If an eligible local unit of government is willing to submit Attachment A under a draft plan, this is acceptable, however, the plan must be finalized prior to the contracting phase.
Other than Attachment A, how do we show the merit of our matching grant awards in this application?	In addition to Attachment A, merit for match funds can be expressed in the narrative and with letters of collaboration.
On the RFF-2023-007 Authorization to Dispense of Local Funds FOR State of Indiana Opioid Settlement Match Grant. Do we need multiple Authorization Forms completed or is one sufficient since we are working with 6 different counties?	An authorization form must be submitted for each local unit of government that has designated use of funds for your proposal.

On page 2 of the FSSA Request for Funding Announcement, under Written Proposal, last statement...Submit one proposal per respondent. We, PCS will be the fiscal agent for multiple counties and agencies. Will our proposal be high level overview to include the services the other agencies will provide as well as PCS?	This should be one proposal with an authorization form (Attachment A) from each local unit of government that is contributing match funds. The overview of services should be included in the narrative.
Marion County has indicated that they will not make decisions of funding prior to the submission of the grant opportunity - how can we handle evidence of government collaboration?	Attachment A is a requirement. You must have qualifying match funds from an eligible local unit of government to apply for this grant.
Is this grant opportunity funding from the first allocation that we have heard came to Grant County as mentioned in the spreadsheet?	This grant opportunity encompasses funds from the 2022 and 2023 distributions of the National Opioid Settlement.
Is this grant going to be distributed on a deliverables schedule or on a costs-incurred/reimbursement schedule?	Funds are dispersed on a reimbursement basis through deliverables.
Is this grant a dollar for dollar match?	There is not a 1:1 match requirement. Awards may be greater or less than the amount requested.
Is there any movement to extend the deadline since the informational series were just presented in late January?	The Feb. 28, 2023, deadline has been set and is not flexible. Indiana communities joined the national lawsuit as early as 2017, and in 2021, the Indiana legislature passed a distribution structure for opioid settlement funds. Estimated distribution amounts to local units of government have been available since Summer 2022. Many communities across the state are waiting for this opportunity to be released so they can pair their funds with state funds and expand their efforts.
Is there an amount or percentage of our total request from the state that we need to match with local funds? If not, is there a minimum or maximum that can be requested from the state?	There is not a minimum or maximum amount of funds that can be requested for the grant. State awards may be greater than or less than the respondent's requested amount or match amount. Final proposals will be judged on the totality of responses.
Is there a suggested amount for Salaries/Grant writing fees to be included in the proposal? I did notice that 3rd party contractors were allowed so I assume a non employee such as a grant writer would be allowed. Is this correct?	There is no minimum or maximum amount for salaries. A grant writer is considered an administrative cost. Administrative costs are capped at 3%. Activities that occur before the grant period cannot be covered by state-awarded funds.
Is there a statewide approach option or is it county/city level only?	Attachment A is a requirement. A proposal may have a statewide approach, however, you must have qualifying match funds from an eligible local unit of government. Each local unit of government that contributes match funds must complete Attachment A.
Is there a minimum or maximum budget amount allowable to request?	There is not a minimum or maximum amount of funds that can be requested for the grant. State awards may be greater than or less than the respondent's requested amount or match amount. Final proposals will be judged on the totality of responses.
Is there a match minimum by dollar or percentage?	There is not a minimum or maximum amount of funds that can be requested for the grant. State awards may be greater than or less than the amount requested.
Is the matching requirement 1:1?	There is not a 1:1 match requirement. Awards may be greater or less than the amount requested.
Is the match amount required by the county 1:1 for each grant dollar received?	There is not a 1:1 match requirement. Awards may be greater or less than the amount requested.

Is the funding of proposals all or nothing? Or is it possible to receive the reward for some of the projects submitted in a proposal with multiple projects?	All applications will be scored on a merit basis according to the rubric. State awards may be greater than or less than the respondent's requested amount or match amount.
Is the full amount we can request the Abatement Share for our Political Subdivision for 2022 and 2023 as stated in the Opioids Estimated Payments Excel Spreadsheet?	There is not a minimum or maximum amount of funds that can be requested for the grant.
In writing this grant, will the lead agency decide which monies to try to get? Is it possible just to ask for monies awarded to the entire county, so that all of the smaller UOG administrations do not have to sign agreement?	Collaboration is encouraged across communities. The lead agency should include letters of commitment from partners. An authorization form (Attachment A) must be completed by each local unit of government that is contributing match funds.
In the info session, there was mention that the match must be 'new' – Could you, please, expand on what that means?	The local unit of government must commit new funding that has not already been expended or is not regularly appropriated to the applicant.
In the budget, it just asks for total costs; do we need to identify what specific expenditures are being matched somewhere? Or what is the match being spent on?	In addition to identifying match funds on the authorization form (Attachment A), match funds should also be explained in the narrative.
If we are to match with local philanthropy dollars (not from a government), do we need to submit an "attachment A" from the organizational authority to promise the amount to be fundraised (in addition to the Attachment A showing the governmental unit is matching with settlement funds)?	Attachment A is a requirement. You must have qualifying match funds from an eligible local unit of government to apply for this grant.
If the monies have to come from this amount, does it come from the total unrestricted share or the total abatement share?	Funds may come from either the unrestricted or restricted amounts. Funds awarded by the state classify as restricted and therefore grant activities must meet the requirements under Exhibit E of the settlement.
If the applicant is a local unit of government who is contracting with a fiscal agent and then the fiscal agent is contracting with service providers, do the contracted providers list their total budget in Section Three or should they include their costs for personnel and other direct costs in the sections of the budget and identify which partner that cost is allocated to? For example, City of Awesome contracts with Foundation with So Much Money to be the fiscal agent. The Foundation then contracts with Amazing Providers to create the regional service model. Where do the costs for Foundation and Amazing Providers go in the worksheet?	If Foundation is the fiscal agent, all information for Foundation should be listed in Section 1: Personnel and Section 2: Other Direct Costs. All subcontractors (Amazing Providers) should be listed in Section Three: Subcontractors. Detailed information should be put in the justification of the budget for subcontractors to break down all activities and costs.
If our opioid settlement total is \$249,307.39, but those funds are disbursed throughout the next 15 years, how much can we use as matching? The total, or only what we have now?	Funding is limited to the 2022 and 2023 payments from the settlement. However, this is not a 1:1 match. Request for funding can be greater than match amount.
If match is through philanthropic support, does it need to be documented? If so, how should it be documented? Do applicants have to use the funding authorization form, submit a grant award letter, or a letter of collaboration?	A grant award letter or letter of collaboration would be acceptable documentation for the philanthropic match, however, you must also have qualifying match funds from an eligible local unit of government to apply for this grant. Attachment A is a requirement.
If capital expenses are allowed, can these funds be used for the purchase of durable goods like furniture for residential recovery rooms?	Basic furniture expenses qualify under Exhibit E, however, the state reserves the right to place additional restrictions in the contracting process.
If an applicant services multiple communities/counties/cities (for example, an organization that serves both Marion County and Allen County) should they submit separate proposals with separate Authorizations from each community?	This should be one proposal with an authorization form (Attachment A) from each local unit of government that is contributing match funds.

I would like to know the amount of matching funds a local agency must pledge in order to receive a grant under RFF 2023-007. Is it a dollar for dollar match? If not, what percentage of the total projected expenditure is the local entity expected to provide?	There is not a minimum or maximum amount of funds that can be requested for the grant. State awards may be greater than or less than the respondent's requested amount or match amount. Final proposals will be judged on the totality of responses.
I have a question about the Settlement Match Grant. I know there is a required match however can in-kind donations count for that as well?	In-kind donations are not acceptable match funds.
I had a question pertaining to the match funds. If it does not have to be 1:1 as an example can it be \$1,000 down and submitting a proposal for funds of \$20,000?	There is not a minimum or maximum amount of funds that can be requested for the grant. There is not a 1:1 match requirement. Awards may be greater or less than the amount requested.
How is the match going to be scored in the RFF evaluation? I did not see points assigned to it.	All applications will be scored on a merit basis according to the rubric. The match and the amount requested is included in No. 1, Attachment A. Furthermore, based on the number of applications submitted and the amount of funds requested, match funds will be considered in award amounts.
How do we show the match in our application and specifically the budget? I only see it on the Authorization to Dispense Local Funds page	The match funds should be explained in the narrative in addition to the authorization form (Attachment A).
How are you wanting the Next Level Recovery Community Competency Assessment integrated into proposals, if at all?	The core competency assessment is a tool to evaluate the substance use disorder treatment and recovery continuum in your community. The assessment is not a requirement of the grant, however, communities are recommended to have completed a needs assessment prior to submitting the grant.
Have these monies already been used by Grant County Units of Government? I have looked to try to find out where and who has spent this money, and I cannot find the answers.	This is a question for Grant County.
For training costs, do we need to separate out the cost of the actual training registration and the expenses associated with training (travel expenses, per diem reimbursement, hotel costs) or can we just allocate an amount to training?	Training costs must be separated out.
For this RFF, do the matched funds need to match exactly the amount requested from DMHA, or can the amount requested from RFF-2023-007 exceed the amount matched locally? If useful to clarify my question, which of the below scenarios are the way we should approach this RFF? (the dollar amounts listed below are for example only) - We request 100,000 from RFF 2023-007 so must have a 1:1 match with 100,000 promised from a local government source. - We request 100,000 from RFF 2023-007 but only need a portion of that promised from a local government source (say, 50,000).	There is not a 1:1 match requirement. Awards may be greater or less than the amount requested.
For the type of agreement, can you direct us to the definitions of consultant, contract, subaward?	Legal definitions will be defined in the contract.
For the calculation of benefits, should that be adjusted so that the benefits percent matches the percent effort? In the example in the worksheet, the director has 20% of their time going to the grant. Does that mean 20% of what I think was intended to be 3% and not 30% of the benefits should be allocated to the grant?	The budget template is an example. If a person is putting 20% of their time toward this grant, then 20% of their salary and 20% of their fringe benefits should be budgeted out of this grant.
For proposed numbers to be served, is this unique individuals or number of contacts with people (could be the same person with multiple contacts)?	Depending on the project it could be contacts or unique individuals. Please denote which.

<p>During the info session, I got the impression that anyone could apply for these funds as long as authorized by an eligible local unit of government. My understanding was that in order to give authorization, the eligible local unit of government had to sign off on the authorization to dispense of local funds for State of Indiana Opioid Settlement Match Grant form. However, the way it reads to me in the RFF is that only local units of government that received funds per the National Opioid Settlement Agreement or any entity that has been granted funds from a qualified unit of government are eligible to apply. Could you, please, clarify eligible applicants and how the authorization to dispense of local funds form should be used?</p>	<p>Any entity is eligible to apply for the grant but must have the authorization form (Attachment A) completed by the local unit of government that is contributing funds. An organization outside of the local unit of government is only eligible to apply if they have received match funds from the local unit of government.</p>
<p>Doug Huntsinger mentioned on the January 26 call that recovery housing would be an eligible capital expense but other capital projects might need more explanation. Is the state using a specific definition of recovery housing?</p>	<p>The state is not using a specific definition of recovery housing, however, Indiana does use National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) standards when defining the level of housing. Any proposed recovery housing must be certified by DMHA and must accept all three forms of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in order to be considered for this grant opportunity. This must be documented in your narrative.</p>
<p>Does the authorizing agency have to indicate a dollar amount on the signed form proving they are not the required match source?</p>	<p>An organization can put up their own match funds, however, the local unit of government must also put up funds in order for an applicant outside of the local unit of government to be eligible.</p>
<p>Does the amount being matched by a local government unit have to go to the third-party applicant or can it be expended within the government for purposes that support the third-party application/collaboration? (FOR CLARITY: We are a nonprofit - does the city/town have to write us a check to spend funds as a match, or can they spend it directly on something that supports our application and attest to that amount being spent?)</p>	<p>This question cannot be answered based on the information provided.</p>
<p>Does Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates and wage monitoring apply to these funds?</p>	<p>The Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates and wage monitoring does not apply to these funds.</p>
<p>Do you want the numbers to be served to be listed by fiscal year or one total for the grant?</p>	<p>Please break out by fiscal year and total number served for the grant period.</p>
<p>Do matching funds have to come from the authorizing agency?</p>	<p>An organization can put up their own match funds, however, the local unit of government must also put up funds in order for an applicant outside of the local unit of government to be eligible.</p>
<p>Could you elaborate on the Core Competencies?</p>	<p>The core competency assessment is a tool to evaluate the substance use disorder treatment and recovery continuum in your community. The assessment is not a requirement of the grant, however, communities are recommended to have completed a needs assessment prior to submitting the grant.</p>
<p>Could the dollar amount change from what is being requested in the proposal for projects but still be funded just at a lower amount?</p>	<p>State awards may be greater than or less than the respondent's requested amount or match amount.</p>
<p>Could just 1 county be the point County for the grant and as others meet - they could then be included as partners in the Grant? They would offer letters of support but until their public meetings, could not offer any financial support?</p>	<p>Yes, collaboration and consolidation of applications is encouraged. Partners do not have to offer financial support.</p>
<p>Could DMHA share a contact person at each local units of government to obtain authorization?</p>	<p>Funds are transferred to the local unit of government and follow the appropriation process. County commissioners, mayors or clerk treasurers are the executives of the local unit of government who are the appropriate entity to obtain authorization.</p>

Confirm if 2022 funds are going to be dispersed in 2023?	This grant opportunity encompasses funds from the 2022 and 2023 distributions of the National Opioid Settlement.
Capital is an allowable ask for recovery housing as long as it comes with a significant local match attached, correct?	Correct.
Can you explain the difference between the total abatement share and total unrestricted share funds?	Abatement (restricted) distributions may be used only for programs of treatment, prevention, and care that are best practices as defined in Exhibit E of the National Opioid Settlement document. Unrestricted distributions are not restricted to a specific purpose.
Can we use uncompensated care as a match?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use staff education/ training/ travel as a match?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use salary and/or fringe benefits in opioid related positions as a match?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use provider time?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use provider mileage as a match?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use provided service space?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use Medicaid Rehabilitation Option as a match?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use construction costs or capital project costs as a match? (We have over \$1 million in construction costs for expansion of IOP services.)	If the funds have already been expended, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use awarded DMHA funds as a match?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we use awarded ARPA funds as a match?	Local American Rescue Plan funds are acceptable match funds.
Can we use administrative time as a match?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can we please get a deadline extension? Our team is working diligently with community partners to create an intentional proposal that spans a large portion of the state but four weeks is not conducive to actionizing strategic and effective regional solutions for such a large, complex issue. I am concerned SUD/ODU services will continue to be piecemeal across the state because applicants are slapping together a proposal as fast as they can. I would love to learn more about the logic behind such a tight deadline when we've known these funds were in the pipeline for months – is this being driven by legislation?	The Feb. 28, 2023, deadline has been set and is not flexible. Indiana communities joined the national lawsuit as early as 2017, and in 2021, the Indiana legislature passed a distribution structure for opioid settlement funds. Estimated distribution amounts to local units of government have been available since Summer 2022. Many communities across the state are waiting for this opportunity to be released so they can pair their funds with state funds and expand their efforts.
Can we only submit an application if we have a letter of collaboration from our local government entity?	You may only submit an application if your local unit of government has signed Attachment A authorizing your organization to spend local designated funds.
Can we include needs assessments done by our community partners? Do the assessments need to be attached to our submission in an appendix?	You are welcome to include the needs assessment or a summary of its findings.
Can we expand services already being provided through other federal funding?	Expansion of services is an allowable use of funds.
Can we count money already spent on OUD/SUD efforts toward match? (ie. ARPA funds already spent toward a crisis center)	No, these would not be acceptable match funds. However, it can be included as part of the narrative for how the community is responding.

Can the unit of government that matches the funds for the RFF use both unrestricted and abatement shares?	Use of both unrestricted and abatement funds is acceptable as a match.
Can the local DFCF (Drug-Free Community Funds) from court fees be used for matching under local general funds? If so, who would sign, LCC (Local Coordinating Council) Chair?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can the funds from this grant be used to staff our crisis centers that will treat a spectrum of behavioral health related issues including, but not limited to, medicated assisted treatment for opioid use disorder.	Yes, this is an acceptable use of funds.
Can other opioid settlement funds be used toward the match (ie. Funds from local units of govt)?	Match funds may come from local distributions from the National Opioid Settlement.
Can ODL take out a short term loan proceed with a project without grant approval and repay the loan at risk to itself if the grant is not approved	Grant funds cannot be used for loan repayment.
Can federal pass-through grants count as a match (i.e., IDOH's IN CARES ECHO, DMHA's Community Prevention Grants, etc.), or other federal grants (i.e., PFS, DFC, etc.)?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Can a Local Coordinating Council apply for the matching funds?	Any entity is eligible to apply for the grant but must have the authorization form signed by the local unit of government indicating the applicant is a recipient of funds.
Bartholomew County government distributes approximately \$600,000 per year to Centerstone CMHC from county property taxes. Are these funds allowable as matching funds?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
Bartholomew County and the City of Columbus provide 1.2 million of funding from a LIT yearly for the following programs: BART-the jail treatment program, REALM-a treatment program for men in work release, Bartholomew County Drug Court-a certified problem-solving drug court, and ASAP. Are the funds paid by the city and county for these programs allowable matching funds and can we include the 1.2 million paid in 2022 and the 1.2 million to be paid in 2023 for a total of 2.4 million?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds. However, it could be included as part of the narrative in how the community is responding.
ASAP holds three DMHA grants-the Older Adult grant; the BIPOC grant, and the transportation grant for justice-involved individuals. Can these grants be considered matching funds?	No, these would not be acceptable match funds.
ASAP has partnered with Thrive Alliance on one current recovery home for women in Bartholomew County. Thrive Alliance purchased the home and ASAP leases it back for a recovery residence. Thrive Alliance can obtain 80% loans for financing the purchase of additional homes but does not have the 20% cash downpayment. Can we apply for the matching funds for the down payment? If yes, are there stipulations we would be required to place on Thrive Alliance before providing the down payment?	Capital for recovery housing is an approved use of funding under Exhibit E, however, the state reserves the right to place additional restrictions on specific proposals during the contracting process. Proposals should also provide proof of long-term commitment and significant investment by other entities. Proposals should be cost-effective. Any proposed recovery housing must be certified by DMHA and must accept all three forms of Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in order to be considered for this grant opportunity. This must be documented in your narrative.
As confirmation, non-profits entities are eligible to apply if they have committed settlement funds from a local unit of government even if they have not received funds before?	Any entity, including nonprofits, is eligible to apply for the grant but must have the authorization form signed by the local unit of government indicating the applicant is a recipient of funds.
As a statewide not for profit organization, can we apply directly with all of our sites/programs our community partners?	Any entity is eligible to apply for the grant but must have the authorization form (Attachment A) completed by the local unit of government that is contributing funds.
As a potential project could grant funds go towards a MSW new hire in May as part of expanding services for clients with the understanding funds would not be available until July?	Based on the information provided in the question, the hiring of a MSW is an acceptable use of funds per Exhibit E. However, the state award cannot retroactively fund the position. Funds may only be used for activities beginning July 1, 2023, through the conclusion of the grant, June 30, 2025.

<p>Are there going to be time limits to spending out the funds?</p>	<p>The contract is effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Deliverables are on a reimbursement basis.</p>
<p>Are the program reports due monthly, quarterly or some other schedule?</p>	<p>This will be determined after the awarding of grant funds and will depend on the activities performed.</p>
<p>Are Not-For-Profits eligible to apply as an applicant directly or do we need to partner with the local units of government? The RFF seems to indicate only local units of government but then on the call, it seems that other groups including for-profits could apply.</p>	<p>Any entity is eligible to apply for the grant but must have the authorization form (Attachment A) completed by the local unit of government that is contributing funds.</p>
<p>Are match dollars based on awarded funds or claimed/expensed funds?</p>	<p>Grant awards are based on the totality of the response to the RFF. All applications will be judged on a merit basis and awards may be greater or less than the match amount.</p>
<p>Are general BH (depression, anxiety, other co-occurring) activities eligible or only SUD?</p>	<p>All activities must meet the requirements set forth in Exhibit E.</p>
<p>Are federal grants that have the state as a pass through entity eligible for matching funds?</p>	<p>No, these would not be acceptable match funds.</p>
<p>A group of Counties are exploring the possibility of a collaborative effort to work within the incarcerated population in our Counties and would like to enlist some funds from the County Commissioners but the Commissioners only meet late in the month of February and that does not allow enough time to gain their support of funds and include that in our Collaborative effort to be presented to FSSA by February 28.</p>	<p>The Feb. 28, 2023, deadline has been set and is not flexible. Indiana communities joined the national lawsuit as early as 2017, and in 2021, the Indiana legislature passed a distribution structure for opioid settlement funds. Estimated distribution amounts to local units of government have been available since Summer 2022. Many communities across the state are waiting for this opportunity to be released so they can pair their funds with state funds and expand their efforts.</p>
<p>28 days is not a long time to secure the needed signatures from the governing bodies! Is it a correct assumption that we can submit a single signature/Attachment A for a local unit, but discuss in the narrative if we expect others to materialize? Or do we need to include multiple Attachment A's for all local match totals and signatures (we're looking at building a county approach with multiple cities/towns - but getting through each of those cities/towns decision making process/approvals in less than a month is a challenge!).</p>	<p>Attachment A is a requirement. Each local unit of government that is contributing match funds must complete Attachment A to indicate the applicant is a recipient of funds. If an eligible local unit of government is willing to submit Attachment A under a draft plan, this is acceptable, however, the plan must be finalized prior to the contracting phase.</p>