

What is the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership?

Arkansas received master settlement funding from the National Prescription Opiate Litigation. The settlement funding will be split evenly between Arkansas cities, counties, and the state. The cities (represented by the Arkansas Municipal League) and the counties (represented by Arkansas Association of Counties) came together to create the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership to distribute settlement funds to opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery projects that will abate the opioid epidemic.

What are the funding requirements?

The funding is meant to be start-up money for projects in opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery. The money is **not** meant to replace or supplant existing funding. More specific guidelines are provided at www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities/. Exhibit E, found at www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities/, specifies exactly how settlement funds must be used. The ARORP Advisory Board will use Exhibit E to evaluate your proposal.

Should I hire a grant writer?

No, applications are designed to be user-friendly.

What are the deadlines to apply?

The deadline for the coalition partnership empowerment proposal is March 15, 2023. None of the other proposal categories have deadlines.

Is there a limit to the number of applications you can submit?

There is no limit to the amount of applications an organization can submit. The funding will be available for over a decade, so we encourage you to give each project the attention and focus it needs to be successful.

Can multiple projects be funded in a single city or county?

Yes, multiple projects may be funded in a single city or county.



What kinds of projects will be accepted?

There are several categories of proposals you can submit. The **general proposal** allows flexibility for you to submit any project related to opioid prevention, treatment, and/or recovery. We want you to assess your community's needs and submit a proposal to address existing gaps in services.

There are three other proposal categories: Naloxone Community Hero, Coalition Partnership Empowerment, and Overdose Response Team. Please note that naloxone provided through ARORP cannot be sold or provided to first responders or harm reduction groups. First responders may contact the University of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute for training.

Four Ways to Apply	General Proposal	Naloxone Community Hero Project	Overdose Response Team	Coalition Partnership Empowerment
Who can apply?	Everyone	Any organization with the exception of first responders and harm reduction groups	Law Enforcement, cities, and drug task force agencies	Community Coalitions
What type of project?	Build your own proposal	Provide naloxone training and training in its use	Create an overdose response team	Prepare your coalition to apply for DFC funding.
Deadline	None	None	None	March 15, 2023
What do you need to do?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain approval signatures from the county judge(s) and mayor(s) in your jurisdiction Provide a detailed, line-item budget Fill out the application found at www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities. Provide the additional documentation required by each proposal category 			



What projects have been funded in the past?

Visit www.arorp.org/news/ and www.arorp.org/progress/ to see examples of projects funded across the state.

What happens if your application was funded and you cannot finish the proposed project?

If you do not meet your proposed goals and objectives, funding will be recouped by ARORP.

How do you ask the mayor or county judge for a signature?

Because ARORP settlement funds are owned by Arkansas cities and counties, you will need the mayor(s) and county judge(s) in your jurisdiction to sign off on your proposal. There are downloadable signature pages at www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities/. When approaching your mayor(s) or judge(s), we recommend that you request a meeting to provide a brief overview of your proposed project.

How detailed should your budget be?

Plan to submit itemized quotes rather than rough estimations. If you have a line item for "staff training," for example, please break out the trainings you plan to attend as well as line items for each travel expense.

Is the application really this simple?

The application is designed to be accessible. With that said, please take your time evaluating what you can accomplish well. Know that you will be held accountable for your proposal objectives. Once projects are funded, awardees cannot adjust their proposals or their funding amounts.