

## 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/](http://www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities/). Exhibit E, found at [www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities/](http://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 (COPE) proposal and life care specialist (LCS) applications have deadlines; check the website for deadlines. None of the other proposal types have deadlines. Please take your time with your application as there is no rush.

## 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 you to submit any project related to opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery. We want you to assess your community's needs, and then develop a project that addresses those needs.

Apply to be a **naloxone community hero** to bring naloxone and train families in your community on its use. 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.

Community coalitions can apply for extra training through CADCA with a **coalition partnership empowerment** proposal.

If you are in law enforcement, the **overdose response team** application can improve your agency's response to overdose.

The **life care specialist** application allows for rural hospitals to create a position for an LCS, who is there to provide patients with important information regarding opioid medication.

**The sentinel project** is designed to be an early warning system to detect dangerous and deadly substances in Arkansas' cities and counties' drug supplies. In this project, ARORP will create partnerships with organizations that serve on the frontlines of the fight against opioids: school districts, college campuses, and state and local law enforcement agencies.

See the table on the next page to get more information.

| Six Ways to Apply                        | Who should apply?   | What type of project?                            | Deadline         | What do you need to do?  |
|--|---|--|------------------|--|
| <b>General Proposal</b>                  | Everyone  | Build your own proposal                          | None             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain approval signatures from the county judges and mayors of the locations you plan to serve</li> <li>Provide a detailed, line-item budget (except for HERO and Sentinel applications)</li> <li>Fill out the application found at <a href="http://www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities">www.arorp.org/funding-opportunities</a></li> <li>Provide the additional documentation required by each proposal category</li> </ul> |
| <b>Naloxone Community Hero Project</b>   | Any organization with the exception of first responders and harm reduction groups | Provide naloxone and training in its use         | None             |  |
| <b>Overdose Response Team</b>            | City and county law enforcement agencies and local drug task forces               | Create an overdose response team                 | None             |  |
| <b>Coalition Partnership Empowerment</b> | Community Coalitions  | Prepare your coalition to apply for DFC funding. | Yes, see website |  |
| <b>Life Care Specialist</b>              | Rural hospitals   | Creates a position for a Life Care Specialist    | Yes, see website |  |
| <b>Sentinel Project</b>                  | Law enforcement, schools, and colleges  | Disperses TruNarc devices throughout the state   | None             |  |



## **What projects have been funded in the past?**

Visit [www.arorp.org/news/](http://www.arorp.org/news/) and [www.arorp.org/progress/](http://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/](http://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 "equipment," for example, please break out each item and provide quotes.

## **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.