

**Salt Lake County Health Department
Overdose and Disparity Reduction Program
Request for Application (RFA)**

Introduction: The Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD) works to protect and improve the well-being of all Salt Lake County residents by preventing disease, illness, and injury, and by impacting social, economic, and environmental factors fundamental to excellent health. SLCoHD is distributing grants to **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** within Salt Lake County that are established as legal entities under state or federal statutes and regulations. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** must work directly with licensed prescribers of controlled substances and/or opioids who prescribe to individuals living in Salt Lake County communities who are experiencing inequities with substance use disorder (SUD), and intentional and unintentional drug overdose.

Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations will work collaboratively with the SLCoHD Data to Action Team to create lecture series, communication campaigns, and educational and training resources for medical providers on substance use disorder, medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and medication assisted treatment (MAT). These shall also include information on harm reduction and stigma reduction regarding drug use. These shall be implemented using the [Principle National CLAS Standards](#).

Funding shall also be used to support this collaborative partnership by developing culturally and linguistically appropriate education for priority populations on a variety of topics related to substance use awareness and prevention. Other related activities may also support these efforts.

General Qualifications to Apply: **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** who work with licensed prescribers of controlled substances/opioids who prescribe to individuals/community members located within Salt Lake County and can demonstrate working with SLCoHD priority communities as described in the Objectives & Responsibilities section of this RFA. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** must be able to demonstrate the ability to successfully provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Objectives & Responsibilities: The objectives and responsibilities of this project are as follows:

1. To reduce inequitable illness and deaths by drug use and overdose, with a primary focus on opioids and/or stimulants through education.

Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations will work directly with providers who prescribe to populations who have been disproportionately affected by health disparities leading to substance use disorder (SUD) and overdose. These populations include but are not limited to:

- a. Communities of color (American Indian, Asian, Black, African American, African, Hispanic, LatinX, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander)
 - b. Communities where more people than usual are experiencing drug overdoses that identify as historically marginalized populations
 - c. Individuals that work in jobs/trades with higher rates of SUD and/or overdose (example, people working in construction and extraction occupations)
 - d. Individuals residing in the following zip codes and/or in communities experiencing social and health conditions such as:
 - i. 84119
 - ii. 84111
 - iii. 84101
 - iv. Overcrowded housing
 - v. Limited English proficiency
 - vi. Poor mental health
2. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** shall work with the Overdose and Data 2 Action (OD2A) team in a cooperative, collaborative partnership to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate support to priority populations to:
- a. Link people who use drugs (PWUD) to substance use treatment and care, such as mental and behavioral health care, medication-assisted treatment/medications for opioid use disorder, harm reduction services, medical care, syringe services, wound care, etc.
 - b. Conduct education and outreach on substance use related topics like harm reduction services, naloxone education, and stigma reduction
 - c. Distribute naloxone kits to community members in the priority populations. (Naloxone **cannot** be purchased with these funds. A limited supply of naloxone is available from the SLCoHD)
 - i. Additional unallowable activities and expenditures can be found within Appendix A entitled: Unallowable Activities and Expenditures
 - d. Organizations shall meet with a SLCoHD Health Educator once per month
3. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** shall share created materials through trusted networks to educate the prescribers, providers, and community on health resources, harm reduction resources, SUD, and naloxone education. Organizations may choose any education and outreach strategies they feel will best reach their intended audience, including but not limited to virtual town halls, public service announcements (PSAs), non-traditional outreach, newsletters, radio, website, or social media platforms
- a. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** will be encouraged to conduct outreach and education to special populations within their communities on topics of harm reduction and stigma reduction
 - b. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** shall create resources to educate their providers, clients, and communities, using informational/educational content based on science as recognized by national experts in harm reduction and substance use. Experts include but are not limited to the National Harm Reduction Coalition and legitimate, health, environmental, or governmental entities such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the American Medical Association (AMA), National Institute of Health (NIH), etc.
4. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** staff shall attend linkage to care, harm reduction, and stigma reduction training. Some trainings will be offered by SLCoHD, and Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations are welcome to find and attend qualifying

trainings outside of SLCoHD

5. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** will join and participate in SLCoHD-hosted Language Access Workgroup, held every other month on the third Friday from 10:00-11:30.

Additional Information:

1. **Anticipated Project Timeline:** Project Year 1 will begin August 1, 2025 or upon contract execution, whichever date is later and will continue through July 31, 2026. Additional terms may be available at SLCoHD's discretion though they are not guaranteed.
2. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** will be expected to submit quarterly reports through a Qualtrics link. SLCoHD will provide report templates and other required information.
3. **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** must participate in a kickoff meeting within one month of contract execution, and monthly meeting with SLCoHD thereafter.
4. **Payment: Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** will receive quarterly payments after submission of required reporting.

Reporting Requirements: (*Please note that reporting requirements may change through the grant cycle)

1. Submit quarterly reports for services rendered. Reports will include:
 - a. Number of educational presentations conducted including facilitators (i.e., what facilitated ease/accessibility) and barriers.
 - b. Number of naloxone doses or kits distributed
 - i. SLCoHD will provide a limited number of naloxone kits
 - ii. Facilitators and barriers for Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations to accessing/receiving naloxone
 - Challenges for reaching target audience
 - Tools, resources, and/or supports for reaching target audience
 - iii. How naloxone was distributed
 - iv. Zip codes where naloxone was distributed
 - c. Number of individuals educated on the use of naloxone, opioid use disorder, harm reduction services, and/or stigma reduction
 - d. Substance Use Disorder, harm reduction, and/or naloxone information created and shared with your community
 - e. Successes and lessons learned
 - f. How access to care or treatment has been improved because of your efforts
 - g. What new/existing community assets were leveraged to implement your work
 - h. How work was implemented and to which audiences
 - i. Disaggregated race/ethnicity data on the population you serve
 - j. Zip codes where services are rendered
2. Submit a success story by July 31, 2026
3. Provide data and feedback to SLCoHD as requested through meetings, focus groups, surveys,

and/or other means of communication to help inform SLCohD strategies, goals, and decisions
a. At least one individual from your organization shall attend required meetings

Application Process: To apply, please submit your application to: CARE@saltlakecounty.gov. If an electronic or written application is a barrier to applying, we can conduct the application through an online interview. Please contact Anni McKinnon at AMcKinnon@saltlakecounty.gov or by phone 385-443-0083 to schedule a meeting.

Application due date: July 31, 2025 at 11:59 PM

**Salt Lake County Health Department
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Application Form**

Please submit application forms to CARE@saltlakecounty.gov.

Name and Contact Information:

Organization Name:

Contact Person Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Applications will be scored out of 110 points and a limited number of **Utah Health Systems and Healthcare Associations/Organizations** with the highest scores will be awarded contracts.

- Contracts submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted. If you do not receive an email within 2 business days, please email AMcKinnon@saltlakecounty.gov to confirm application was received.

1. Describe the audience with whom you intend to work. (5 points)

2. Describe the current trends (stories, data, etc.) of substance use disorder and/or overdose you are seeing in the communities in which you serve/work. (10 points)

3. Describe any gaps, stigma, and barriers you see in the communities you work with regarding SUD, overdose, treatment, etc. (10 points)

4. Describe the overall vision of how you will use this funding to support people who use drugs and decrease stigma amongst prescribers and community members. (25 points)

5. Describe your approach to creating lecture series, communication campaigns, training and educational resources, etc. and how these will be shared with the audience. (25 points)

6. Describe what your approach will be to creating educational training resources for priority populations and community members and how these will be shared with the audience. (25 pts)

7. Please list the zip codes you will work in for this grant. (5 points)

8. Submit a proposed budget for \$50,000 detailing how funds will support this work. (5 points)

**Please submit a detailed budget as a separate attachment. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the budget template provided in Appendix B. A sample budget has been included as Appendix C.*