



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

**Department: Housing & Human Services**

**RFP Title: Treatment and Recovery Support Infrastructure Enhancement Grants**

**Opening Date: 04/21/2025**

**Addendum #: 2**

**Issue Date: 03/10/2025**

The purpose of this addendum is:

Pre-Bid Conference Slides



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CITY OF PROVIDENCE

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April 2025



# Providence Overdose Prevention Strategy

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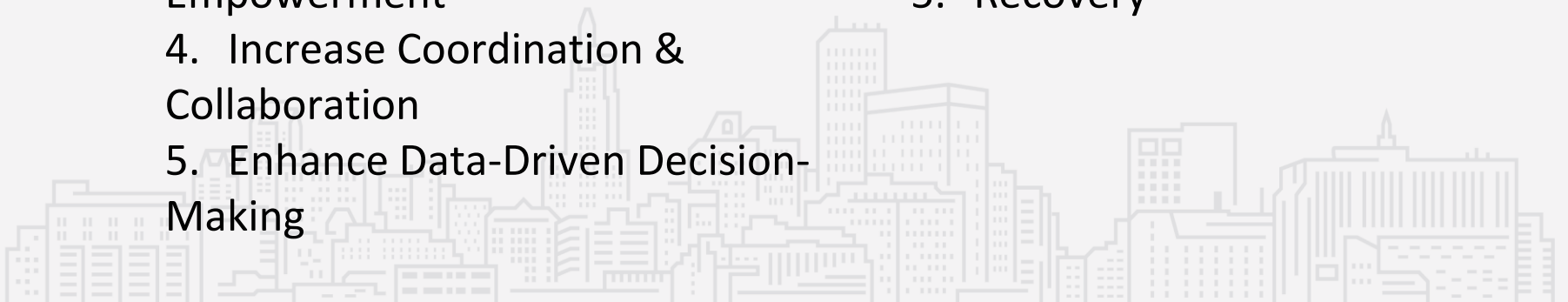
The [City of Providence Overdose Prevention Strategy](#) aims to de-escalate substance-related harms, especially overdose, across the continuum of opioid risk using the framework below:

## **Guiding Principles:**

1. Advance Health Equity
2. Address Social Determinants of Health
3. Build Community Capacity and Empowerment
4. Increase Coordination & Collaboration
5. Enhance Data-Driven Decision-Making

## **Strategic Priorities:**

1. Promotion
2. Prevention
3. Rescue/Harm Reduction
4. Treatment
5. Recovery



This funding opportunity aligns with the Treatment strategic priority:

*Treatment - Create and maintain access points to the appropriate level of care for diverse populations that move toward a “No wrong door” approach. Support efforts to minimize structural barriers that limit admission to and successful completion of treatment.*



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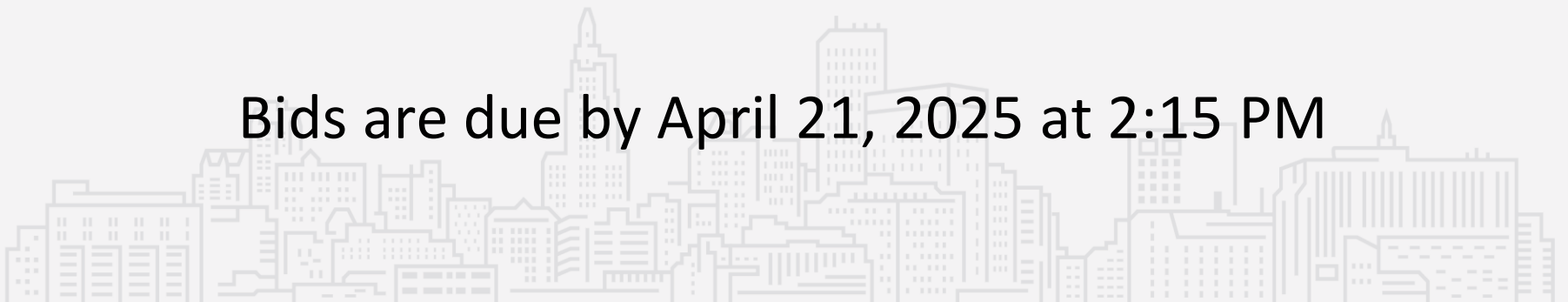


# Overview

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- Seeking proposals for one-time infrastructure enhancements that will add long-term capacity of substance use treatment and recovery supports organizations in Providence
- Eligibility: Non-profit organizations or collaboratives that provide substance use treatment and recovery support in Providence. Applicants must be part of the local substance use continuum of care, including in-patient and outpatient providers.
- Timeline: Awarded projects must be completed by May 31, 2026.
- Funding Availability: The Department of Housing & Human Services anticipates making awards for an estimated total of \$300,000

**Bids are due by April 21, 2025 at 2:15 PM**

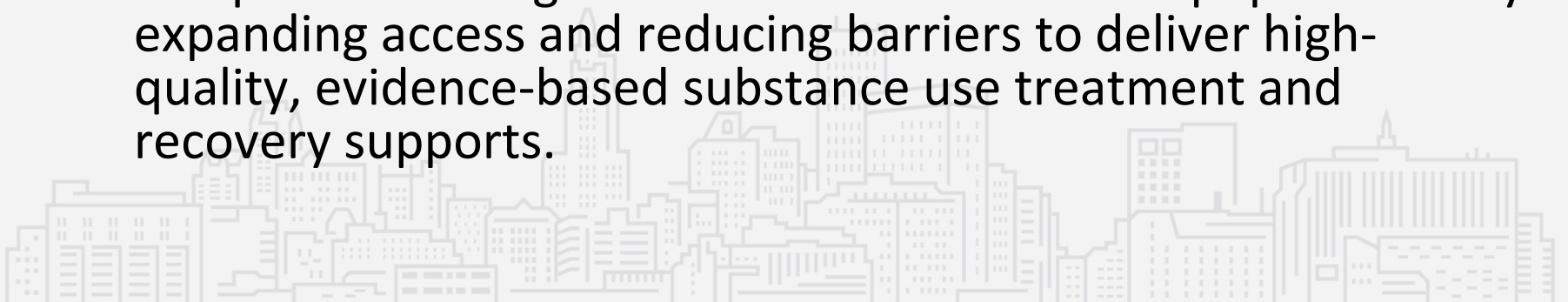


# Purpose

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This funding opportunity seeks to reduce the incidence of overdose and other adverse substance-related outcomes in the City of Providence by:

1. Enhancing the long-term capacity of service providers to treatment and recovery support programs for people with opioid use disorder, stimulant use disorder, and related co-occurring conditions.
2. Increasing treatment utilization, engagement, and completion among unserved and underserved populations by expanding access and reducing barriers to deliver high-quality, evidence-based substance use treatment and recovery supports.



# Eligible Projects

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Eligible proposals must address one or more of the following categories:

- 1. Facility Capacity:** Capital renovations or updates to expand capacity to provide existing evidence-based practices, including upgrades to ensure compliance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and modifications necessary to implement new evidence-based programs.
- 2. Organizational Capacity:** One-time investments in technology, tools, and infrastructure that support the implementation of evidence-based programs (e.g., software, durable supplies, IT systems, and materials from program developers).
- 3. Staffing Capacity:** One-time investments to expand the number of trained or certified staff able to implement existing and new evidence-based practices, including training, certifications, and professional development.





Competitive projects must demonstrate how the proposed project will enhance long-term capacity to provide specific evidence-based substance use treatment and recovery support, focusing on expanding access to unserved and underserved populations.



# Eligible Applicants

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The Department of Housing & Human Services seeks applications from organizations or collaboratives that provide substance use treatment and recovery support in Providence. Applicants must be part of the local substance use continuum of care, including in-patient and outpatient providers.

The awarded organization or collaborative will have the capacity to carry out the above scope of work, including:

- Experience with projects of a similar size and scope including implementation of evidence-based programs and practices
- Be certified and in good standing as a 501c (3) organization.



# Funding Availability

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**The Department of Housing & Human Services anticipates making awards for an estimated total of \$300,000.**

- The City reserves the right to award the full contract to one proposer, split the award among more than one proposer, award a partial contract for specific tasks outlined in this RFP, award no contract, and/or to re-release this RFP as it deems in the best interest of the City of Providence. Additionally, this award is not a guarantee or a promise of business.



# Funding Decisions

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- Funding for this program is limited.
  - Applications that meet all general guidelines and requirements may not necessarily receive an award.
  - The City may fund a project for the full amount requested, less than the full amount, or not at all.
  - There are no requirements or expectations that the City must award all funds via this solicitation.
  - The City reserves the right to postpone or cancel this solicitation if it deems it to be in the best interests of the City to do so. The City reserves the right to waive any technical or formal errors or omissions.
- Successful applicants shall be in complete compliance with all of the specifications, terms, and conditions of this solicitation and related programs.
- Applicants must be current to the City on any loan, contractual, or tax obligation as due, and with any rules, regulations, or provisions on any existing or past City contracts.



# Required Activities

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The awarded organization will be required to:

- Submit quarterly line-item reimbursement invoices to HHS (as applicable).
- Submit monthly reports of key performance indicators and other metrics developed in collaboration with HHS in an approved format.
- Submit quarterly narrative reports on project activities, progress, and outcomes (as applicable) in an approved format.
- Attend additional program-related meetings with HHS staff and other partners.



# Proposal Materials

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1. **Contact Information:** Individual or organization name, phone and email. If applying as a collaborative, please identify the lead applicant and provide the above information for each partner organization.
2. **Proposal Narrative (maximum 5 pages, single-spaced):**
  - a. Project category, description, and goals of the proposed project. This must include the specific evidence-based practice(s) to be provided as a result of the project.
  - b. Description of how the proposed project will increase capacity for expanded or new evidence-based practices, including the target population and anticipated reach.
  - c. Clear linkage between the completed project and enhanced long-term capacity to provide high-quality, evidence-based practices.
  - d. Organizational Experience as a member of the local treatment and recovery support system and completing projects of a similar scale and scope
3. **Timeline:** On a separate sheet, include the proposed work timeline.
4. **Budget:**
  - a. Funding proposal to include costs and descriptions for allowable expenses. Please identify how your proposed budget will be spent within the allotted timeframe.
  - b. Confirmation that the vendor can accept a purchase order and payment in check.
  - c. If the proposed budget does not cover the cost of the entire project, applicants should identify the additional funding streams that have been secured for the project.



# Selection

Project will be declared ineligible if they receive a score of less than 80 points.

Categories	Total Points
<b>Project Proposal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The proposed project fits within allowable categories.</li><li>• The project description, goals, and timeline are clearly outlined.</li><li>• The proposal clearly outlines how it will increase capacity for expanded or new evidence-based practices, including the target population and anticipated reach</li><li>• The project demonstrates a linkage between the proposed project and increased accessed to high quality-evidence based programs for unserved and underserved populations.</li><li>• The proposal clearly demonstrates how the one-time investment will support long-term capacity.</li><li>• The timeline of the work is feasible and can be completed by May 31, 2026.</li></ul>	50
<b>Individual Organization Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The organization or collaborative provides treatment and recovery supports in Providence.</li><li>• Demonstrated success on past projects of similar scope and complexity.</li><li>• Demonstrated success in implementing evidence-based programs</li><li>• Certificate of good standing was included with the application</li></ul>	20
<b>Cost Proposal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget is in alignment with the proposed project.</li><li>• Project has been appropriately cost-estimated.</li><li>• Funds can be expended by June 31, 2026.</li></ul>	30
<b>Total Eligible Points</b>	100

# THANK YOU

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