



## Kent County Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council (LDAAC)

### Request for Letter of Interest (LOI) Proposals

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### Request for Letter of Interest (LOI) Proposals for Kent County Opioid Restitution Funds Local Targeted Abatement Funding

The Kent County LDAAC is seeking Letters of Interest (LOIs) from qualified individuals, or organizations interested in the Kent County Local Abatement Plan. This document outlines the purpose, requirements, and deadline for submitting LOIs.

#### 1. Purpose of the LOI

The purpose of this request is to identify potential partners, or stakeholders who are interested in providing services or programs to address the primary focus areas of the Local Abatement Plan.

#### 2. Project Overview and Requirements

Maryland's Opioid Restitution Fund (ORF) was established in 2019 to receive all monies awarded to the State of Maryland through prescription opioid-related legal action. As of the 2024 fiscal year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024), Maryland has received distributions through seven prescription opioid-related legal settlements. Visit the [stopoverdose.maryland.gov/orf-settlement-overview/](https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/orf-settlement-overview/) page for more information.

Primary [Article - State Finance and Procurement, Section 7-331](#) Legislative Provision Local Abatement Plan will fulfill (click here to review these legislative bills):

- A. Please select the ORF provision which most accurately represent the primary focus/foci of the local abatement plan (you may identify more than one).
  - (i) Improving access to medications proven to prevent or reverse an overdose;
  - (ii) Supporting peer support specialists and screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services for hospitals, correctional facilities, and other high-risk populations;
  - (iii) Increasing access to medications that support recovery from substance use disorders;

- (iv) Expanding the Heroin Coordinator Program, including for administrative expenses;
  - (v) Expanding access to crisis beds and residential treatment services for adults and minors;
  - (vi) Expanding and establishing safe stations, mobile crisis response systems, and crisis stabilization centers;
  - (vii) Supporting the behavioral health crisis hotline;
  - (viii) Organizing primary and secondary school education campaigns to prevent opioid use, including for administrative expenses;
  - (ix) Enforcing the laws regarding opioid prescriptions and sales, including for administrative expenses;
  - (x) Research regarding and training for substance use treatment and overdose prevention, including for administrative expenses; and
  - (xi) Supporting and expanding other evidence-based interventions for overdose prevention and substance use treatment
- B.** Please include a brief summary of the project to be funded and the activities that will be conducted in service of the Local Abatement Plan that tie to the provisions of the legislation identified above.
- C.** Please include a problem statement that describes why the funding is needed and identifies the most significant issues, problems, trends or opportunities that will be addressed within the Local Abatement Plan.
- D.** Briefly describe the goals of the proposed project.
- E.** Provide a proposed budget total for a one-year project. Total amount available for Kent County is approximately \$200, 000. Please note grants will likely be awarded to multiple grantees. While this initiative does not set an upper limit on what can be requested, you may be asked to revise the scope of your project to allow broader distribution of funds in the community.

### **3. Letter of Interest Submission Requirements**

The LOI should not exceed a two (2) paged, single spaced document. Document must be submitted in an electronic format that will allow copying and pasting.

### **4. Submission Process and Deadline**

All Letters of Interest must be submitted to Jennifer A. McCready, Chairperson of the Kent County LDAAC at [jennifer.mccready@maryland.gov](mailto:jennifer.mccready@maryland.gov) by January 15, 2025. Late submissions will

not be considered. Please include "LOI Proposal for [Project/Opportunity Title]" in the subject line of your email.

## **5. Next Steps**

Once LOIs are received, the LOIs will be submitted to the Kent County Commissioners Local Abatement Committee for review.

Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal and engage in further discussions regarding the project. If you are selected for further consideration, additional details about the proposal process will be provided.

## **6. Evaluation Criteria**

LOIs will be evaluated based on:

- Alignment with primary focus areas
- Summary of project and how it addresses a need in Kent County
- Feasibility of budget

## **7. Contact Information**

For any questions or additional information, please contact:

Jennifer A. McCreedy, Chairperson

Kent County Local Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council

410-778-6404, ext. 3402

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We look forward to reviewing your submission and potentially working together on this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,



Jennifer A. McCreedy, Chairperson

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