



Community Overdose Engagement Phase 2: Frequently Asked Questions

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is offering awards up to \$10,000 to municipalities for the implementation of one or more initiatives aligned with [Governor Gina M. Raimondo's Overdose Prevention Action Plan](#). These Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) provide detailed answers to common inquiries related to Community Overdose Engagement (CODE) Phase Two grant funding.

1. Who is eligible to apply for CODE Phase Two grant funding?

Agencies that submitted an approved overdose response plan for CODE Phase One are eligible to apply for 2019 CODE Phase Two funding. Only one application will be accepted per municipality; therefore, RIDOH encourages strong collaboration among municipal leadership to determine a single agency that will be responsible for CODE Phase Two grant management.

2. Can a different agency take the lead in applying for CODE Phase Two funding?

Yes, a different agency can be the point of contact for CODE Phase Two. Please keep in mind that only one application will be accepted per municipality.

3. What are the requirements for municipalities to receive this award?

- Participation in a one-hour CODE Phase 2 informational webinar on December 10 at 11 a.m. Participation is required by at least one municipal representative.
- Attendance at a RIDOH Evaluation Technical Assistance (TA) session is required by at least one municipal representative. Sessions will take place on January 11 at Noon, January 25 at Noon, or January 28 at 10 a.m. Please contact [Dahianna Lopez](#) to register.
- Submission of an approved application by 5 p.m., February 1, 2019.
- Submission of an approved final report by 5 p.m., May 31, 2019.

4. What types of initiatives will be approved for funding?

Applicants are strongly encouraged to implement initiatives that have been identified as evidence-based or innovative. Please use this guide on [Suggested Evidence-Based Initiatives](#) to learn about effective overdose prevention, rescue, treatment, and recovery activities that could be replicated in your community.

5. Does this award have any spending restrictions?

Yes, the CODE Phase Two award does have spending restrictions. Due to Federal budget restrictions, funds may not be used for:

- Research
- Purchase of naloxone

- Purchase of syringes
- Drug disposal programs (drop-boxes, bags or other devices, and/or take-back events)
- Clinical care
- Lobbying

6. When can CODE Phase Two work plan activities begin?

Applications are due February 1, 2019. CODE Phase Two initiatives can be implemented after the applicant agency receives a confirmation email from RIDOH, approving the proposed work plan and budget. All work plan activities must be completed by May 31, 2019.

7. When will the applicant agency be eligible to receive the grant award?

The applicant agency will receive payment after the project scope of work has been completed and the final report has been approved by RIDOH. Monies will be dispersed via the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team Medical Reserve Corps (RI-DMAT/MRC).

8. Who should be included in CODE Phase Two Planning Committees?

Each CODE Phase Two Planning Committee should include representation from diverse stakeholders across the community (e.g., healthcare, law enforcement, faith-based leadership, recovery community, first responders, Health Equity Zone (HEZ), local/regional prevention coalitions, local non-profit organizations, parents/caregivers, teachers/coaches, students).

9. Will TA be made available during the development of CODE Phase Two Plans?

CODE team members from RIDOH and RI-DMAT/MRC will be available to answer questions and provide TA. Below is a list of contacts:

- **Funding requirements/application process-** [Jessica Swanson and Gina Deluca](#), RIDOH
- **Evaluations and [Suggested Evidence-Based Initiatives](#)** – [Dahianna Lopez](#), RIDOH

10. Can two or more municipalities collaborate to submit a single CODE Phase Two Plan?

Yes, two or more municipalities can collaborate on CODE Phase Two initiatives. A separate application, budget, and final report must be submitted to RIDOH from each participating municipality.

Municipalities interested in CODE Phase Two collaboration should contact [RIDOH](#) for a list of leaders from neighboring communities. Visit [PreventOverdoseRI.org](#) to see examples of how Rhode Island communities collaborated to develop overdose response plans.