

SOUTHEAST COLORADO REGION 19
Request for Proposals (“RFP”)
RFP No. 2025-01

Overview:

The Colorado Attorney General’s Office (the “AG”) was part of a national lawsuit suing pharmaceutical companies over the opioid epidemic and each state was awarded Opioid Settlement Funds to deal with the opioid epidemic. The AG worked with local governments to develop regions in which the Opioid Settlement Funds would be disbursed each year. The guidelines for services that can be provided with the Opioid Settlement Funds come from the terms of the national settlement. Region 19 is comprised of board members of nine (9) counties in Southeast Colorado: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers and Crowley Counties. There is a governing Board, called the Southeast Colorado Opioid Region (“SECOR”) which is the decision-maker over how the Opioid Settlement Funds will be distributed.

Goals and Objectives:

SECOR's goals are to focus on education, prevention, treatment, recovery services, harm prevention and criminal justice related to the Opioid Epidemic. The region is mostly rural so access to services and resources for those affected by opioid addiction and abuse is the ultimate goal and objective. A priority for SECOR is providing services in as many counties within Region 19 as possible.

The region will utilize this RFP process to grant money to providers for **harm reduction** services related to the Opioid Epidemic. **Harm reduction services may include a menu of various services in accordance with the attached MOU with the Attorney General and Exhibit E, and there shall be a budget line item for each service.** SECOR is mindful of not duplicating behavioral health services but leveraging this funding to go further in their communities.

Quarterly reports to the SECOR Board shall be required as a condition of accepting the grant.

The available funding for this RFP is \$445,467.79. The funding of this grant is for one year from contract execution.

Timeline:

Proposals will be accepted until August 1, 2025 at 5:00 pm. No proposals received after the deadline will be considered or accepted.

Place of Delivery:

To be eligible to submit a proposal, all proposal documents must be obtained by contacting Rose Pugliese, SECOR Facilitator, via email at: opioidhelpco@gmail.com.

Evaluation:

SECOR, through its fiscal agent, Crowley County, shall award the contract to an Applicant based on the evaluation criteria contained within this RFP. The RFP Review Committee, comprised of designated members of the SECOR Board, may request additional information from Applicant(s) through follow-up questions and/or a formal interview before recommending contract awards to the SECOR Board.

Reservation of Rights:

SECOR and its fiscal agent, Crowley County, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities and to reserve any request for proposals. SECOR and its fiscal agent, Crowley County, also reserves the right to award the contract as it deems will best serve its interest, including partial awards. Any unexpended funds awarded shall be returned to SECOR, through its fiscal agent, Crowley County. All decisions are final.

Required Information:

- 1) Name of the Organization;
- 2) Mailing Address;
- 3) Applicant Contact Name and Title;
- 4) Applicant Contact email and phone number;
- 5) Applicants must submit an approved audit or financial review for the past (3) years. There are no exceptions.
- 6) No more than 5 Letters of Support, at least one of which must be a local government;
- 7) RFP's must contain the following language, signed by the Applicant or Applicant's Representative: "Applicant hereby certifies and warrants that all statements and representations, including all sources and uses of funds, made in this RFP are true and correct and may be relied upon by the SECOR Board."
- 8) A budget for the requested funds for the program.

Questions to be addressed by the RFP:

- 1) Brief description of the program.
- 2) For existing programs, please explain how your program will be expanded, the amount of funding requested and why additional funding is required. Please indicate which counties are currently served and will be served, if expanded.
- 3) Describe any new initiatives that you intend on launching, the amount of funding requested and why additional funding is required. Please indicate which counties will be served by the new initiative.
- 4) What is the preliminary timeline estimate for your program?

- 5) How does your plan address the diverse needs of populations specific to Region 19 (LGBTQ+, BIPOC, immigrants, rural communities, low income, etc.)?
- 6) Please describe any infrastructure currently in place or anticipated infrastructure needs and what funding is required.
- 7) Will this program be utilizing “braided” funding streams (utilizing funds from other sources in conjunction with the Opioid Settlement Funds)?
- 8) What are the anticipated outcomes of your program after applying this funding? How will you measure those outcomes? What does success look like?
- 9) Provide information evidencing that Applicant has a proven track record of experience and success with their program or as an entity for the past three (3) years.
- 10) Is there any current or anticipated opposition to your program?
- 11) Excluding the funds sought in this RFP, do you have the funds necessary for the current operation of the program? Please explain.
- 12) How do you plan to fund future management and/or operating costs of the program to ensure sustainability?
- 13) If your organization is not successful in securing funding for your program from SECOR, what is the future of your program?

Evaluation Criteria:

All RFP responses shall be evaluated based on the answers to the questions provided above and the following criteria:

- 1) Length of time providing the service.
- 2) Number of counties within Region 19 that will be served.
- 3) Timeline for providing the service.
- 4) Ability to address the diverse needs of Region 19.
- 5) Availability of infrastructure.
- 6) Anticipated outcomes.
- 7) Financial stability of the organization and program.
- 8) Ability to braid funding.
- 9) Sustainability of the program.
- 10) Ability to further the goals of the 2-year plan, as described in the “Goals and Objectives” section above.