

# Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Substance Use Navigator RFP

**Applicant Information Session**

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# Agenda

## ➤ **Background Information**

- Overdose burden in Boston
- Overview of Boston OD2A Project
- Substance Use Navigator component

## ➤ **Substance Use Navigator RFP**

- Funding opportunity and technical support
- Navigator responsibilities
- Hosting agency responsibilities

## ➤ **How to Apply**

- Application checklist
- Submission process and timeline

## ➤ **Next Steps and Question and Answers**

# Background: Overdose Burden

- 2,331 people passed away in [MA in 2022](#) from opioid overdose, the most ever.
- 353 people died from opioid overdoses [in Boston in 2022](#), the most ever.
- Naloxone distribution is crucial for reversing overdoses.
- Fentanyl was involved in [93% of opioid overdoses](#) in MA in 2022 (highlighted need for fentanyl test strips).

# Boston OD2A Overview

- \$1.3M per year for 5 years
- Boston OD2A components
  - Funding substance use navigators in community health centers
  - Increasing naloxone distribution and OD rescue training
  - Expanding professional training
  - Boosting City data operations
- Prioritize individuals at increased risk of overdose:
  - Black, Latinx, experiencing homelessness, re-entry population
- Emphasis on data and community feedback. Smarter and more equitable public health

# Boston OD2A Goals

- Reduce overdose burden
- Improve outcomes for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) patients
- Increase number of Persons Who Use Drug (PWUD) engaged in care and harm reduction services
- Increase capacity related to overdose prevention and access to naloxone
- Expand use of data to drive prevention actions

# OD2A Substance Use Navigators

- 3 Community Health Centers (CHC) in the City of Boston
- Navigators will connect people to services and evidence-based medicine.
- Provide compassionate, patient-centered, and culturally competent care to engage and expand care for OD2A priority populations
- Partner with community and public safety settings

# Funding Opportunity and Technical Support

- Applicants may request **up to \$150,000** per year to fund a navigator.
- Initial period of performance will be **April 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024**. \*Funding extended for 4 more years, based on performance.
- Monthly learning community, where navigators and CHC admin can attend for technical support, training, and resources
- Grayken Center will provide technical assistance to CHC OBATs practice (CHCs not applying to RFP would still be eligible)
- BPHC OD2A team will support CHCs to establish referral partnerships, connect with CDC OD2A resources, data collection and evaluation, understanding and responding to emerging trends for priority populations





# Navigator Responsibilities

- Partner with BPHC and community agencies to set up referral pathways and market navigation
- Engage and screen patients, focusing on priority populations to identify needs
- Link patients to medical, behavioral health, and social services
- Refer patients to MOUD services
- Help address barriers to care, leveraging transportation resources
- Provide ongoing follow up to clients
- Distribute overdose prevention supplies and education
- Track and report OD2A required evaluation data with BPHC and the CDC
- Participate in required Boston OD2A onboarding activities and trainings
- BPHC urges health centers to hire bilingual and/or bicultural navigators

# Agency Responsibilities

- Attend monthly learning community
- (As needed) Collaborate with BPHC and Grayken Center to enhance OBAT programs
- Comply with all BPHC and CDC OD2A Fiscal and Grant conditions
- Ensure Substance Use Navigator voices are heard in organizational decision-making
- Evaluation
  - EHR data-sharing agreement for OD2A navigator clients
  - Participate in annual interviews for program feedback
  - Work with BPHC to monitor, adapt, and track implementation

# Minimum Qualifications

- ✓ Applicants must be Community Health Centers (CHCs) that reside in at least one of the following Boston neighborhoods: Dorchester, Roxbury, South End, East Boston, and Mattapan.
- ✓ BPHC will accept only one application per community health center.
- ✓ See RFP for more details on qualifications and scoring.

# How to Apply

**View the full RFP for more details** about the funding opportunity and the application requirements. <https://www.boston.gov/bid-listings/16079076>

Application checklist (high-level):

- Organization background
- Experience implementing RFP activities
- Plan for implementing navigators
- Budgeting
- Experience managing federal grants
- Proposal narrative (questions 6-10 and 12) is a 10-page limit

**\*Budgets, budget narrative, resumes and other required forms do not count towards page limit**

# Budgeting

- Please note the total amount of funding requested. Applicants may request up to \$150,000.
- Submit a detailed, itemized budget for period of performance, including costs specific to activities and deliverables within the scope of service.
- In addition to the line-item breakdown, please provide a narrative budget justification for each budget line. (**keep to about 500 words**)
- The maximum allowable Indirect Costs Rate, or overhead costs rate, is 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs unless your organization has a Federally Negotiated Rate Agreement. If your organization has one, please submit it with your application.
- Submit BPHC Financial Capability Form-posted at <https://www.boston.gov/bid-listings/16079076>

# Submission Process and Timeline

- January 31 by 5:00 PM EST: Email questions to [od2a@bphc.org](mailto:od2a@bphc.org) and [RFR@bphc.org](mailto:RFR@bphc.org). **Email Subject: RFP Questions for ORS OD2A**
- February 1 by 5:00PM – BPHC will post answers to RFP questions on City of Boston website at RFP link <https://www.boston.gov/bid-listings/16079076>
- February 26 by 5:00PM – Email your application to [od2a@bphc.org](mailto:od2a@bphc.org) and [RFR@bphc.org](mailto:RFR@bphc.org). **Email Subject: Organization Name – Boston OD2A Navigator RFP Response**
- February 29 – BPHC may complete any interviews with applicants if needed
- March 1 – BPHC notifies selected organizations of awards

# Q & A Session

- Questions about Boston OD2A?
- Questions about the substance use navigator responsibilities ?
- Questions about the hosting agency responsibilities?
- Questions about the application process or timeline?