

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

**Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse
Prevention**

Colorado Grant Writing Assistance for Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery of Substance Use Disorders

Application Information

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis starting
January 15, 2022

Funding available through June 30, 2023

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I. Background

In responding to opioid and other substance use disorders, local communities expressed a need for grant writing assistance. In response to this need, the Opioid and Other Substance Use Disorders Interim Study Committee proposed funding from the Colorado General Assembly for a grant writing assistance program. This was approved as part of Senate Bill 2019-228, which allocated funds for the program and designated the University of Colorado, Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention (the Center) as the program administrator. Additional funds were allocated to the Center through House Bill HB20-1411 (CARES/COVID Relief) to continue the program through December 30, 2020. The Colorado General Assembly then approved continued use of unspent funds through December 31, 2021. Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act in July 2021 designated funds to continue the program. These funds must be used by June 30, 2023.

Per original statute, the funds are intended to “aid local communities in need of assistance in applying for grants to access state and federal money to address opioid and other substance use disorders in their communities.” This is inclusive of a continuum of strategies related to prevention, harm reduction, intervention, treatment, and recovery.

This grant writing assistance program is intended to help local government and non-profit organizations with limited budgets and limited in-house grant writing capacity to apply for those funds.

II. Available Funding

This program offers a local government or non-profit organization the ability to utilize one of several grant writers contracted with the Center.

Funds are available on an ongoing basis through June 30, 2023 or until all designated funds for the program are expended.

Approved applicants are eligible to utilize up to a maximum of \$10,000 in grant writing assistance services for use in applying for one or more grants, billed hourly and paid

directly to the grant writer. Any additional costs for preparing the grant application is the responsibility of the applicant. The cost for grant writing will vary depending on the complexity of the grant application and the past experience of the applicant organization. Agencies are not guaranteed to receive the entire \$10,000 of grant writing services funding; funds are dependent on hours billed, availability of grant writers, availability of funds, and factors at the discretion of Center staff.

III. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are local government and non-profit organizations with limited budgets and limited in-house grant writing capacity, with a priority preference for those located in, or serving, rural and frontier counties in Colorado or those serving underserved communities (see Appendix 1 for a list of counties identified as rural and frontier), inclusive of the following:

- A nonprofit organization or community coalition, in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State that provides community-based services related to the prevention, harm reduction, intervention, treatment, and/or recovery of opioid and other substance use disorders.
- A recognized American Indian Tribe with a government seat within the boundaries of the State of Colorado.
- A county government or an agency thereof.
- A municipal government or agency thereof.

At this time, for-profit corporations are not eligible applicants. The Center reserves the right to adjust eligibility criteria based on funding availability.

IV. Utilizing Grant Writing Assistance

Eligible applicants should complete the [Grant Writing Assistance Form](#) when they have identified a grant they would like assistance with. Applicants must submit the [Grant Writing Assistance Form](#) *for each grant with which they are requesting assistance.*

The Grant Writing Assistance form can be submitted any time starting January 15, 2022, but *assistance must be requested at least 3 weeks prior to the submission deadline of the grant. Requests for assistance with a federal grant must be made 6 weeks prior to the submission deadline of the grant.*

To complete the online [Grant Writing Assistance Form](http://www.corxconsortium.org/grant-assistance/), please visit:

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V. Grant Writing Service Options

Once a grant assistance request is approved, the Center will connect the submitting organization with a grant writer from the Center's existing pool of contracted grant writers to help write and submit the grant. The pool of grant writers work with multiple organizations, and there is no guarantee that an organization will work with the same grant writer on subsequent program requests.

At this time, the Center is not offering the ability to fund grant writers outside this group.

Funds will be provided to the grant writer contracted with the Center directly upon receipt of an invoice with billable hours detailed.

VI. Request for Grant Writing Assistance

Starting January 15, 2022, eligible applicants may request approval for grant writing assistance for a specific grant funding opportunity that would fund substance use prevention, harm reduction, intervention, treatment or recovery efforts. Grant writing assistance *must be requested at least 3 weeks prior to the submission deadline of the grant. Requests for assistance with a federal grant must be made 6 weeks prior to the submission deadline of the grant.*

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VII. Approval of Grant Writing Assistance

Approval for grant writing assistance funding is determined by the Center based on the following criteria:

1. Prospective grant funding opportunity is directly related to the prevention, harm reduction, intervention, treatment, or recovery services associated with opioid and other substance use disorders.
2. Applicant does not have a grant writer on staff.
3. Organization is in good standing with the State of Colorado.
4. The grant for which funding is sought must have a minimum \$10,000 award.

The applicant will receive notification of approval or disapproval for the request within 72 business hours of the Grant Writing Assistance Form submission or will be contacted if additional information is needed to determine approval of the request.

VIII. Timeline

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APPENDIX 1: Colorado County Designations

Urban

Adams (Brighton)
Arapahoe (Littleton)
Boulder (Boulder)
Denver (Denver)
El Paso (Colorado Springs)
Jefferson (Golden)

Rural

Alamosa (Alamosa)
Chaffee (Salida)
Clear Creek (Georgetown)
Delta (Delta)
Eagle (Eagle)
Fremont (Canon City)
Garfield (Glenwood Springs)
Gilpin (Central City)
Gunnison (Gunnison)
La Plata (Durango)
Lake (Leadville)

Larimer (Fort Collins)
Mesa (Grand Junction)
Moffat (Craig)
Montezuma (Cortez)
Montrose (Montrose)
Morgan (Fort Morgan)
Pitkin (Aspen)
Pueblo (Pueblo)
Routt (Steamboat Springs)
San Miguel (Telluride)
Summit (Breckenridge)
Teller (Cripple Creek)
Weld (Greeley)

Frontier

Archuleta (Pagosa Springs)
Baca (Springfield)
Bent (Las Animas)
Cheyenne (Cheyenne Wells)
Conejos (Conejos)
Costilla (San Luis)
Crowley (Ordway)
Custer (Westcliffe)
Dolores (Dove Creek)
Elbert (Kiowa)
Grand (Hot Sulphur Springs)

Hinsdale (Lake City)
Huerfano (Walsenburg)
Jackson (Walden)
Kiowa (Eads)
Kit Carson (Burlington)
Las Animas (Trinidad)
Lincoln (Hugo)
Logan (Sterling)
Mineral (Creede)
Otero (La Junta)
Ouray (Ouray)
Park (Fairplay)
Phillips (Holyoke)
Prowers (Lamar)
Rio Blanco (Meeker)
Rio Grande (Del Norte)
Saguache (Saguache)
San Juan (Silverton)
Sedgwick (Julesburg)
Washington (Akron)
Yuma (Wray)

Suburban

Douglas (Castle Rock)
Broomfield (Broomfield)