



## Adams County Opioid Abatement Grant Frequently Asked Questions Updated 12.15.2022

The following questions and answers provide additional information regarding the Adams County Opioid Abatement Grant. Please visit the Rocky Mountain Partnership Website for additional information. *In the spirit of continuous improvement, this is a working document, and as additional questions are lifted it will be updated.*

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## About the Grant

### What is the purpose of this grant?

This grant exists to provide critical funding to efforts intended to abate the opioid crisis in the Adams County region in alignment with the [state wide joint framework](#). Colorado stands to receive over \$400 million from litigation settlements reached with companies who fueled the opioid crisis over the next 18 years.

You can learn more about the effort [HERE](#).

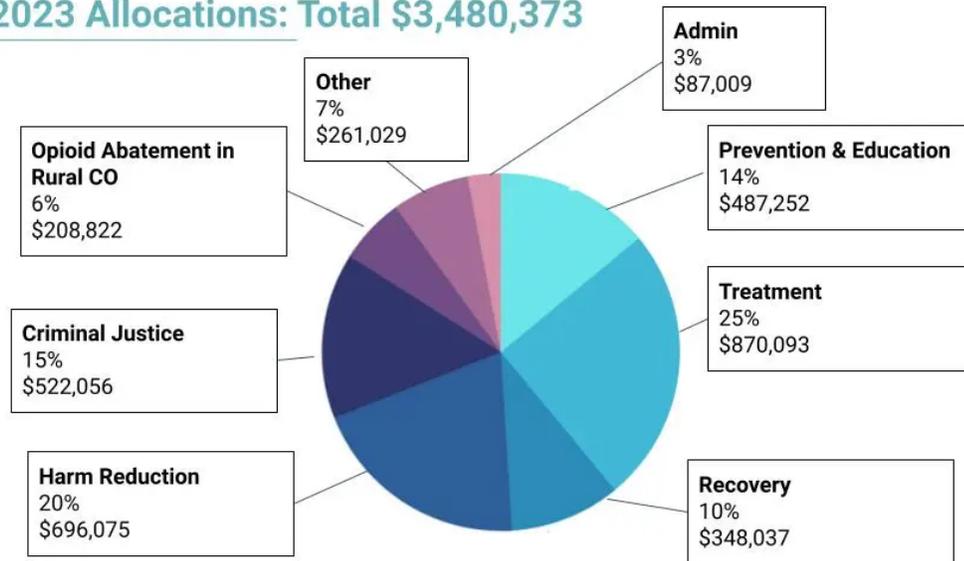
### How much funding is available?

In 2023 there is a total of \$3,480,373. This number will change year to year based on a few factors, including if additional funds from litigation settlements come into the State of Colorado.

### What kind of efforts can be funded?

Efforts that can be funded fall into one of the following categories:

## 2023 Allocations: Total \$3,480,373



For a more detailed dive into what goes into each of these categories, as well as the rationale behind how these allocations were determined, click [here](#).

It is important to note that the percentage of funds allocated to each category may be updated by the [The Adams County Opioid Council](#) and would need to be approved by the [Colorado Opioid Abatement Council](#) (COAC), which is the state council that oversees all the regions across Colorado.

### Who is the Adams County Opioid Council?

[The Adams County Opioid Council](#) was formed to address the opioid crisis in Adams County and support community members to survive and thrive. They are responsible for distributing dollars across Adams County that the state of Colorado has received from litigation settlements reached with companies who fueled the opioid crisis.

You can learn more about who is involved on the Council [HERE](#).

### Who decides what proposals are funded?

The Adams County Opioid Council is the decision making body that determines who receives funds.

Because Adams County Government is the fiscal agent for the funds, the Board of County Commissioners confirms the Council's recommendations for funding in order for funds to be distributed. According to the State MOU, the fiscal agent "serves at the discretion of the Regional Council and in service to the entire region."

You can view the State Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) [HERE](#).

You can view the full timeline and process [HERE](#).

## **Where can I access the information about Adams County Opioid Council meetings?**

Adams County Regional Opioid Council meetings follow the Open Meeting Requirements of the Colorado Sunshine Law, which means they are open to the public. You can review information about upcoming and past meetings [here](#).

## **Who is the Rocky Mountain Partnership (RMP) and what is their role?**

The RMP Team, which supports the overall [Rocky Mountain Partnership network](#), has been contracted by Adams County Government to facilitate and serve as the backbone to this regional effort.

Learn more about the role of the RMP Team [HERE](#).

## **Application Process**

### **What is the deadline to submit my application for Round 1 funding?**

Proposals are due January 31, 2023.

You can view a detailed timeline of the entire process [here](#).

### **Is the application available in Spanish?**

The application is not currently available in Spanish, however we are in the process of arranging this possibility for future rounds of funding.

### **Are there word or character limits?**

In an effort to ensure the application process is as equitable and seamless as possible, we have elected to not include word character limits. We will be evaluating each proposal based on the quality of its content and no one will be penalized for too long or too short of a response so long as the relevant information is contained and well presented.

Word or character limits have, in many ways, become a means of reinforcing inequities and power dynamics in the grant writing process. They add unnecessary burden to the grant writers which only further tips the scales towards those already well funded organizations which have greater capacity to refine their proposals.

## **What software or portal do I need to apply through?**

The survey will be disseminated in [SurveyMonkey](#). All questions and necessary file uploads will be contained within the SurveyMonkey application.

## **What if I experience a technical problem with SurveyMonkey?**

For any technical problems, reach out to the Rocky Mountain Partnership Team at [adcoopioiocouncil@rmpbackbone.org](mailto:adcoopioiocouncil@rmpbackbone.org).

## **What is the Adams County Opioid Council looking for in applications?**

In an effort to make this process as transparent and objective as possible, the Council has drafted a weighted [scoring matrix](#) which outlines the 8 criteria being used to evaluate applications. Each criteria will be evaluated on a scale from 1 to 4 and will include specific things that reviewers will look for when evaluating proposals. The criteria are as follows:

1. Clearly identifies the outcome(s) the proposal is intended to impact and is tied to the Interactive Opioid Dashboard (*weight: 1*)
2. Clear, measurable, and reasonable targets and metrics to hold accountability to impact identified (*weight:1.5*)
3. Proposal has been demonstrated to be highly effective, or promising and emerging (*weight: 1.5*)
4. Demonstrated to fill existing gap or an unmet/undermet need in Adams County /the region (*weight: 1.5*)
5. Level of collaboration with other entities in Adams County and across the region (*weight: 1*)
6. Organization demonstrates a successful track record and ability to access necessary resources (such as infrastructure or workforce) for project completion (*weight: 2*)
7. Proposed project is cost efficient and within the organizational purview (experience from historical projects can be applied to proposed one) (*weight: 1*)
8. The extent to which other funding sources could be utilized (Braided Funding) (*weight: 1.5*)

To see a more in depth review of the criteria you will be evaluated on, view the scoring matrix [here](#).

## **How do I know if my application has been received and do I have the ability to check the status of my application?**

For the first round of funding, because we are using SurveyMonkey, there will be no auto-generated submission receipt. However, if you do have questions or would like verification, please contact the Rocky Mountain Partnership Team at [adcoopioiocouncil@rmpbackbone.org](mailto:adcoopioiocouncil@rmpbackbone.org).

### **Can an application be updated or modified once it is submitted?**

In an effort to ensure that the vetting process is as expeditious and thorough as possible we will not be allowing edits after they have been submitted. This will avoid applications having to be re-reviewed with our extensive vetting process. It is essential that this process is as smooth as possible given the potential for a large number of applicants and the regional councils desire to ensure that these funds are put to the best possible use.

In order to make the process as easy as possible for applicants, we have put together a reference guide for the grant application which outlines all of the questions and requirements that are found in [SurveyMonkey](#). It can be found [here](#).

### **Are grants ever awarded for a different amount than the amount requested?**

The application allows for the possibility that an amount less than the amount requested could be awarded so long as the applicant designates they are willing to accept a partial award.

### **Do you fund general operating grants?**

Yes, so long as an applicant's core mission and impact are aligned with the intended uses of the funds outlined above in question 3.

### **If my organization has more than one need for funding, can we submit multiple applications?**

Yes, so long as each application follows the appropriate guidelines and the money is being used for the intended purposes.

### **Is there a cap for what percentage of an award can be used for administrative purposes?**

We're recommending that proposals don't exceed actual cost or 10% of total costs based on best practices and learnings gathered to date. However, if you strongly believe your proposal requires a higher percentage there will be an opportunity to make your case in the application. This will not be held against you so long as convincing justification is provided.

### **Will there be an opportunity for applicants to provide feedback on this application process?**

The [Rocky Mountain Partnership \(RMP\) Team](#) and the [Opioid Regional Council](#) are committed to gathering community feedback throughout this process in the spirit of continuous improvement. This will be an 18 year process and this application represents the first iteration. We are encouraging feedback and intend to make this the

smoothest possible process moving forward and as such will be drafting a feedback survey.

You can view the timeline for this process [here](#).

### **Who should I contact if I have a question?**

Please contact the Rocky Mountain Partnership Team with questions ([adcoopioidecouncil@rmpbackbone.org](mailto:adcoopioidecouncil@rmpbackbone.org))

## **Review Process**

### **What process does the Council use to evaluate proposals?**

The council has adopted a weighted [scoring matrix](#) in an attempt to be as objective as possible when evaluating proposals. Once an application has been submitted it will be screened, using this matrix, by a panel consisting of members from the [RMP backbone team](#), county representatives, and content experts.

Applications that are executed properly and deemed appropriate for serious consideration will be reviewed by the greater Regional Council on February 22, 2023 and those applications that are selected in this phase will then be made available for community input.

Finally, the council will convene on March 8th, 2023 to determine which proposals to fund based on this community feedback.

### **Will applicants that are not funded receive any feedback from Round 1 applications?**

Feedback will not be provided by default but applicants are more than welcome to inquire and we will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

## **Reporting Process**

### **Will grant recipients need to submit reports?**

There will be yearly reporting required to ensure impact is being achieved. Because Adams County Government is the fiscal agent, awardees will enter into contract with them in order to receive funds and annual reporting will be required. More details on this will be coming soon.

Additionally, part of this grant does ask that key performance metrics (KPI's) are tracked in real time. KPI's for each award will be tracked ongoing in the [RMP opioid dashboard](#). The RMP team will be working with each grant recipient to identify which KPI's to track based on the intended impact on a minimum of a quarterly basis. Part of the role of the RMP team is to take this burden off of the awardees to the greatest extent possible. More information will be provided regarding KPI tracking moving forward.