



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) 2024 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program 2024 Opioid Settlement Funding

The Fayetteville Economic and Community Development Department will receive ESG and Opioid Settlement funds for Program Year 2024 - 2025 to assist in providing citizens with a better quality of life. The City seeks partner organizations to deliver ESG and Opioid Settlement eligible activities to City residents. Programs selected must be consistent with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan goals and objectives, and funding program requirements. All organizations interested in submitting a proposal for consideration may submit an application at [www.FayettevilleNC.gov/ECD](http://www.FayettevilleNC.gov/ECD), under “What’s Happening”. **The deadline for receiving applications is 11:59 PM, Monday, September 30, 2024.**

#### **EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDING**

The purpose of this NOFA is to solicit applications from non-profits who are interested in providing the City of Fayetteville services related to assisting individuals or families that are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. The ESG program is intended to assist people in preventing or ending their homelessness by supporting two primary functions: Emergency Response Activities, including emergency shelter operations and services as well as street outreach, and Housing Stability Activities including homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

#### **Description**

ESG funds are intended to be used as part of a crisis response system using a low barrier, housing-focused approach to ensure that homelessness is rare, brief, and one time. Activities outlined under the components below are eligible:

**Street Outreach** *Meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services.*

**Emergency Shelter** *Intended to increase the quantity and quality of temporary emergency shelters provided to homeless people by supporting the shelters operating expenses and essential services.*

**Rapid Re-housing** *Move homeless people individuals and families quickly into permanent housing through rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services.*

**Homelessness Prevention** *Prevent households from becoming homeless through rental assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services.*

#### **Eligibility**

The Economic and Community Development Department will accept applications for ESG funding from nonprofit Continuum of Care (CoC) member agencies. Awarded agencies will contract directly with the City of Fayetteville through the Economic and Community Development Department. In the process of awarding grants under this program, ECD will make decisions and interpretations regarding scope, budget, and eligibility of project proposals. The City of Fayetteville is entitled to the full discretion allowed by law in making all such decisions and interpretations. The City of Fayetteville reserves the right to reject any and all applications received and the right to request additional information from any applicant. All applications for ESG funding become the property of the City of Fayetteville.

#### **OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING**

Economic and Community Development is seeking proposals from nonprofit agencies for projects that will help the community implement high-impact opioid abatement strategies from Exhibit A of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) of the North Carolina Opioid Settlement to address the opioid epidemic.

#### **Description**

Proposals will be accepted from nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, hospital systems and private behavioral health and mental health providers. This includes providers of Office-Based Opioid Treatment and Opioid Treatment Providers, Federal Qualified Health Centers, kindergarten through post-graduate educational institutions and other community-based organizations.

In keeping with the National Settlement Agreement and the NC MOA, the City of Fayetteville will consider proposal from qualified nonprofit organizations to create, expand, or sustain a program, service, or activity in the following strategies:

**Collaborative strategic planning.** *Support collaborative strategic planning to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose, or related issues, including staff support, facilitation services, or any activity or combination of activities listed in Exhibit C to the MOA (collaborative strategic planning).*

**Evidence-based addiction treatment.** *Support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder – including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) with any medication approved for this purpose by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration – through Opioid Treatment Programs, qualified providers of Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in*

*conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence based addiction treatment.*

**Recovery support services.** *Fund evidence-based recovery support services, including peer support specialists or care navigators based in local health departments, social service offices, detention facilities, community-based organizations, or other settings that support people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being.*

**Recovery housing support.** *Fund programs offering recovery housing support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to individuals receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder.*

**Employment-related services.** *Fund programs offering employment support services to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as job training, job skills, job placement, interview coaching, resume review, professional attire, relevant courses at community colleges or vocational schools, transportation services or transportation vouchers to facilitate any of these activities, or similar services or supports.*

**Early intervention.** *Fund programs, services, or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions, including Youth Mental Health First Aid, peer-based programs, or similar approaches. Training programs may target parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human services professionals, or others in contact with children or adolescents.*

**Naloxone distribution.** *Support programs or organizations that distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks, such as Syringe Service Programs, post-overdose response teams, programs that provide naloxone to persons upon release from jail or prison, emergency medical service providers or hospital emergency departments that provide naloxone to persons at risk of overdose, or community-based organizations that provide services to people who use drugs. Programs or organizations involved in community distribution of naloxone may, in addition, provide naloxone to first responders.*

**Post-overdose response team.** *Support post-overdose response teams that connect persons who have experienced non-fatal drug overdoses to addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being.*

**Syringe Service Program.** *Support Syringe Service Programs operated by any governmental or nongovernmental organization authorized by section 90-113.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes that provide syringes, naloxone, or other harm reduction supplies; that dispose of used syringes; that connect clients to prevention, treatment, recovery support, behavioral healthcare, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need; or that provide any of these services or supports.*

**Criminal justice diversion programs.** *Support pre-arrest or post-arrest diversion programs, or pre-trial service programs, that connect individuals involved or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system to addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, prevention, or other services or supports they need, or that provide any of these services or supports.*

**Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons.** *Support evidence-based addiction treatment, including Medication-Assisted Treatment with at least one FDA-approved opioid agonist, to persons who are incarcerated in jail or prison.*

**Reentry Programs.** *Support programs that connect incarcerated persons to addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need upon release from jail or prison, or that provide any of these services or supports.*

## **Eligibility**

The Economic and Community Development Department will accept applications for Opioid Settlement funding from nonprofit agencies. Awarded agencies will contract directly with the City of Fayetteville through the Economic and Community Development Department. In the process of administering this program, the City of Fayetteville will make decisions and interpretations regarding fiscal, and project applications. The City of Fayetteville is entitled to the full discretion allowed by law in making all such decisions and interpretations. The City of Fayetteville reserves the right to reject any and all applications received and the right to request additional information from any applicant. All applications for Opioid Settlement funding become the property of the City of Fayetteville.

Proposals must serve residents of the City of Fayetteville and should identify and directly address a need related to reducing opioid overdoses and related deaths through early intervention strategies. Proposals should also directly address health inequities, social determinants of health and support equitable outcomes for the most impacted populations, while using evidence-based practices and shall share all contributing funding sources. Grantees shall provide performance reporting regarding use of funds and project impact on a quarterly basis and comply with all provisions and requirements including expenditures tracking and federal subrecipient monitoring.

The full list of requirements can be found by visiting the Memorandum of Agreement webpage <https://www.morepowerfulnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Final-Opioid-MOA-rev-July-2023-re-Ex-E-and-F.pdf>.



Economic and Community Development Department will hold two (2) stakeholder sessions for community partners, civic groups, and faith-based organizations to learn more.

Stakeholder Meeting # 1 – Emergency Solutions Grants Program ([Click to register](#))

Online Only – **Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 2 PM**

Stakeholder Meeting # 2 – Opioid Settlement Funding ([Click to register](#))

Online Only – **Tuesday, September 9, 2024, at 2 PM**

The City will accept inquiries at [EconCommDev@FayettevilleNC.gov](mailto:EconCommDev@FayettevilleNC.gov) until **Friday, September 13, 2024, at 5 pm** and issue an addendum for inquiries on **Tuesday, September 17, 2024**. For more information, visit “**What’s Happening**” at [www.FayettevilleNC.gov/ECD](http://www.FayettevilleNC.gov/ECD) or call 910-433-1590.