

Ohio's SPF Rx Community Prevention Project

Request for Funding Proposal Deadline to Apply: July 31, 2024

Background, Intent and Project Goals

Enhance existing infrastructure to support prescription drug misuse prevention efforts and implement prevention activities by:

1. Raising awareness about the dangers of sharing medications.
2. Working with pharmaceutical and medical communities on the risk of overprescribing to young adults.
3. Bringing prescription drug abuse prevention activities and education to schools, communities, parents, prescribers, and their patients.
4. Providing targeted communities funding and support to implement identified prevention activities.

Ohio's SPF Rx Initiative is focused on helping communities use evidence-based strategies to create environmental changes that promote healthy decision-making. These environmental changes have been proven to reduce statewide substance use indicators and adverse consequences, therefore impacting the prescription drug epidemic in Ohio.

Funding Opportunity

The goal of this project is to implement targeted activities that address prescription drug misuse and promote safe medication storage and disposal within the target populations of youth, young adults, parents, and older adults. This opportunity will provide up to \$10,000 for the implementation of approved strategies and activities. Additionally, grantees will be provided access to technical assistance and training opportunities, as needed.

Eligible Applicants

Organizations eligible to apply are those whose primary focus is serving individuals who are a part of urban and/ or minority communities. Organizations must currently provide primary prevention services and activities, focused on substance misuse prevention, to local individuals and/or communities. Organizations must be able to serve as their own Fiscal Agents.

Funding, Fiscal Agent, and Time Frame

Applicants may apply for and receive up to \$10,000 for this one-time funding opportunity. Organizations applying must serve as their own fiscal agent. Below is the timeline for this grant.

- Proposals are due on 7/31/24 by 11:59 pm.
- Acceptances will be sent out on 8/30/24.
- Grantees will have from September 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025, to spend all funds and complete all required activities, reporting and deliverables.

Approved Strategies and Activities

The purpose and intent for this funding is to enhance the utilization of prescription drug misuse prevention strategies statewide and increase safe medication storage and disposal across Ohio. As a result of this funding, Ohioans will have increased awareness and knowledge of the impact of prescription drug misuse, and increased skills and resources to address prescription drug misuse in their families and communities.

The following activities and strategies have been identified by the Ohio SPF Rx Advisory Board as effective in addressing the Project Goals listed above. The target audience(s) for this project are youth, young adults, parents, and older adults. Applicants are required to select strategies and activities from this list to use in their proposals. These strategies and activities are intended to be tailored to individual communities, and applicants are encouraged to incorporate these into their existing work.

Allowable strategies and activities include:

- Over the Counter Medication Safety Program*
- Medication Disposal Events
 - Drug Take Back days
 - Community-based medication disposal demonstrations (i.e. Helping older adults at a senior center dispose of their medication)
 - Tabling to distribute disposal education and resources
- Promotion of medication storage
 - Training events aimed at increasing knowledge about the importance of safe storage
 - Distribution of medication storage resources at community events
- Youth Empowerment
 - Education to increase knowledge of the dangers of prescription drug misuse
 - Medication safety and literacy training events
 - Events and education focused on the development of healthy coping skills

*Over The Counter Medication Safety Program

This is a curriculum created by the American Association of Poison Control and Scholastic (with support from J&J and CADCA). This is a free, evidence-based comprehensive educational program designed to teach 5th and 6th grade students about Over the Counter medication safety. Any applicant can select this activity; training and printed resources for this curriculum will be provided.

Media Campaigns are not approved strategies and activities under this funding opportunity.

Required Grant Activities and Deliverables

Grantees are required to spend all funds by February 28, 2025, in accordance with the approved budget.

Each grantee must complete a monthly form to report progress, or activities related to meeting grant objectives. Monthly reports are required to be submitted by the 15th of each month (October 2024 to March 2025); for a total of six submissions.

The measures to be reported include:

- Monthly expenditures
- Number of individuals served
- Demographics of individuals served (age groups, gender, race, ethnicity)
- Progress made to meet grant objectives
- Activities completed
- Partnerships utilized/developed to meet objectives

Proposal Submission Requirements

Applicants will need to submit the information listed below, using the form linked here:

[Proposal Submission Form Link](https://form.jotform.com/241023904704043)

If you have trouble accessing the form link, copy this address into your web browser:

<https://form.jotform.com/241023904704043>

The application should include:

- Organization Name
- Organization Address
- Contact information for the Director or designated project manager
- Organizational background, including:
 - Mission
 - Vision
 - Brief History (250 word limit), and
 - Summary of current primary prevention work (300 word limit).
- A copy of the organization's current Strategic Plan.
- Statement of Need. This must include project goal(s) and objectives, and the data used in determining the selected strategies (250 word limit).
- Brief description of the Project: How do you plan to implement the selected strategies and activities? Include the individuals responsible for implementation and an overview of the project timeline (750 words).
- Evaluation plan: How will your organization track progress and measure impact? Who will oversee tracking and reporting? (200 word limit)
- Partnerships: Please list any partnerships that will aid in this project's implementation and success. (150 word limit)
- Budget: (see table below)

Budget

Expenses	Amount Requested	Narrative (Please describe how these funds will be used, listing quantities if applicable)
Personnel*		
Supplies		
Project-Related Expenses		
Total:		

*Personnel should not exceed 10% of the total amount requested.

Permissible Use of Funds

- Staff time
- Resources and supplies pertaining to the approved list of strategies and activities
- Printing and Copying
- Travel reimbursement for events

Funds may not be used to purchase: food, gift cards, technology purchases, and facility improvements.

Questions

Please reach out to Sarah Sawmiller with any questions regarding this RFP or the project submission process.

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