



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: RFP-MCMHTF-2026**

### **Morgan County – Mooresville Opioid Settlement Grants**

#### **Description**

This request for proposals (RFP) is issued by the Morgan County Mental Health Task Force (MCMHTF) on behalf of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners (the Commissioners) and the Mooresville Town Council (the Town Council). On May 6, 2024, the Commissioners approved the MCMHTF to develop and oversee a competitive grant process for the distribution of Morgan County's National Opioid Settlement Funds. On November 18, 2025, the Town Council voted to collaborate with Morgan County in this effort, contributing \$15,000 toward the nearly \$190,000 available in grant funding for 2026. Through this process, the MCMHTF will make recommendations to the Commissioners regarding the most meritorious applications for funding.

Grant awards will be made at the sole discretion of the Commissioners based on recommendations from the MCMHTF. The dates for awarded projects will be determined by the Commissioners, with a target award date of May 2026 or until all funds are committed. The issuance of this RFP and receipt of responses do not obligate the MCMHTF or the Commissioners to make any awards.

As part of a joint effort between Morgan County and the Town of Mooresville to distribute local shares of the National Opioid Settlement Funds, this funding opportunity supports projects serving Morgan County residents that align with the following Guiding Principles adopted by the MCMHTF and informed by [Exhibit E](#) of the National Opioid Settlement document:

- The process should be accountable and transparent.
- The MCMHTF welcomes input from a broad cross section of community members to include those with lived experiences and those in long-term recovery.
- All local opioid settlement funds awarded through this grantmaking process shall:
  - Be for approved abatement uses as outlined in [Exhibit E](#), and/or
  - Be for uses that support combatting substance use disorder across the continuum from prevention through long-term recovery.
- Local opioid settlement funds should be awarded to effective, scientifically supported initiatives with articulable performance measures.
- Initiatives that increase access to behavioral health services should be prioritized.
- Initiatives should target the areas of greatest need with potential for greatest impact.
- Funds should not be used to supplant funding for existing programs but may be used to supplement or increase.

This grant aims to promote innovative, collaborative, community-driven, cross-sector responses to substance use disorder issues that will save lives and reduce harm. This RFP requests responses from any Morgan County service providers (and those providing services to Morgan County residents), including but not limited to substance use and mental health treatment



providers, collaboratives and coalitions, schools, law enforcement agencies, nonprofit organizations, hospitals and healthcare entities, public health organizations, businesses, and agencies focused upon promoting long-term recovery.

Respondents should be embedded in, and working with, their communities and interested in submitting effective proposals for services that build upon efforts already made, including but not limited to the expansion of and access to treatment for substance use disorder, stronger connections to recovery supports, development and implementation of prevention practices, expansion of harm reduction efforts, and substance-related criminal justice interventions. The majority of funds available through this RFP will be used to implement abatement strategies as outlined in [Exhibit E](#) of the National Opioid Settlement document; however, there are unrestricted funds available to support other evidence-informed and/or innovative strategies to combat substance use disorder across the continuum from prevention through long-term recovery.

The MCMHTF, as part of the Better Communities Coalition, is dedicated to upholding core values throughout the grantmaking process. We emphasize collaboration, inclusivity, transparency, and trust, while making data-informed decisions focused on achieving measurable results.

### **Proposal Submission Requirements**

**Applicants must submit proposals by Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 4 p.m. (EST) via Smarter Select at <https://smr.to/p107639>.** Only one proposal per respondent per funding type (abatement or unrestricted).

### **Proposal Content Requirements**

- Must use Times New Roman, single-spaced, 12-point font for all pages of the proposal.
- Project narrative may not exceed eight pages in total length. This does not include action plan, budget, or any other supporting documentation.
- Letters of support (LOS) are not required, but may be submitted, as part of the grant application. Members of the MCMHTF Local Opioid Settlement Funds Workgroup, or employees of workgroup member organizations, may not provide LOS for grant applications.

### **RFP Timeline (*\*Subject to Change*)**

- January 7, 2026: RFP opens at 9 a.m. (EST)
- January 15, 2026: Virtual information session at 10 a.m. (EST)
  - Click [HERE](#) for Zoom link.
  - Meeting ID: 870 1573 8868
  - Passcode: 886619
- February 25, 2026: RFP closes at 4 p.m. (EST)
- February 25-March 18, 2026: Applications evaluated
- March 18-27, 2026: Evaluation results summarized and reviewed



- April 7, 2026: Finalists should be available for in-person interviews (if requested) with the MCMHTF and should be prepared to address any questions or concerns regarding applications
- April 20 or May 4, 2026: Recommendations for funding will be shared at the Commissioners' meeting
- May 2026: Notices of award sent via email
- June or July 2026: Press release and awardees recognized at a MCMHTF meeting
- July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027: Project period

**Please be aware that, if selected, grantees must complete a [grant agreement](#) with the county and comply with the grant terms stated therein. Such terms may include specific reporting requirements, promotional efforts, meetings, etc.**

### Funding Information

This funding comes from the National Opioid Settlement with distributors McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and its parent company Johnson & Johnson. The total funding amount available for this RFP is approximately **\$190,000 – \$90,000 for approved abatement uses as outlined in [Exhibit E](#) and \$100,000 unrestricted**. Awards may be greater or less than the respondent's requested amount. Final proposals will be judged on the totality of responses. Cost efficiency will be considered when determining grant awards.

### Proposal Content Rubric

Proposal Scoring Criteria	Applicant Checklist
<b>Cover Letter (5 points) – 1 Page Maximum</b> a) Primary and secondary program contact information (name, email, and phone number). b) Basic introduction of respondent agency (name, mission, and services). c) Total amount of funds requested. d) Priority population(s). e) Approximate number of people to be served. f) Identify whether applying for approved abatement uses as outlined in <a href="#">Exhibit E</a> or unrestricted uses.	
<b>Proven Past Experience (15 points) – 2 Page Maximum</b> a) Provide a thorough explanation of respondent agency's experience in implementing an initiative of this kind. b) Have these past initiatives been effective, scientifically supported, and measurable? How so? c) Describe respondent agency's qualifications and its staff's qualifications to implement initiatives of this kind.	
<b>Proposed Project Description (25 points) – 3 Page Maximum</b> a) Identify methods used to target services to your proposed priority population(s), and to address any current gaps in Morgan County. Clearly	



<p>describe how your project reflects the inclusion of the perspective of people with lived experience of substance use disorder and/or who are in long-term recovery.</p> <p>b) Describe the proposed project in detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If applying for approved abatement uses, clearly identify which specific strategies you're implementing from <a href="#">Exhibit E</a>. List of Opioid Remediation Uses, or</li> <li>• If applying for unrestricted uses, please include evidence-informed and/or innovative strategies that support combatting substance use disorder across the continuum from prevention through long-term recovery.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, what services will be provided, and who will provide them? Why are these important? What are their benefits? Who are your collaborative partners? Why do you think this approach will be effective in combatting substance use disorder? Clearly identify how the project aligns with the MCMHTF Guiding Principles.</p> <p>c) Provide a realistic timeline for the implementation of the project.</p> <p>d) Describe how you will measure the success of this project. Include both descriptive and numeric measures of success, if possible. Briefly describe any sources of data that will be collected to measure program successes including short- and long-term outcomes (i.e. surveys, attendance records, dropout rates, etc.).</p> <p>e) What barriers to success do you anticipate, and how do you plan to address them?</p>	
<p><b>Project Sustainability Long-Term (20 points) – 2 Page Maximum</b></p> <p>a) How are your current services funded? Show how these funds will not be used to supplant current funding sources.</p> <p>b) Once 100% of your potentially awarded funds are utilized, how will you sustain this project long-term to continue making a difference?</p>	
<p><b>Action Plan (25 points) – Use the template provided <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p> <p>Fill in all areas of the template as appropriate. There are tables for four strategies (delete and add tables based on number of proposed strategies). Strategies outlined in your action plan should mirror those in the proposed project description and include detailed action steps, needed resources, person(s) responsible, performance indicators, and timeframes for implementation.</p>	
<p><b>Budget (10 points) – Use the template provided <a href="#">HERE</a></b></p> <p>Put the proposed project budget in the provided table format. The proposed budget must be detailed and include components such as: anticipated wage/salary expenses including amounts of personnel hours allocated weekly or overall to the project, and benefits and payroll tax expenses; materials and supplies expenses that are broken down into discrete categories with clear justification of need; training or professional development expenses with accurate estimates of cost per item; cost-sharing; etc. Preference will be given</p>	



<p>to proposals that cap administrative and/or indirect costs at 3%. All proposed budget items that are administrative or indirect should be thoroughly explained, defined, and have a clear justification of need. Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to see items not included in allowable expenses under <a href="#">Exhibit E</a> as outlined in <i>State of Indiana Recommendations for Spending National Opioid Settlement Funds</i> (adopted by the Indiana Commission to Combat Substance Use Disorder on November 14, 2024).</p>	
<p><b>Bonus Points (Up to 10 points)</b> Applications clearly addressing the MCMHTF priorities may potentially receive up to 10 bonus points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Access to behavioral health services – Up to 5 points</li><li>b) Priority populations include low-income, unhoused, Department of Child Services-involved, and/or LGBTQIA+ – Up to 5 points</li></ul>	

Please send questions regarding this RFP to [mcmentalhealthtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:mcmentalhealthtaskforce@gmail.com).