

Emergency Department Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Initiative

Grant Guidelines

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM) is providing funding and technical assistance to hospitals and health systems through its Emergency Department Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Initiative. The goal is to increase access to evidence-based medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and support the transition to long-term office-based treatment upon discharge.

The initiative is a partnership with the Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) Keystone Center and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Since 2019, CFSEM has provided funding, technical assistance, and peer learning opportunities to over 45 hospitals via this initiative.

Initiative Information

Modeled after evidence-based programs in California¹ and Massachusetts², the purpose of this Emergency Department Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Initiative is to increase access to MOUD and support continuity of care for patients living with opioid use disorder (OUD), from emergency department visit to treatment maintenance in the community.

This initiative will support participating hospitals by providing implementation funding to 1) identify patients with OUD, 2) begin MOUD during an emergency department encounter, and 3) support care continuity by connecting patients to outpatient MOUD services in the community via a hospital outpatient clinic or a community health care provider. Each participating hospital will follow the same pre-determined workplan made up of five objectives (see Appendix) and report on progress throughout the grant period.

In addition to implementation funds, participating hospitals will also receive substantial technical assistance, including access to local clinical champions with experience implementing emergency department MOUD initiatives and peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

Financial Information

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is providing cost-reimbursement grant awards to hospitals and health systems across the state. Awards are supported by federal State Opioid Response (SOR) dollars, sourced from MDHHS, and will end on September 29, 2023. Recipients must invoice monthly throughout the award period based on expenses incurred.

¹ <https://www.bridgetotreatment.org/resources>

² <https://www.massgeneral.org/substance-use-disorders-initiative>

Each applicant must provide a project budget within the application. When creating the budget, please keep the following in mind:

- Awards will not exceed \$100,000 per hospital or \$350,000 per hospital system.*
- Awards are federally sourced. All expenditures must meet federal standards for allowability under the applicable cost principles and must occur within the award period, ending September 29th, 2023.
- Applicants will utilize the budget template and FAQ guide provided by CFSEM.

*If more funds are anticipated, contact CFSEM to inquire about additional funding.

Each applicant must determine an appropriate fiduciary within the application. The fiduciary is the entity agreeing to the award terms and receiving the funds. This is typically the individual hospital, health system, or associated Foundation. When choosing the fiduciary, please keep the following in mind about accepting federally sourced funds:

- The Single Audit threshold of \$750,000. A Single Audit, previously known as the OMB Circular A-133 audit, is an organization-wide financial statement and federal awards' audit of a non-federal entity that expends \$750,000 or more in federal funds in one year.
- The source documentation that the organization will be responsible for maintaining.
- The possibility of federal monitoring virtual site visits.

Eligibility Information

MDHHS has set forth the following criteria related to this funding opportunity:

- Any hospital in Michigan is eligible to apply for funding.
- Grant funds are limited and are first come first serve.
- Individual hospitals will be awarded up to \$100,000 in grant funding.
- Hospital systems will be awarded up to \$350,000 in grant funding. If more funds are anticipated, contact CFSEM to inquire about additional funding.
- All hospitals are eligible for free technical assistance. Hospitals that do not apply for funding, can [complete this form](#) to request technical assistance.
- The grant period has a firm end date of September 29, 2023.

Steps and Timeline for Applying

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until December 16, 2022. Grant funds are limited and are first come, first serve.

1. Visit CFSEM.org/opioids to download and review an editable copy of the application, the budget template, and the budget FAQ.
2. Email opioidresponse@cfsem.org to officially start an application. In the email, include the name of the organization (the fiduciary), the names of all hospitals that will be part of the application, and the name of the corresponding health system. The Community Foundation will then share the link for the official application.

3. Complete the official application via Qualtrics.
4. Sign and accept the contract (i.e., the award letter and terms). To officially accept the award, the individual designated as the signatory must sign and return the award letter and terms to CFSEM via DocuSign.

Appendix

Each hospital will follow the workplan below. The objectives represent evidence-based components of an ED MOUD program and can be completed in any order. If you have any questions or concerns about the workplan, please contact CFSEM to discuss.

Project Workplan	
Objectives	
1 <i>Project Kick-off</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Contract signed and returned to CFSEM b. Pre-implementation survey completed and submitted to CFSEM
2 <i>Buprenorphine Access</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Buprenorphine is available in the ED automated medication dispensing system. For sites without an ED automated medication dispensing system, buprenorphine is available in the hospital pharmacy. b. 75% of physicians and advanced practice providers in the ED are X-waivered
3 <i>Patient Journey while in the ED</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Protocol/process in place to help identify patients with OUD that includes at least 2 of the 3 strategies below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. protocol for screening patients for opioid use disorder in the ED II. visible signs in public spaces in the ED encouraging patients to self-identify opioid use III. clinicians ask about opioid use in patients presenting with opioid withdrawal symptoms or sequelae of injection use b. OUD care protocol/process in place in the ED that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. assessing stage/severity of opioid withdrawal II. initiating patients on MOUD during the ED encounter
4 <i>Patient Journey when Leaving the ED</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Post-discharge MOUD treatment protocol/process in place that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. staff referral of those with OUD to community treatment via warm hand-offs II. identification of community MOUD providers for all patients, regardless of insurance status: private, public, and uninsured
5 <i>Program Sustainability</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Process in place to collect and report data for all metrics in the monthly reports b. Final report completed and submitted to CFSEM that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. post-implementation survey II. plan for how the program will be sustained post award