



Athens-Hocking-Vinton

Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board

One-Time Capacity Building Request for Proposals

The Athens-Hocking-Vinton Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (317 Board) is pleased to make funds available for one-time capacity building projects that will strengthen mental health and substance use disorder treatment, recovery and resiliency supports for Hocking County residents. The 317 Board is interested in funding a range of program types that will support multiple initiatives. Up to \$503,267.00 will be available through this funding opportunity.

PURPOSE AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

This Request for Proposals (RFP) will support one-time investments for any of the following purposes:

1. Infrastructure enhancements, such as property, equipment or vehicles that directly impact and improve the well-being of persons with mental illness and substance use disorders.
2. Behavioral Health workforce development—recruitment and retention that increases access to services or improves the ability of the BH workforce to provide innovative and effective service delivery models.
3. Project start-up funding where there is a reliable source of sustainable funding post-award or program financial stability where the funding will clearly resolve the problem.
4. Technical assistance or consultation projects that strengthen the capacity of organizations to provide quality services in Hocking County.

Successful proposals must demonstrate results that are sustainable after the grant period and one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increased number of people receiving services.
- Enhanced quality of care that increases functioning, well-being and/or level of independence.
- Increased process efficiencies and/or reduced costs.
- Leveraged other cash or in-kind resources.

Highest Priority will be given to proposals that meet the following additional criteria:

- Requests that clearly support services for Hocking County residents.
- Requests that are reasonable given the scope of the project and likely to achieve the projected results.
- Requests that include cash or in-kind match and does not rely solely upon Board funding; matching funds are identified and committed.
- Requests that are essential to the behavioral health community-based continuum of care.
- Requests that are evidence-based or have a proven outcome record.
- Requests that address and improve mental health and substance use before they lead to more costly interventions, i.e., criminal justice involvement, inpatient psychiatric, residential treatment.
- Requests that show evidence of collaboration with other community partners.
- Requests focused on those with highest acuity or at highest risk of mental illness or substance use disorders.

- Requests with a timeline beginning no later than March 1, 2024, and planned completion date by March 31, 2026.

The following will not be considered through this funding opportunity:

- Projects or programs supporting or promoting a specific view on religious or political issues.
- Projects or programs that are long-term and are not sustainable after this funding cycle.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The following organizations are eligible to make a proposal through this initiative: Nonprofit or governmental agencies located or providing services in Hocking County. Per ORC 5119.35, 5119.36, OAC 5122-29, and related statutes and rules, organizations that provide certifiable behavioral health services must verify their current certification or include a plan for becoming certified before their project start date.

APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

Funding Request Amount: Up to \$200,000 may be requested per agency. A separate application must be submitted for each project type, and no more than two applications may be submitted per agency. Applicants are encouraged to prepare and submit applications and budgets which are reasonable and doable given the scope of the project description.

Application Process and Technical Assistance: This funding opportunity will utilize a two-step selection process.

- **First Step—Pre-Application:** In order to be considered for a funding, a pre-application must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2023**, using the form located on the 317 Board’s website (<https://www.317board.org/hocking-county-2023-rfp>). The pre-application includes an [online form](#) and an application narrative. The narrative will be uploaded as part of the [online form](#).
- **Second Step—Full Application:** An invitation to complete a full application will be issued by the 317 Board no later than **October 13, 2023**. Organizations invited to proceed with a full application will be **required** to participate in a technical assistance session at **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. The full application must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023** utilizing the on-line form.

Questions: All questions must be directed to Sherri Tyree, Community Services Manager.

Review Process: The 317 Board will review each submitted pre and full application for completeness and accuracy, requesting clarification or revision if necessary. Applications will be reviewed for impact and listed priorities and review criteria. The 317 Board may, at its option, make selections based in part, to achieve a range of project types and target populations.

Conditions: Funding is limited, and the funding partners reserve the right to decline any and all proposals if requests exceed available funding resources or in the event the evaluation process determines a funding

award would not be in the best interests of the Board. The 317 Board may negotiate for a revised project budget in both the pre-application and full application award steps.

Organizations funded through this initiative are required to document outcomes.

The logo of the 317 Board must be included on all printed materials specific to the program activities supported with this funding.

TIMELINE

September 8, 2023	Request for Proposals Released
October 6, 2023	Pre-Application Due
October 13, 2023	Invitation to Submit a Full Application Issued
October 18, 2023	Technical Assistance for Invited Applicants
November 3, 2023	Full Applications Due
November 17, 2023	Clarification Responses Due (if necessary)
November 27, 2023	Funding Decisions Anticipated
January 2024	Start Date for Funding