Naloxone Grant Opportunity Announcement

For First Responders Serving Rural Counties Only

**Project Description:**
The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) is accepting grant applications to provide first responders in rural counties intranasal naloxone. Only first responders who provide services in rural counties are eligible to receive the naloxone doses. For grant activities, first responders include (professional and volunteer): firefighters, law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, or other legally organized and recognized volunteer organizations that respond to adverse opioid-related incidents. Please email the naloxone program manager if you think your agency might be considered a first responder agency and is not listed.

First responder organizations that receive naloxone doses will be responsible for administering the doses and reporting their use to IDOH through the required methods.

**Service Delivery Dates:**
During the program period the IDOH reserves the right to request naloxone doses back from any awardee that does not meet the requirements of the program. Failure to comply with all terms of this grant by an awardee will also halt any future unshipped naloxone doses.

Failure to comply includes:
- Not completing the outcome postcards
- Selling the doses instead of distributing them free of charge
- Inaccurate reporting of the administration of naloxone
- Not following the intent of the program

**Funding:**
The total funding amount available for this program is $330,705. The maximum amount of naloxone doses that applicants are eligible to receive will be determined by the geographic service area and the need identified in grant applications.

**Rural Counties:**
Naloxone doses can be given only to first responder organizations in one of Indiana’s 49 rural communities as defined by the Federal Office of Management and Budget. The guide can be found at: https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/ruralhealth/resources/forhpeligibleareas.pdf.
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*This county is eligible even though it is designated a Metropolitan County. All census tracts in the county qualify as rural.

**Eligibility:**
- Applicants must be:
  - First responder organizations (including paid or volunteer) as detailed above
  - Organizations that provide services in a rural Indiana county

**Respondent Participation Guidelines:**
- Must ensure that naloxone doses are not resold after distribution.
- If the awardee’s listed primary or secondary point of contact changes anytime during the naloxone dose distribution or reporting period, the awardee must notify the IDOH within 5 business days after the change and provide the contact information for the new contact.

**Grant Application:**
- Applicants must complete the Naloxone Grant Application, which can be found online: [https://redcap.isdh.in.gov/surveys/?s=E9MK3T7WPA](https://redcap.isdh.in.gov/surveys/?s=E9MK3T7WPA).
- It is recommended that the grant application be completed and submitted in one sitting.
- Applicants must address all the questions on the Naloxone Grant Application.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply at the beginning of the grant year, although applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. This grant opportunity will run from December 2021 to September 2022.

**Delivery of Naloxone:**
The total number of naloxone doses an awardee receives will be shipped between one or two shipments, depending on the number of doses requested. The doses will not be shipped until the IDOH naloxone contract is completed and approved.
**Grant Contract:**
Each organization that is awarded will be required to sign a grant contract. Naloxone doses will not be shipped until the contract is approved. After your application has been reviewed and approved by IDOH, your organization will receive an award letter detailing pertinent information regarding your award. The contract will require a signature from the agency. Your organization should receive an executed contract within approximately 30-60 days after your receipt of award.

**Naloxone Training Opportunity:**
The IDOH will provide naloxone administration training for grant applicants upon request. IDOH encourages all agencies to be trained in naloxone administration, regardless of whether they have been trained in the past. The evolving nature of the opioid epidemic necessitates updated trainings that include topics such as fentanyl exposure and stigma. The training is offered in person and online. If your first responder agency has not been previously trained on naloxone administration, please let IDOH know.

**Reporting Requirements:**
Award recipients will be required to:
- Complete an online postcard survey after each overdose event. Postcards will be provided to successful applicants for each dose they receive.

Failure to complete the survey postcards will be deemed a breach of grant agreement and shall entitle the IDOH to suspend or cancel the remaining undelivered naloxone and request the remaining unused naloxone to be returned to the IDOH to be redistributed to other compliant awardees.

The source of the grant funds for this program is the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) First Responder Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act grant. SAMHSA requires the IDOH to report on the circumstances each time naloxone is used. To accomplish this, a first responder must complete the survey postcard each time after an overdose event.

The information on the postcard will include:
- Effect on the patient after administering the naloxone
- Approximate age of the patient
- Sex of the patient
- Race/Ethnicity of the patient
- Location of the overdose event

**ALL AGENCIES:** This is a reminder that you are also required to follow IC 16-31-3-23.7, which states that an advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical responder, an emergency medical technician, a firefighter, a volunteer firefighter, a law
enforcement office, or a paramedic who administers an overdose intervention drug OR is summoned immediately after an overdose intervention drug is administered shall inform the emergency ambulance service responsible for submitting the report to the commission of the number of times an overdose intervention drug has been administered. The emergency ambulance service shall include this information in the emergency ambulance service’s report to the commission under the emergency medical services system review in accordance with the commission’s rules. This means that naloxone administration must be reported in the EMS registry, per Indiana Code.

EMS and FIRE AGENCIES: You are required to enter naloxone administrations into the EMS registry. If you are not familiar with this requirement, let us know and we will have someone reach out to help.

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**Summary of naloxone rescue kit grant requirements**

- Follow intent of the naloxone grant program.
- Complete online survey postcard(s) after administering naloxone.
- Do not sell naloxone.

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