



Addiction Treatment Starts Here: Community Partnerships
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
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1. **Q: How long is the program period?**
 - a. 16 months: May 2019 – September 2020.

2. **Q: What are the benefits of participating in this program?**
 - a. Engage in a system mapping process in your community that will produce an iterative discussion tool to gain buy-in from key stakeholders, and serve as a launchpad for your coalition to identify opportunities for new and different work that was not apparent in absence of this process.
 - b. Apply practical human-centered design methods to brainstorm, prototype, and test solutions with community stakeholders, informed by the system mapping process.
 - c. Develop and test concrete solutions to advance community-driven change.
 - d. Access to tools, and resources, and experts related to MAT implementation or expansion in primary care and behavioral health organizations.
 - e. Local facilitators will build capabilities in advanced facilitation techniques and strengthen their individual skill set around collaborative system thinking and collaborative planning.

3. **Q: How many grants are there? If just one grant, is it designed for the coalition or for an organization involved with the coalition?**
 - a. We are looking to support 3 different coalitions. Each of these coalitions would receive 1 grant of \$75,000. We are leaving it to the coalition to identify one of their participating organizations to represent and receive the funds on behalf of the coalition.

4. **Q: Can you summarize what the funding may and may not cover?**
 - a. We want to give coalitions the leeway to use the funds as they need it. In our LOI application, we do ask for a brief explanation of how you plan to use funds. In the full application, we will also ask you to submit a proposed budget. In addition, if the organization that receives the CCI grant funds is also a recipient of a [MAT Access Point grant](#), the use of the funds for each grant cannot be the same.

5. **Q: There are different views on the opioid epidemic and prevention happening in community. How might that be addressed in this program?**

- a. We are interested in supporting opioid coalitions in the work they are currently doing, which is why we ask you to indicate your coalition's focus areas in the application form. It is important that our program activities align with and enhance other collaboratives or programs your coalition is participating in. Our program provides a structured way to incorporate systems mapping and human-centered design into your coalition's way of working.
6. **Q: Can you expand on the core team member requirements? I see that they need to be representative of more than one sector, does each participant need to be from a different sector, or just at least two sectors represented?**
 - a. The core team should include 3-6 individuals. The expectation is that there are at least 2 different sectors represented by the core team. If your coalition plans to establish a core team representing one sector, we'd encourage you to explain in your LOI how you plan on engaging other sectors in order to make change at a systems level.
 7. **Q: We are a small rural community where we do have an active coalition and core group of people doing the work. However, it is difficult to engage our community partners and residents. Do you have any advice on engaging the community?**
 - a. Our program will incorporate the teaching and practice of human-centered design (HCD) methods. HCD, as represented by its name, focuses on the end-users (e.g., patients, residents, partners) and would support program participants in engaging their community in their coalition initiatives. The collective experience of mapping the system itself creates that opportunity to build community and empower the community to get involved.
 8. **Q: Are there character/word limits on the LOI application form fields?**
 - a. The LOI narrative has a 2-page, 11-font limit. The LOI application form fields do not have word limits. We ask that you share brief yet comprehensive responses!