



Informational Session for Harm Reduction, Health, and Housing Hubs RFP

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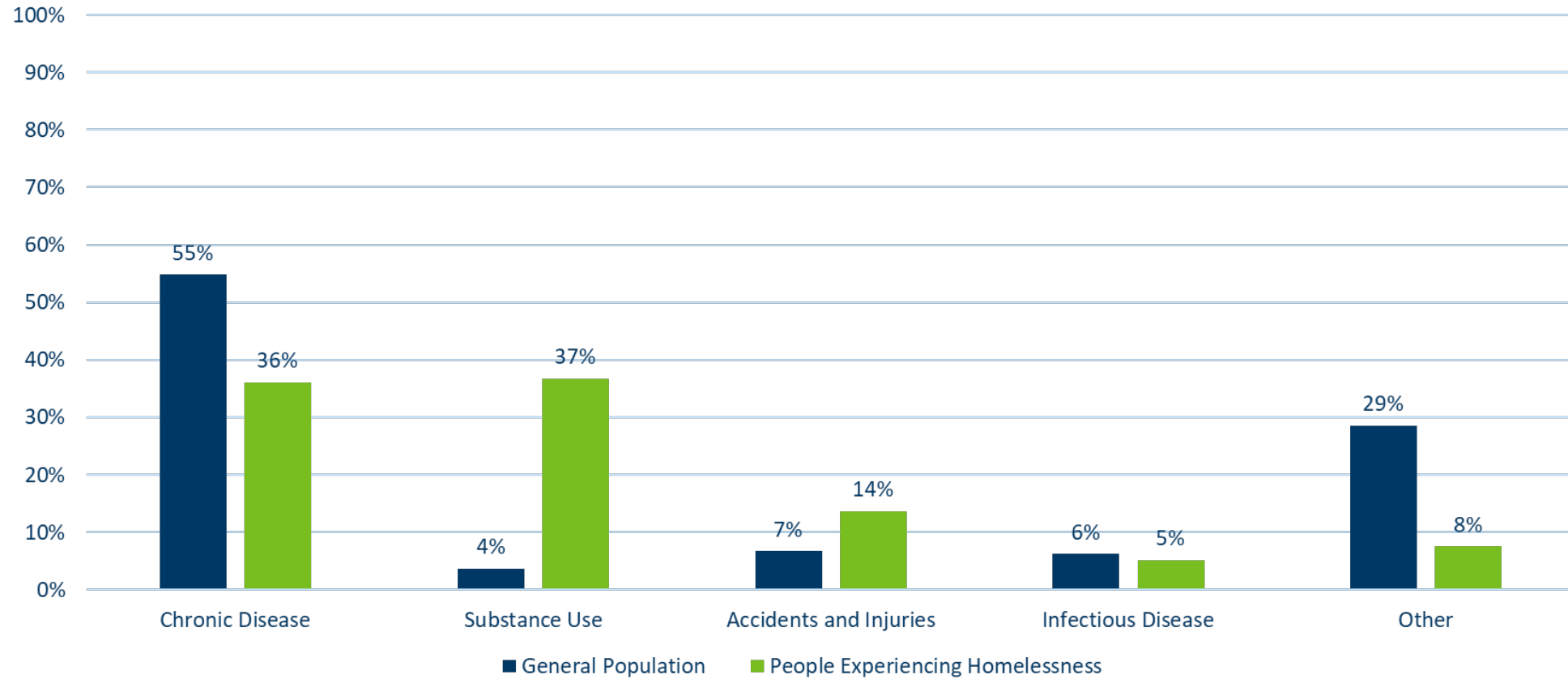
- RFP Review
 - [Request for Proposals: Harm Reduction, Health, and Housing Hubs \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/homeless/coe/rfp.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/homeless/coe/rfp.html)
- Application and Review Process
- Questions and Answers

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Hub

RFP Review

Motivation: Substance Use is the Leading Cause of Death for People Experiencing Homelessness



Hub Funding Source and Authorization

- Part of 2023 [Comprehensive Drug Overdose and Morbidity Prevention Act](#)
www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.0528
- Act authorized “funding for emergency and short-term housing subsidies through the homeless overdose prevention hub”

- Expect to award three grants
 - At least one grant will be awarded to an American Indian focused organization
- Maximum annual budget per grant of \$300,000
- Grant period: April 1, 2024 (est.) – March 31, 2028

Eligible Applicants

- Community-based organizations
- Community health centers/federally qualified health centers
- Tribal governments
- Faith-based organizations
- Educational institutions
- County governments/community health boards
- Any other public or private non-profit, not-for-profit, and for-profit organizations

Grantee Requirements (if selected)

- Offer integrated housing and harm reduction services
- Logic model for how program will reduce fatal overdoses/poisonings and improve housing stability
- Quarterly progress reports with required data elements
- Support MDH evaluation

Priority Populations

- People living outside of Hennepin and Ramsey counties
- American Indian or African American populations at greatest risk of overdose
- People who are pregnant

Must show capacity to serve people in one or more of these categories, but don't need to exclusively serve these populations

Eligible Housing Services

- Up to six months of rental assistance
- Rental application fees and security deposits
- Furnishings (e.g., air mattresses, chairs, desks) and other move-in expenses
- Utility assistance
- Housing navigation services
- Making modifications or using technology (e.g., [Brave \(www.brave.coop\)](http://www.brave.coop) buttons and sensors) to prevent and respond to overdoses in shelter and housing facilities
- Legal assistance to help tenants at-risk of homelessness maintain their housing and avoid eviction
- Staffing required to plan, deliver, and monitor the housing assistance provided

Eligible Harm Reduction Services

- Naloxone purchasing, distribution, and training
- Drug testing equipment (e.g., fentanyl and xylazine test strips)
- Syringe exchange and purchase and distribution of other safer use supplies
- Drug user education for people experiencing homelessness
- Overdose response protocols in shelter and housing facilities
- Grief counseling and mental health services to people affected by overdose
- Culturally specific services (e.g., traditional medicines, traditional healers)
- Helping participants start or maintain medications for opioid use disorder and/or drug treatment programs
- Staffing required to plan, deliver, and monitor services provided

- Infectious disease prevention, testing, and linkage to care
- Wound care
- Reproductive health services
- Hygiene, supplies, storage
- Benefits, employment and income
- Social and cultural connections

Ineligible Expenses

- Fundraising
- Taxes, except sales tax on goods and services
- Lobbyists, political contributions
- Bad debts (includes rental arrears), late payment fees, finance charges, or contingency funds
- Land or property acquisition



Application and Review Process

- January 12, 4:30 p.m. CST: Deadline to submit questions about the RFP
- January 16, 4:30 p.m. CST: Deadline to submit Letter of Intent (encouraged but not required)
- January 31, 5:30 p.m. CST: Application deadline

Application Requirements

- [Applicant Conflict of Interest Form](http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/grants/coiapplicant.pdf)
[\(www.health.state.mn.us/about/grants/coiapplicant.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/grants/coiapplicant.pdf)
- Project Narrative
- Project Budget
- [Due Diligence Review Form](http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/grants/duediligence.pdf)
[\(www.health.state.mn.us/about/grants/duediligence.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/grants/duediligence.pdf)
- For collaborative applications, MOUs or letters of support to the lead applicant from partner organizations
- Submit all application materials in one email to health.homelessness@state.mn.us

- Organizational Capacity: 15-points
- Population of focus: 15-points
- Service plan: 30-points
- Budget and budget justification: 10-points
- Health equity: 20-points
- Evaluation: 10-points

Refer to Attachment B: Score Sheet for detailed rating criteria

How do I submit my questions?

- Email all questions or requests for clarification to: health.homelessness@state.mn.us
- What to include in the email:
 - Name and email address
 - Section and page number in the RFP
- Subject line: “Harm Reduction, Health, and Housing Hubs Question”

Where can I find the FAQs?

- All questions are accepted until 4:30 p.m. CST on January 12, 2024
- MDH will reply to person with the question and post the Q&A on the MDH website
- All questions and responses will be posted on [Request for Proposals: Harm Reduction, Health, and Housing Hubs](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/homeless/coe/rfp.html) (www.health.state.mn.us/communities/homeless/coe/rfp.html)

Submit questions as outlined

To ensure the proper and fair evaluation of all applications, other communications regarding this RFP including verbal, telephone, written or internet initiated by or on behalf of any applicant to any employee of the Department, other than questions submitted as outlined above, are prohibited.



Questions?

Thank you.

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