

**Question and Answer Responses to the
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)
FOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY
SERVICES (SAPTA), STATE OPIOID RESPONSE (SOR) 3.0**

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- 1.) In the prior awards for this grant, we were unable to use the funding for supportive services such as housing, transportation, or other wrap services like case management, has that changed?

Response: SOR funds can be used for transitional housing which requires at a minimum Level 1 and Level 2.1 SAPTA certification, however, if this is in reference to housing vouchers then the case must be made within the application. Transportation in the form of bus passes can be requested within the application. For other means of transportation, the case must be made in the application.

- 2.) Also, we work with the uninsured to enroll them however with this grant there has been historically a disincentive to do so as then we cannot utilize these funds for treatment services as they end up with retroactive coverage. Is there a way around this so we could support the services received that were provided, including wrap services which are not Medicaid reimbursable for these individuals?

Response: For individuals who have been identified as recipients of SOR funded services meeting patient definition (add definition) case management services can be reimbursed through a SOR funded case manager position.

- 3.) The grant period listed on the NOFO states the dates 7/1/2023 - 9/29/2023. This is a two-month grant period. Are these dates correct?

Response: Those dates listed within the application are correct. This covers the period of July, August, and September.

- 4.) Does SOR 3.0 replace SOR 2.0 or is it separate funding for preventative services projects?

Response: SOR 3 is a new funding mechanism independent of SOR 2. New projects meeting one of the target area requirements outlined in the NOFO will be considered.

5.) Will funding for SOR 2.0 continue or be up for renewal after September 2023?

Response: The funding period for SOR 2 will end September 29, 2023.

6.) It appears that SOR 3.0 funding is for 3 months (July 2023 through September 2023). Will SOR 3.0 be up for renewal after September 2023?

Response: This NOFO may be used by the State for existing and future funding awards. The state has reserved the right to use this NOFO for future programs to ensure that funding is able to be pushed out to the community quickly. There is no guarantee the state will put out additional NOFOs for services included within this NOFO. Any future NOFO will be based on the number of responses received, the quality of programs proposed, and the needs of the state.

7.) My concern is for future funding of our program. If SOR 2.0 is going away and SOR 3.0 is only for prevention then is the funding for treatment in levels 3.7WM, 3.5, 3.2, 3.1, 2.1, and 1.0 going to be included in SOR 3.0 post September 2023?

Response: This NOFO targets new projects that meet the requirements outline within proposed target areas in the application

8.) In the NOFO it states eligible entities are:

“Nevada is seeking applications from applicants who: 1) Currently demonstrate: • Current SAPTA certification and have a minimum of two years of providing Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services. OR • Provide the level of accreditation of your program that meets or exceeds the SAPTA certification standard (ex: hospital organization - Joint Commission). Programs who are CARF accredited, must still obtain SAPTA certification.”

Based on this information I believe that coalition and prevention services are not eligible applicants. We have a coalition SAPTS certification but do not provide "Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services."

Am I correct in that understanding?

Response: This NOFO allows for funding prevention services. Any agency currently SAPTA certified can apply and if additional levels of certification need to be added the organization will need to show verification of applying.

9.) Just clarifying the Grant Period for this funding opportunity. The NOFO says July 1, 2023 – September 29, 2023. Is this a 3-month grant? Or should the end date read 2024?

Response: The dates listed within the application are correct. This covers the period of July, August, and September 2023.

10.) What type of accreditation would be acceptable for an EMS agency to participate in this grant opportunity? Does being permitted by the Southern Nevada Health District meet this requirement?

Response: The requirement for any organization receiving funding through SAPTA to be certified.

11.) Are there other barriers to EMS being included in these grant opportunities going forward (2024 and beyond)? There are other EMS systems around the country who are using EMS to initiate MAT in the field using community paramedics, and BUP is even being given at the time of overdose in selected patients after getting naloxone. We would like to initiate similar programs in the near future.

Response: There are no barriers to EMS being included in SOR funding in the future. Should additional funding be made available, applicants are encouraged to apply.

12.) Are the dates correct, that the grant period is only 3 months? This seems extremely short and makes getting meaningful projects up and running for a new awardee very difficult.

Response: This is the period that the funds are available under this grant award.

13.) We currently work with a fee-for-service budget on SOR 2.0. Can we use the same format in applying for SOR 3.0?

Response: SOR 3 is a new funding mechanism independent of SOR 2. New projects meeting one of the target area requirements outlined in the NOFO will be considered.

14) I see in the NOFO for this grant that providers must be SAPTA certified. Are Courts not able to apply for this grant? I thought there may have been a SORS-related grant opportunity that Courts could apply for funding for their specialty courts. We contract with SAPTA certified treatment providers for all levels of care for our participants.

Response: Entities in receipt of SAPTA funds must be certified. There are different types of certifications depending on the type of program. An application for certification can be requested via the following link:

<https://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/dta/Partners/Certification/CertificationHome/>