

Naloxone Kit Grant Opportunity



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Project Description

The Indiana Department of Health is accepting grant applications in response to the grant opportunity announcement for the distribution of Opioid Rescue Kits in the form of Narcan nasal spray. The intent of this grant is to provide emergency Opioid Rescue Kits to local health departments (LHDs) that will then be distributed to the community.

Naloxone hydrochloride, also known by the brand name Narcan, is an opioid antagonist and a safe and effective medication used to quickly reverse the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. The naloxone doses distributed in accordance with this grant will be administered intranasally by spraying a fine mist up the nostril of the affected person.

The goal of this grant is to expand the number of LHDs that participate in the distribution of Opioid Rescue Kits. LHDs are highly encouraged to collaborate with their county jails for this opportunity. Jails in the county will be able to receive doses through the LHD to give to incarcerated persons upon their release.

This effort will require providing education about naloxone kit programs and the law that provides immunity for lay responders to carry and administer the life-saving medication. Lay responders who agree to participate in a naloxone kit program must be trained by the awardee on how to administer naloxone (if not previously trained).

Service Delivery Dates

The services requested will be implemented during the period of March 2023 through September 2023. During the program period, the Indiana Department of Health 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 will also halt any future unshipped naloxone doses.

Failure to comply includes:

- Not submitting required reports within the required time period;
- Not distributing the naloxone doses as outlined in the application;
- Distributing naloxone doses without ensuring lay responders are properly trained;
- Selling the doses instead of distributing them free of charge;
- Not registering with optIN;

- Inaccurate reporting of the distribution of naloxone doses; and
- Loss of naloxone doses.

Funding

All grants are contingent upon the availability of funding. The total funding amount available for this program is anticipated to be \$1,500,000. Individual awardee naloxone kit totals will be determined based on the geographic service area and the need identified by the awardee.

The Indiana Department of Health recommends applicants reach out to other local agencies to see if they are interested in receiving naloxone from the health department through this grant. In the past, health departments have reached out to faith-based organizations, public libraries, homeless shelters, schools, etc. These agencies provided the health department with the number of doses they would need, and the health department factored those numbers into the total number of doses they requested.

Completed Grant Application Due: Applicants are encouraged to submit their application by April 15, 2023. Doses will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Applications beyond this date will still be reviewed based on available funding, but entities are encouraged to apply early to guarantee doses for their organization.

Eligibility

- Respondents must be either:
 - Local health departments; or
 - Entities that serve Native American/Indigenous populations (including those who do not live on reservation land).
- Respondents must be able to provide training on the administration of naloxone doses prior to distribution.
- Respondents must be able to provide addiction treatment and referral information for treatment programs when distributing the naloxone kits.

Awardee Participation Guidelines

- The awardee must not charge the receivers of the naloxone doses and must ensure that naloxone doses are not resold after distribution.
- The awardee must provide adequate education when distributing naloxone kits in a manner consistent with I.C. 16-42-27 and provide documentation thereof.
- The awardee must provide treatment program contact information for the community when distributing naloxone.
- The awardee must register with OptIN.
- If the awardee's point of contact changes anytime during the naloxone kit distribution or reporting period, the awardee must notify the department within 5 business days after the change and provide the contact information for the new contact.



Application Requirements/Process

- The application will be online in REDCap. Applicants will not have the option to submit a PDF or Word document.
- Applicants must address all the questions in the application.
- It is recommended that the grant application be completed in one sitting.
- If an applicant needs to complete part of the application at a later date, click the Save & Return button at the bottom of the REDCap screen. The applicant must keep record of their unique survey code.
- When applicants return to the link to complete an unfinished application, they must click the returning button in the upper-right corner. The applicant will then enter their unique survey code.
- If an applicant has misplaced their unique survey code, they should contact the naloxone program manager.
- Once the application is submitted, it cannot be edited.
- REDCap application link: <https://redcap.isdh.in.gov/surveys/?s=M9T4N3A3HCNFI3XP>

Delivery of the Naloxone

The total number of naloxone doses an awardee receives will generally be shipped in one or two shipments, depending on the number of doses requested. The doses will not be shipped until the naloxone contract is completed and approved.

Grant Contract

Each organization that is awarded will be required to sign and complete a grant agreement. Naloxone doses will not be shipped until the grant agreement is approved. After the application has been reviewed and approved by the Indiana Department of Health, the organization will receive an award letter detailing pertinent information regarding your award. Organizations should receive a contract for signature approximately 30-60 days after receipt of award.

OptIN Registration

Entities that disperse naloxone must be registered with optIN, the state's naloxone entity website. Registered entities must review their organizational information on an annual basis. The site tracks where naloxone is dispersed throughout the state. The site also has multiple educational videos and resources.

- To register as a new entity, visit <https://optIN.in.gov/>.
 - Select "Register as a New Naloxone Entity."
 - Follow the prompts.
- Registered entities may update their information on file, submit their annual report or get a copy of the Indiana state health commissioner's standing order by visiting <https://optIN.in.gov/>.
 - Select "Current Entities Only."
 - Follow the prompts.

Reporting Requirements

Award recipients will be required to submit scheduled reports. Failure to submit the required reports prior will be deemed a termination for breach of grant agreement and shall entitle the Indiana Department of Health to suspend or cancel the remaining undelivered naloxone kits.



The dates that award recipients will be required to submit reports by are as follows:

- June 30, 2023
- October 30, 2023

A reporting template will be sent to organizations with their award letter. The Excel sheet will be used to track naloxone dose dispersion. The local health department must complete the Excel report and send it to the naloxone program manager via email before the deadline. The following information will be included in each report:

- Was any grant activity conducted during this reporting period? If no, please explain;
- Updated list of partner agencies involved in training/distribution of naloxone doses;
- Have you encountered any challenges or barriers that have prevented you from executing your proposed plan?
- Number of naloxone doses distributed; and
- The different populations who received doses (first responders, schools, lay persons, community organizations, jails, etc.).

