

APPLICATION: PROVISION OF BUPRENORPHINE INDUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN RESIDENTS

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Application/Submission via online form only.

QUESTIONS OR APPLICATION INFORMATION:

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SECTION 1: PURPOSE & APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

The National Institutes of Health began the HEAL (Helping to End Addiction Long-termSM) Initiative to find scientific solutions to stop the opioid overdose epidemic. One project under HEAL is the HEALing Communities Study, which was started by the National Institute on Drug Abuse along with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

This study will test how different proven approaches to preventing opioid overdose deaths work together, in areas highly impacted by opioid overdose. It will look at prevention, overdose response, and treatment with medications across different health care, criminal justice, and community-based settings. The study aims to:

- Reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by 40%
- Increasing access to naloxone
- Expand use of medications for OUD such as buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone
- Reduce high-risk opioid prescribing

The HEALing Communities – Brookhaven seeks applicants to deliver evidence-based buprenorphine treatment, including both induction/initiation and maintenance treatment, for opioid use disorder (OUD) in the Town of Brookhaven.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Qualification to initiate novel MOUD programs that will impact Town of Brookhaven residents.
- Capacity to:
 - Deliver evidence-based practices outlined in the HEALing Communities Study Intervention,
 - Start service delivery within 3 months,
 - Report required study data,

- Sustain services via Medicaid, Medicare and/or third-party insurance by the conclusion of the HEALing Communities Study. For purposes of this application, grant funding is not considered a sustainability plan.

This application calls for potential candidates to outline how low threshold, sustainable buprenorphine programs will be developed and implemented at their site locations, and self-identify what technical assistance or training needs will be necessary, including any funding requested. Potential candidates are expected to estimate potential impact in the Town of Brookhaven, and provide detailed justification for any funds requested.

HCS funding for MOUD projects will be awarded based on the respondent's ability to implement rapidly, report data as required and to offer a sustainability plan. Funding will be dependent upon the individual merits of the proposal. Funding may be awarded to 1-3 applicants from a total of \$270,000, for a 6-month funding period.

SECTION 2: PROPOSER PROFILE

1. Organization Name: _____
2. Organization Site Address: _____

3. National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number - If Applicable: _____
4. Site Licensure and/or Designation (*indicate all that apply*):
 - NYS Office of Mental Health
 - NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports
 - NYS Department of Health
 - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
 - Other _____
5. Total Patient Census: _____
6. Patient Census for Town of Brookhaven residents only: _____
7. Is the site location accepting new patients? Y N
8. Total number of prescribers at the site location: _____
9. Total number of buprenorphine waived prescribers at the site location: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
Phone Number: () - _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION 3: QUALIFICATIONS

This application is open to healthcare organizations meeting all of the following requirements:

- Serve Town of Brookhaven residents
- Applicant will offer NEW buprenorphine prescribing to patients
- Employed/contracted prescriber
- Commitment to deliver buprenorphine induction and maintenance

GEOGRAPHY

Please define how the organization will service Town of Brookhaven residents.

1. Identify the address and/or locations where services will be offered:

2. How will the service engage Town of Brookhaven residents?

Add additional space as necessary

3. Does the site location provide telemedicine services? Y N

INSURANCE

1. What payments are accepted by the site location? (Indicate all that apply)
 - Commercial Insurance
 - Medicare
 - Medicaid
 - Sliding-fee scale
 - Insurances will not be accepted for buprenorphine services
 - Buprenorphine services will be provided without cost to patients

SUSTAINABILITY

Please describe the sustainability plan for the site location.

Add additional space as necessary

RAPID SCALING

Please detail the workflow and implementation plan for the site location to be operational within three months of proposal acceptance.

Add additional space as necessary

CAPACITY TO REPORT

To be considered for technical assistance and/or funding, the site will need to report the following metrics to the HEALing Communities Study – Brookhaven, on a monthly basis, where applicable. Additional metrics may be added depending on the nature of the technical assistance/ funding requested.

1. Which of the following metrics will the site have the ability to report? (Indicate all that apply)
 - Total number of buprenorphine inductions
 - Number of buprenorphine inductions for Town of Brookhaven residents
 - Number of patients maintained on buprenorphine at 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months

- Number of patients maintained on buprenorphine at 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months for Town of Brookhaven residents

Please describe how the site will collect this data. All data must be de-identified prior to submission, via e-mail.

Add additional space as necessary

SECTION 4: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING REQUEST

To promote rapid scaling and sustainability, the site will detail their technical assistance and funding needs to initiate a novel buprenorphine program. Funding requested fall within the following parameters:

- Maximum duration for funding requests not to exceed six months
- Funds may **only** be used for equipment, personnel, trainings, or supplies that are directly related to the provision of buprenorphine inductions and maintenance. This must be explicit and robust in the application.

Please describe the technical assistance and funding request for the site. Proposal should include how the funds will be utilized to support program implantation, as well as the timeline over which it will be used.

Add additional space as necessary

SECTION 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Please provide any additional information for consideration.

Add additional space as necessary

Proposal Selection Process

This application is written to conform with the HEALing Communities Study requirements and has been developed with the Town of Brookhaven Advisory Board. Applications will be evaluated based upon their completion of this application. Selection of the organization(s) to receive funding will be made by the Study Team.

QUALIFICATIONS RUBRIC

Qualification	3 – Very Good	2 – Good	1 – Fair	0 – Insufficient	Score
GEOGRAPHY - Is the site providing services to Town of Brookhaven residents in an area of high opioid overdose? <i>Coram, Centereach, Medford, Mastic Beach, Shirley</i>	The site is located in an area of high opioid overdose within the Town of Brookhaven, and provides services to Town of Brookhaven residents <i>(Coram, Centereach, Medford, Mastic Beach, Shirley)</i>	The site is located in a contiguous hamlet or village to an area of high opioid overdose within the Town of Brookhaven, and provides services to Town of Brookhaven Residents <i>(Coram, Centereach, Medford, Mastic Beach, Shirley)</i>	The site is not located in the Town of Brookhaven, and provides services to some, but not many, Town of Brookhaven residents.	Site is not located in the Town of Brookhaven, nor a contiguous hamlet or village, and does not provide services to Town of Brookhaven Residents.	
INSURANCE - What is the potential for the site to serve vulnerable populations and uninsured/underinsured individuals?	The site accepts Medicaid, commercial insurance, and has a sliding fee scale.	The site accepts Medicaid and commercial insurance.	The site accepts commercial insurance only.	The site only provides MOUD through out-of-pocket costs (“cash” payments).	
Sustainability - How prepared is the site to continue to provide MOUD services after the funding period?	A clear, robust sustainability plan is submitted, which include staffing considerations and billing components.	A clear sustainability plan is submitted, but may be vague in the area of staffing or billing procedures. Site will participate in technical assistance to revise these plan areas.	The site does not include a robust sustainability plan. Site may reference possibility of future grant funding as the sustainability source.	The site did not submit a sustainability plan.	

<p>Rapid Scaling - Can the site move from planning to implementation rapidly?</p>	<p>The site has the ability to rapidly initiate MOUD. Indicators include organizational experience in providing MOUD (at other site locations), buprenorphine waived prescriber staff, adequate support staffing.</p>	<p>The site has the ability to initiate MOUD within outlined timeline. One indicator requires technical assistance.</p>	<p>The site has a questionable ability to initiate MOUD within the prescribed. Two or more indicators require technical assistance.</p>	<p>The site cannot initiate MOUD on outlined timeline.</p>	
<p>Ability to Report - Will the site be able to accurately report on key metrics?</p>	<p>A clear, robust measurement plan is established, which includes all key metrics. Plan accurately reflects key metrics and will demonstrate MOUD scaling and impact. The site can commit to the reporting timeline.</p>	<p>The measurement plan includes some, but not all of the key metrics. The site can commit to the reporting timeline.</p>	<p>The measurement plan will not demonstrate MOUD scaling and impact, and lacks most key metrics. The site cannot commit to reporting the timeline.</p>	<p>The site cannot track and report on key metrics.</p>	
				<p>Total</p>	