



ONEOHIO RECOVERY FOUNDATION

GRANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

February 14, 2024

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation (the “Organization”) Grant Oversight Committee (the “Committee”) held a meeting on February 14, 2024 (the “Meeting”).

Directors in Attendance: Tom Gregoire (Committee Chairperson), Bambi Baughn, Greta Mayer, Keith Hochadel, Jeannette Wierzbicki, Dawn Tyler Lee, Jane Portman, Denise Driehaus, David Matia

Non-Directors in Attendance: Alisha Nelson, Jim Quinn, Sarah Anstine, Connie Luck

I. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Gregoire at 9:32 a.m.

II. Welcome and Updates from the Chairman

Gregoire welcomed directors, staff, and guests in attendance.

III. Region Updates

Director of Partnership and Outreach Saran Anstine provided the region updates.

- OneOhio staff has connected with all 19 regions
- 16 Region meetings were attended and met with leaders of the remaining 3.
- Anstine presented a dashboard showing Region Readiness as of 2/12.
- Grant Portal Build–Out Survey completion as of 2/12:

- 14 regions have completed it, and the remaining regions still need to meet to complete the survey.
- Most regions are focusing on funding priorities, awaiting decisions from five regions.
- Only 5 of 15 have funding allocations

Executive Director Nelson was pleased with the progress that the regions have made.

Gregoire opened the floor to any questions regarding the updates.

IV. RFP

- Drafts of the RFP were distributed to the Board for review.
- The goal for the meeting was to get some consensus around the RFP that will be used for the 2024-25 grant cycle.
- Nelson proceeded to walk through each section of the RFP draft with highlights as follows:
 - RFP Overview – it was asked if there could be a link that leads to the MOU so that it can be accessed and give clarity about the abatement strategies. There will be hyperlinks in the finalized version which will link to those documents.
 - Eligibility, Funding, and Approved Purposes
 - Nelson explained the list of the types of organizations that are eligible for funding
 - Proof of licensure, accreditation, or certification will be required
 - Floor was opened for feedback regarding changes that were made to request that organizations have an active and verifiable EIN; there will be a check with the Secretary of State for proof of good standing
 - Would organizations that are partnering on projects need to submit multiple applications? Partnerships are encouraged. There would need to be a lead applicant that submits the paperwork for everyone.
 - Can there be subcontractors?
 - There will be a grant agreement outlining the requirements for each entity working with the lead applicant, and organizations will be evaluated case-by-case. The lead org would be responsible for all reporting requirements for the sub-orgs.
 - Purposes of the Funds:
 - Abatement strategy was condensed, and it will be outlined and available in the grant portal
- Funding Overview:
 - Explains the details of the funding process.

- There is no minimum or maximum requested amount in the initial round of grants, but not more than the amount that is allocated to the region
- Agreement terms are explained
 - Grants available for 12-, 24-, or 36-month terms

- There may be ad hoc opportunities to make funds available for shorter terms
- What is the flexibility on behalf of the regions to negotiate the funding amounts if the regions would like to give an amount other than what was created?

Nelson stated that the Foundation wants to be flexible and responsive to the desires of the Regions. Discussions of regional negotiations of funding will be discussed at the Foundation level and then communicated back to the Region.

- Who communicates this to the Foundation?

The Power User for each Region will share the information from the request and the grantmaking committee's desired funding award.

- Can the applicants modify their proposals to reflect the actual award that they region wants to disburse?

The platform is responsive, and it will be helpful for everyone to see how it works, but nothing is written in stone. We want to be mindful that the Regions consists of volunteers.

- Can the applicant submit a modified budget in the grant portal?

Yes

- When you have multi-year projects is the funding allocated in the first year or subsequent years?

It will be allocated in the first year. It will be disbursed according to the grant agreement yearly.

- What if you want to increase funding for an existing grantee?

They would need to submit a new proposal for the additional funding.

There must be a lead applicant, but multi-org, multi-region, and multi-agencies are allowed and encouraged

- We are allowing fiscal sponsors

Fiscal sponsors typically operate with an administrative charge, is that permissible? It is.

- Supplantation, direct costs, and administrative costs will be outlined in detail

Concern was expressed about administrative costs to cover the salaries of employees. 10% salary costs can be covered by the grant funds, but only for new and expanded services. May need to modify language and to keep it broadly stated with the language “administrative costs”

- Unallowable Costs
 - We spent a significant amount of time discussing this at the last meeting
 - We have seen an increase in organizations looking for non-FDA approved medications for treatment of substance use disorders
 - Costs for activities that may be prohibited by state or federal law.

Will we have a process for vetting those items? Yes.

May want to look at the Expert Panel

- This list can be modified as the landscape and laws change in the future
- Regional Grant Review
 - Want to create a legal framework for the process
 - Protecting trade secrets of the applicant orgs
 - Requiring members of regional boards to sign NDA and Conflict of Interest report
- The scoring rubric leads as if it will be uniform, but should we clarify that each region will have their own rubric? We can add the language that each committee will use rubric scores to guide final funding deliberations.

V. Adjournment

- Chairperson Gregoire adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

The undersigned being the Chairperson of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant Oversight Committee Meeting, hereby attests that these minutes are a true and correct original of the January 10, 2024, Committee Meeting.

Tom Gregoire
Tom Gregoire (May 2, 2024 09:00 EDT)

Signature

05/02/2024

Date

