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*DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES*  
**DIVISION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH**

# **STATE OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT 4.0** **YEAR 1: TIER AWARD PROGRAM (TAP)**

*TIER 4.A INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR*

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



# WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS



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# AGENDA



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# BACKGROUND OF SOR PROGRAM

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# Background of SOR



## National State Opioid Response (SOR) Initiative:

- **Purpose:** To address the overdose crisis, primarily driven by illicit fentanyl, in part by:
  - Increasing access to medications for OUD treatment and supporting prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.
  - Providing resources to states and territories for evidence-based treatments, practices, and interventions for OUD and STUD.

## DSAMH's SOR Initiative

- **Statewide Focus:** Implement multifaceted efforts to enhance Delaware's system of care for OUD/STUD.
- **Key Populations:**
  - Pregnant and parenting individuals
  - Racial and ethnic minorities
  - Justice-involved individuals
  - LGBTQ+ individuals
  - Young people (school-aged and transition-aged)



# SOR 4.0 VISION & PRIORITIES



## Vision

- Delawareans have positive treatment outcomes and long-term recovery from OUD and STUD.

## Priorities

- Delawareans have rapid access to low-barrier medications for OUD
- Delawareans have access to services that address stimulant use
- Special health needs populations have ready access to services
- Social determinants of health are addressed concurrently to treatment
- Delawareans have support navigating care transitions and do not fall through the cracks
- Delawareans are reached, who would not otherwise be, through screening, assertive outreach, and engagement
- Partnerships and new care pathways are created with entities that have high touch engagement with people who have OUD/STUD, and that facilitate pathways to long-term recovery

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# SOLICITATION OVERVIEW: SOR 4.0 Year 1 Tier Award Program (TAP)

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# Tier Award Program (TAP) Overview



## What is TAP?

- A DSAMH initiative to award SOR funding to expand the State's capacity to engage and serve populations with OUD/STUD. TAP began in 2021 under Delaware's SOR 2 grant and is entering its third iteration under the SOR 4 grant.

## How is TAP funded?

- DSAMH's SOR 4 grant is funded by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- This solicitation is for new funding opportunities under SOR 4 Year 1 TAP Tier 4.A, available to eligible organizations for the period of January 2025 through September 29, 2025.
- Additional awards may be funded by the SOR 3.0 No-Cost Extension (NCE).

*Note: This cohort of applications is contingent upon pending federal approval of funding. Projects are selected and awarded by DSAMH as federal funding availability allows.*



# TAP Tiers At A Glance



TAP Tier	Purpose	Maximum Awards
Tier 4.A	To fund projects to implement OUD/STUD screening, brief intervention, referral to treatment (SBIRT), and follow-up.	\$75,000
Tier 4.B	Projects to implement <b><i>new</i></b> evidence-based practices, promising practices, and/or innovations for individuals at risk for, or with, OUD and STUD. There are two tracks available under this solicitation: 1) treatment providers; and 2) community-based organizations (CBOs).	\$300,000
Tier 4.C	Projects that implement tailored OUD/STUD programming to improve outcomes for a sub-population of individuals with SUD. <u><i>Note: recruiting special populations for a standard project/EBP does NOT qualify.</i></u> Also, two tracks available: 1) treatment providers; and 2) CBOs).	\$300,000

**Note: Tiers 4.B and 4.C are released under a separate solicitation.**

See: <https://atrc.dhss.delaware.gov/funding-opportunity>





# Tier 4.A

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# Tier 4.A Goals



## GOAL

- To support organizations to implement **Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and follow-up** for early intervention of individuals at risk for, or with, opioid use disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorder (STUD).

## *What is SBIRT?*

- SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated approach to the delivery of early intervention and referral into treatment services for persons with substance use disorders (SUD), as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders.



## Tier 4.A: What Organizations are Eligible?



### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Prior SOR TAP Tier 3.A awardees who wish to expand SBIRT to new practice locations/sites.
- Organizations that serve the potential OUD/STUD population, such as:
  - Primary care practices, Federally Qualified Health Centers, women's health, infectious disease, dental, physical therapy, occupational therapy, chiropractic practices, optometry/ophthalmology practices, etc.
- Accountable or managed care organizations.
- Other health and human services providers.
- Behavioral health practices providing mental health treatment only (**not** SUD).

### ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Compliance with Licensing, Accreditation, and Certification Requirements, such as:
  - Current State of Delaware Business License **or** IRS 501(c)3 exemption verification
  - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
  - Delaware eSupplier Number
  - Current Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage



## Tier 4.A: Funding Parameters



### Award Amount: *Up to \$75,000*

- Award totals will vary based on multiple factors, including: the number of unduplicated clients for whom the applicant proposes to provide services and the anticipated impact of the applicant's project on clinical outcomes within communities.
- The proposed budget must match the level of effort by staff/contractors and the reasonable and appropriate costs associated with the scope of the project.
  - DSAMH reserves the right to make an award at a funding level that is reasonable and appropriate, different than what is requested in the application.
  - Applications with excessive funding requests not justified in the budget will be rejected and returned to the applicant for revision, delaying determination for an award.





# Key Application Resources

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# Resources, Templates and Guides



Solicitation

Application Form with Embedded Implementation Plan

Budget Template

Example Budget

Budget Tutorial

All Available on the ATRC Website: <https://atrc.dhss.delaware.gov/funding-opportunities#tap>



# Budget Template & Guide



***Live Demonstration***



# Additional Application Support Needed



- Email DSAMH at [DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov](mailto:DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov) with questions or to request additional assistance.





# Timeline

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# TAP Tier 4.A Award Timeline\*



Milestone	Date
<b>Solicitation Release</b>	September 9, 2024
<b>Informational Webinar</b>	Today, September 30, 2024, 2:00 – 3:30pm
<b>Applications Due</b>	Applications will be accepted on a <i>rolling basis</i> now until December 20, 2024. Priority consideration will be given to applications received by October 24, 2024.
<b>Provider Meetings</b>	Scheduled following submission; to be held between November 1 – 15, 2024
<b>Anticipated Awards</b>	Contracts may begin as early as January 23, 2025, for applications submitted by October 24, 2024, or as late as April 1, 2025, for applications submitted by December 20, 2024.

*\*Timeline subject to change. Delays during the review process may affect contract start dates.*





# TAP Payment Structure

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# SOR 4.0 TAP PAYMENTS



## Initial Payment

- Up-front payment covers first 3 months of estimated expenditures for the project.



## Monthly Invoicing

- Starts at month 4 and continues through the remainder of the project.



## Submit to Program Integrity Specialist

- Submit invoices to your DSAMH Program Integrity Specialist via email.







# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)



**SOR 4.0 awardees will participate in two kinds of TA:**

## **Program Integrity Specialists**

- Oversight and progress monitoring, barrier reduction, and support/guidance to help grantees understand and comply with the requirements of DSAMH's SOR 4.0 funding.
- Support focuses on:
  - Financial reporting
  - Performance measurement
  - Compliance with laws and regulations
- Approach: Check-in Calls and Site Visits

## **Practice Coaching**

- TA aimed at professional development that helps healthcare professionals improve their skills/knowledge in a specific area of practice. Support focuses on:
  - Program implementation
  - Operationalizing evidence-based practices
  - Patient care
  - Teamwork and Communication
  - Fidelity monitoring
- Approach: Learning Network Series



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CONT'D)



## Program Integrity Specialist Check-ins

- Each TAP awardee is required to participate in monthly check-ins to update on progress/barriers and to help grantees understand and comply with the requirements of DSAMH's SOR 4.0 funding.

## Practice Coaching

- Key staff must participate in a peer learning series focused on foundations of the SBIRT model, implementation, and fidelity monitoring.

## Required TA

- Additional required TA or coaching may be assigned by DSAMH.



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CONT'D)



**ATRC Website:** <https://atrc.dhss.delaware.gov>

- Resource Library
- Training & Technical Assistance
  - Calendar of Events (TA Schedule will be posted here)
- Data Hub
- News... *and more!*





# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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# MONTHLY REPORTING



One web survey is used for all monthly data reporting



**Survey Part 1: Universal Measures of “How Much” Work is Occurring**

Tier 4.A required measures



**Survey Part 2: Additional Performance Measures**

Used to evaluate how well the project is performed and if anyone is better off as a result

Includes both standardized and provider specific measures



# UNIVERSAL MEASURES



## Tier 4.A universal measures

Due	Screened	Positive	Referred	Follow-up	Engaged
Number of unduplicated clients who were due for a screening in the last month.	Number of unduplicated clients who were due for a screening in the last month who were screened.	Of those screened in the last month, the unduplicated count of those who were positive.	Of those that screened positive in the last month, the unduplicated count of those who were referred to treatment.	<p>Of those that were referred to treatment in the last month, the unduplicated count of those who received follow up to ensure a successful connection to treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up 1<sup>st</sup> attempt success rate between 1- 14 days</li> <li>• Follow up 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt success rate between 15 - 30 days</li> <li>• Referral refused</li> </ul>	Of those that screened positive in the month before last, the unduplicated count of those who were connected/engaged in treatment in the last month.





# DATA REPORTING DEFINITION RESOURCE



TAP Data Definitions will be made available on the ATRC website

- Defines terms used in universal and standardized measures
- Does NOT define unique provider performance measures.



Questions? Contact  
[DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov](mailto:DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov)



# Next Steps



- Review all materials thoroughly on the ATRC Website:
  - <https://atrc.dhss.delaware.gov/funding-opportunities#tap>
- Submit questions to [DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov](mailto:DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov)
- Submit completed applications by October 24, 2024 for priority consideration, or by the final deadline of December 20, 2024.





# Future DSAMH Funding Opportunities

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# Future, specialized, multi-year, TAP opportunity



DSAMH plans to release additional specialized opportunities under TAP by Q2 2025. The Multi-Year Targeted Projects (MYTP) will be specialized opportunities to design and implement specific and complex interventions over a period of 2.5 years, with significant design and technical assistance support from the state. Anticipated funding will support two full years of project implementation after design/approval and are equal in annual value to the TAP 4.B and 4.C tiers.

Applicants for these opportunities must have successfully implemented a HEAP or TAP project with DSAMH previously. DSAMH anticipates awarding between 1-4 awards for a targeted cohort of projects depending upon the quantity and quality of applications. Additional details will be released later this fall.



# Health Equity Advancement Project (HEAP)



DSAMH is continuing the Health Equity Advancement Project (HEAP) initiative for a third year to support organizations to implement approaches to engage racial/ethnic minorities in Delaware who are impacted by OUD/STUD. Two opportunities are available and will be released in October 2024:

Mini-Grants	Community Awareness Partnerships
<p>Provides direct funding to treatment/recovery organizations and community-based organizations to implement foundational activities that better equip organizations to address the needs of racial/ethnic minorities impacted by OUD/STUD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>HEAP TX:</b> Up to \$75,000 per treatment/recovery organization to conduct equity-focused data analyses to inform program design that improves outcomes for vulnerable populations.</li><li>• <b>HEAP CBO:</b> Up to \$50,000 per CBO to build internal capacity to address OUD/STUD, develop and enhance referral pathways, and engage and convene community stakeholders.</li></ul>	<p>Provides in-kind support and resources to community-based organizations and community leaders to develop and implement community education/awareness campaign strategies addressing OUD/STUD, with a focus on reaching racial/ethnic minorities.</p> <p>Community partners will have access to a Campaign Planner to assist in the design of a customized campaign, including but not limited to speaker's bureau, listening sessions, and social media campaigns. No direct funding will be provided, but DSAMH will purchase &amp; provide in-kind materials and provide technical assistance to support implementation of the campaign.</p>



# Grassroots Messaging and Awareness Program



## Stay Tuned!

- DSAMH's Grassroots Messaging & Awareness Program solicitation will be released later this fall.

## Goal:

- To support anti-stigma and prevention education/awareness efforts conducted to engage with hard-to-reach populations where local/grassroots messaging will have a stronger impact than state-level efforts.

## Intended Applicants:

- Non-profit community-based and/or advocacy organizations that can reach at least one of the six target populations of Delawareans (noted above) with anti-stigma and OUD/STUD prevention messaging
- Health and human services providers that serve individuals with OUD/STUD.
- Note: Applicants must have the capacity to contract with DSAMH.

Contact DSAMH at [DSAMH.ORT@delaware.gov](mailto:DSAMH.ORT@delaware.gov) with any questions



# QUESTIONS



- Please type questions in the chat box.
- Email questions to:  
[DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov](mailto:DSAMH.ORT@Delaware.gov)



THANK YOU!



Thank you!

