



Overview of DSAMH Funding Opportunities

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The Delaware State Opioid Response (SOR) grant is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and covers the period of September 30, 2024, through September 29, 2027, with DSAMH applying each year for continued funding. This grant provides funding to help build strong programs that support people with opioid use disorder (OUD) and stimulant use disorder (STUD) across Delaware.

In Delaware, the SOR grant works to:

- **Reduce opioid overdoses across Delaware** by expanding access to treatment and improving referral systems.
- **Help people start and stay in treatment** by strengthening prevention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals, families, and communities.
- **Reach people at high risk** by using screening and direct referrals to connect them to treatment and recovery services quickly.

To support these goals, the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) offers several funding opportunities each year. This document explains the main funding programs so organizations can understand what is available, see how their work fits, and plan ahead for upcoming opportunities.

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Tier Award Program (TAP)

Solicitation Period: Spring

Grant Term: Approximately 12 months, with projects usually starting in October and ending September 29th of the following year.

TAP is a cornerstone program of the SOR grant. TAP includes multiple tiers, each with distinct goals and eligibility requirements. While TAP tiers A, B, and C are typically released on an annual basis, MYTP and 4.A-H are released more intermittently, subject to need and funding availability.

TAP Tier 4.A

Purpose: This opportunity supports the implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT+) and follow-up services. SBIRT+ helps identify people who may be at risk for substance use problems and connects them to treatment early.

Eligible Applicants: Outpatient medical practices and community organizations that provide early intervention, including primary care, FQHCs, women's health clinics, infectious disease clinics, dental practices, therapy practices, chiropractic offices, eye care practices, etc., who are not yet providing OUD/STUD screening.

Funding Limit: Up to \$75,000

TAP Tier 4.A-H

Purpose: This opportunity helps hospital emergency departments implement SBIRT and follow-up services, with the goal to improve care and referrals for people who may be at risk for or are living with substance use disorders.

Eligible Applicants: Hospitals

Funding Limit: Varies, up to \$100,000 annually

TAP Tier 4.B

Purpose: This opportunity is intended to support the implementation of new or specialized evidence-based practices (EBPs) or promising practices/initiatives for people who are at risk for, or living with, opioid or stimulant use disorders.

Eligible Applicants: Treatment providers

Funding Limit: Up to \$300,000

TAP Tier 4.C

Purpose: This opportunity is intended to support the implementation of new or specialized evidence-based practices (EBPs) or promising practices/initiatives for people who are at risk for, or living with, opioid or stimulant use disorders.

Eligible Applicants: Community-based organizations (CBO)

Funding Limit: Up to \$200,000

TAP Multi-Year Targeted Projects (MYTP)

Purpose: This opportunity is designed to enhance the capacity of SUD/OD treatment providers to integrate care for medically complex patients into their services. Projects focus on building staff skills, improving care models, and developing billing systems over several years.

Eligible Applicants: Treatment providers that have successfully implemented a DSAMH-funded SOR TAP or HEAP/ECASU project previously

Funding Limit: Varies, up to \$300,000 annually for three years



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Grassroots Messaging and Awareness Campaigns (GMAC)

Solicitation Period: Summer

Project Period: Approximately 9 months (January through September)

Eligible Applicants: Non-profit, community-based health and human service organizations and local providers that serve people with OUD or STUD.

Purpose: GMAC funding supports community education and awareness efforts that:

- Increase understanding of opioid and stimulant use disorders
- Reduce stigma in local communities and across Delaware

Funding Limit: Varies, up to \$30,000 for a local campaign or \$50,000 for a statewide campaign

Engaging Communities in Addressing Substance Use (ECASU)

Solicitation Period: Fall

Project Period: Approximately 8 months (February through September)

ECASU (formerly known as HEAP) includes two funding options—the Community Awareness partnerships and Mini-Grants—to help engage communities impacted by OUD and STUD.

ECASU Community Awareness Partnerships

Purpose: This program provides technical assistance (not direct funding) to develop and carry out communications campaigns to understand, engage, and address the needs of local communities in Delaware impacted by OUD/STUD.

Eligible Applicants: Community-based groups, grassroots and faith-based organizations, coalitions, community leaders, and treatment providers. Past HEAP/ECASU recipients may apply.

Funding: No direct funding. While DSAMH will not provide direct funding to Partners, DSAMH will directly purchase and provide in-kind materials to support implementation of the project and provide technical assistance to Partners for the design and implementation of the campaign activities.

ECASU Mini-Grants

Purpose: These grants provide direct funding to community-based organizations to build their capacity to engage their local communities who are impacted by OUD/STUD. Mini-grants are available in two focus areas:

- **Enhanced OUD/STUD Referral Pathways:** Develop protocols, partnerships, and resources to connect their local community members to OUD/STUD treatment and resources.
- **Workforce Development to Address OUD/STUD:** Build organizational (e.g., staff, board members, and volunteers) knowledge and skills to better support their local community members at risk for, or experiencing, OUD/STUD.

Eligible Applicants: Community-based organizations. Past mini-grant recipients may apply but must propose a new or clearly different project.

Funding Limit: Varies, funding up to \$30,000

ACCESS 988

Solicitation Period: April 2026

Project Period: July 2026-November 2026

Eligible Applicants: Partner groups, nonprofits, state agencies/entities, and community-based organizations in Delaware

Purpose: DSAMH's ACCESS 988 mini-grant program offers funding to support initiatives that reach



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high-risk or underserved groups via community events, education, and outreach to boost awareness and utilization of 988. Specifically, awarded vendors will:

- Promote 988 to identified priority populations through digital media campaigns and/or in-person outreach
- Utilize Delaware's 988 Toolkit and develop customized materials aligned with DE 988 branding
- Gather feedback from identified priority populations to inform future DE 988 marketing and communications efforts
- Develop project findings into a comprehensive end-of-campaign report with findings and recommendations for outreach to their identified priority population

Funding Limit: \$4,999.99

Delaware Prescription Opioid Settlement Distribution Commission (POSDC) Grants

Solicitation Period: Varies; Round 4 launching in July 2026

Project Period: January 2027

Eligible Applicants: Varies

Purpose: The POSDC supports specific evidence-based efforts via competitive community-based grants to support vital opioid remediation efforts in Delaware. This grant is managed by the POSDC (not the DSAMH ORT). Information can be found on the Opioid Settlement Funds website:

<https://deopioidsettlementfunds.org/grants>

Funding Limit: Varies (\$10,000-\$30,000+)