



## Micro-Grant Program

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Beacon Health Options (Beacon) plans to distribute a total of \$250,000 in individual grants over two years (\$125,000 each year) to organizations serving Massachusetts residents with opioid use disorder (OUD). Organizations chosen in the first year of the grant program may have the option to renew for a second year, depending on program outcomes.

The goal of this micro-grant program is to increase connectivity to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for individuals with OUD. Grants will be given to organizations with proposals that help improve pathways to, and engagement in, MAT. The purpose of the micro-grant program is to help providers increase capacity, improve services, and lay the foundation for a sustainable model of MAT connectivity.

Examples of programs that would meet the goals of the micro-grant program are ones that:

- provide intervention aimed to increase speed of connection to MAT induction;
- promote stronger MAT adherence rates;
- create ways for direct admissions from emergency departments (EDs) to MAT providers;
- enhance patient education of benefits and risks of MAT;
- provide peer training in OUD intervention best practices; and/or
- help individuals locate MAT providers and coordinate connections to those providers.

**Eligible activities:** Costs associated with start-up, training, education, program development, and technologies related to the grant goals

**Ineligible activities:** Salaries, construction, large equipment, capital investments, and paying off debt are not acceptable means of spending the funding.

### **Eligible applicants must:**

- Be an organization and not an individual
- Serve individuals with opioid use disorder
- Serve individuals in Massachusetts communities highly impacted by the opioid use epidemic

## Required Reporting

Beacon will collect the following data from grant recipients to monitor the progress and success of the micro-grant program:

1. Quarterly reporting on number of clients offered and/or benefitting from the intervention; examples might include target population served, average length of participation, and average number of contacts per individual or family supported
2. Quarterly outcomes reporting relative to program objectives as defined in recipient's grant application, as well as quarterly calls/meetings with Beacon to review outcomes
3. An annual summary report that includes a compilation of outcome data and grant budget

### **Application Deadline: May 3, 2019**

Please submit responses to [erin.donohue@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:erin.donohue@beaconhealthoptions.com). Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.

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