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Health Department to Award \$400,000 in Overdose Data to Action Subgrants

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) today announced that applications are now being accepted for subgrants for the Overdose Data to Action program. Up to 10 grants for \$40,000 to \$150,000 each will be awarded in September for projects that use data to inform public health approaches to:

- Prevent overdose,
- Link people with opioid use disorder (OUD) to evidence-based treatment and recovery supports,
- Reduce harms associated with substance use, and
- Address emerging needs due to COVID-19 in line with overdose prevention.

“This grant opportunity will help build local partnerships to support programs in communities that have a large number of overdoses,” said Otis Pitts, the department’s Deputy Director of Public Policy and Community Relations. “These partnerships will implement a variety of activities designed to help our residents get the care and resources they need but will also continue to build a network that works together to support those with substance use disorder.”

Local organizations that serve Allegheny County residents are eligible to apply for the funding, particularly those with experience in the substance use field. Proposals are required to identify priority communities and/or populations and then propose response efforts that address the needs and strengths unique to the community.

ACHD encourages projects that address behavioral health disparities or underserved populations. For instance, both national and local data show troubling increasing trends amongst Black males in death rates involving synthetic opioids like fentanyl and fentanyl analogs. Other priority communities and trends can be identified through the data dashboard in the application.

These subgrants are part of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action Program that awarded ACHD funds in 2019. The application process will remain open until August 5, 2020. Questions about the grant will be accepted until July 29, 2020 through the application portal, but can also be directed to erica.brandon@alleghenycounty.us or katherine.sutherland@alleghenycounty.us.

In order to respond to the Request for Proposals on the Overdose Data to Action Subgrants, an organization must:

1. Register as a vendor with Bonfire through this link: <https://support.gobonfire.com/hc/en-us/articles/360011135513-Vendor-Registration>
2. After registering as a vendor, locate the RFP application through this link: <https://alleghenycounty.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/28584>

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