



## Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR), Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance

### Funding Announcement Q&A Tracker

#### About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the [Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction \(SAEDR\) Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance](#) announcement, which opened on December 14, 2022, and the application process. Responses to questions submitted through January 13, 2023 will be provided as staff is able to process them.

#### Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at [RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov) with *SAEDR Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance Initiative* in the subject line.

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## 1. Funding Initiative Purpose

a) *What is the purpose of the SAEDR Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance funding announcement?*

**Answer:** The Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance initiative will result in the selection of one nonprofit organization to serve as a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) partner providing technical assistance, training, and resources to programs implementing SAEDR grant funded projects to enhance the capabilities of SAEDR subgrantee organizations to effectively and independently administer programs.

The selected partner will have prior experience implementing cooperative and collaborative substance use disorder prevention and reduction initiatives at both the state and county levels using culturally competent and sustainable methods; and have the capacity to immediately provide technical assistance to PCCD subgrantee organizations receiving SAEDR grant funding awarded through the SAEDR Category 1 or SAEDR Categories 2 and 3 funding announcements.

b) *What is the difference between the SAEDR Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance funding announcement and the SAEDR funding announcements PCCD has released in the past?*

**Answer:** The SAEDR Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance funding announcement is a competitive solicitation inviting application from nonprofit organizations, including public and not for profit institutions of higher education, to apply for consideration to serve as a statewide technical assistance provider to PCCD subgrantee organizations receiving SAEDR Category 1 or Categories 2 and 3 grant awards. PCCD will assign the organizations participating in the technical assistance program. The selected provider will not have the ability to choose which programs it supports.

The SAEDR Category 1 funding announcement is a competitive funding announcement released on a reoccurring basis by PCCD to provide funding for the implementation of prevention, intervention, treatment, training, and education services designed to directly reduce substance use or to provide resources to assist families in accessing the services need to reduce substance use behavior. SAEDR Category 1 grant award recipients will provide services, training, and/or resources to the organization(s), community or communities, or population(s) identified in the SAEDR Category 1 application submitted by the applicant organization.

The SAEDR Categories 2 and 3 funding announcement is a competitive funding announcement released on a reoccurring basis by PCCD to provide funding for a statewide organization engaged in the education of the public about the dangers of substance use and/or reduce the demand for substances. SAEDR Categories 2 and 3 grant award recipients will provide education programs, trainings, and/or media -related efforts to the organization(s), community or communities, or population(s) identified in the SAEDR Categories 2 and 3 application submitted by the applicant organization.

c) *Would this be supplemental funding for the existing grant execution?*

**Answer:** This is not supplemental funding for existing grants. The goal of the SAEDR Opioid Reduction Technical Assistance initiative is to assist SAEDR grant recipients in the implementation of grant projects. Per the funding announcement document, this funding announcement is to invite applications from nonprofit organizations and public/not for profit institutions of higher education to apply to serve as the PCCD partner providing technical assistance, training, and resources to program implementing SAEDR grant funded programs. This means the successful applicant would serve as the technical assistance organization providing training and resources to SAEDR grantees.

## 2. Budget

a) *What is the project funding limit?*

**Answer:** PCCD announced up to \$600,000 is available for this technical assistance initiative; however, the funding limit for the successful applicant is based on the specific cooperative budget agreed upon by PCCD and the selected technical assistance provider.

## 2. Eligible Applicants

a) *What are the eligibility criteria for this funding announcement? Is it required for an organization to be an institution of higher education?*

**Answer:** Section 2: *Eligible Applicants* of this funding announcement indicates nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education (public/not for profit) are eligible to apply and must have:

- The capacity to provide technical assistance to nonprofit organizations with varied experience implementing substance use disorder education, prevention, and/or demand reduction initiatives;
- Experience in implementing cooperative and collaborative substance use disorder prevention and reduction initiatives at both the state and county levels using culturally competent and sustainable methods.
- Any applicant agency must have the ability to immediately implement proposed technical assistance services upon award acceptance if the organization is the recommended applicant.
- Good standing with PCCD to be eligible for these funds. Applicants are not required to have a prior funding history with PCCD to be eligible.

This means an eligible organization may be either a nonprofit organization **or** a public/not for profit institution of higher education as long as the organization has the required experience implementing cooperative and collaborative substance use disorder prevention and reduction initiatives.

- b) *Is it required for an organization to currently receive or have previously received SAEDR grant funding to implement a SAEDR project?*

**Answer:** There is no requirement to currently receive or have previously received SAEDR grant funding in the past. However, as indicated in the funding announcement, the eligible nonprofit organization or public/not for profit institution of higher education must have experience in implementing cooperative and collaborative substance use disorder prevention and reduction initiatives at both the state and county levels and have the capacity and ability to immediately upon award provide technical assistance and training in the areas of substance use disorder education, prevention, and demand reduction to *any* sized organization with any level of experience.

### 3. Eligible Projects

- a) *Can we apply for funding with programs we have in place that are not currently funded by SAEDR grants?*

**Answer:** Due to the competitive nature of this funding announcement, staff may not advise an applicant on how to respond to the solicitation or any section of the application. Eligible program activities and expenses are defined within in the funding announcement on page 6. Applicants should determine if the proposed project/activities are in alignment with the funding guidelines.

- b) *Do Category 1 projects need to be delivered county-wide by a single organization or can they be delivered by a coalition of allied organizations?*

**Answer:** The Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction (SAEDR) Technical Assistance initiative will support one nonprofit organization or public/not for profit institution of higher education to provide technical assistance, training, and resources to grantee organizations implementing SAEDR projects funded through the SAEDR Categories 1, 2, or 3 funding initiatives. Applicants should refer to the funding announcement document available in the Egrants system for additional information pertaining to the criteria for this technical assistance focused initiative.

Eligibility criteria and program requirements related to the SAEDR Category 1 program will be released when PCCD announces the availability of SAEDR Category 1 funds for application.

### 4. Future Funding Availability

- a) *Will this funding be offered to new applicants at this time next year (a January 2024 deadline)?*

**Answer:** Due to the competitive nature of the SAEDR related funding initiatives, information about future announcements is not available until announced and released in the PCCD Egrants system.