

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use, Prevention, Care and Treatment
Fentanyl Community Engagement and Test Strip Distribution Initiative in New York City:
Questions and Answers

Question: Can a hybrid approach be used for outreach?

Answer: For example, a combination of the peer-led model and community events model? Or does it have to be solely peer led or the community events model? Yes, a hybrid approach can be used between the two models, just be sure to elaborate how the models would work in practice.

Question: We already are an OOPP and get FTS from DOHMH. Are we eligible for this?

Answer: Yes, you could still apply to this RFP even if you are already receiving strips through the other pilot program. We will work with you to adjust the volume as needed.

Question: Are after hours work and additional work hours by staff members required?

Answer: After hours and additional hours are not required if your organization already has time carved out for outreach during your current work hours.

Question: Why a 10-month budget? This is a 5-month program. Is the intention to be able to renew for another 5 months if the program is successful without submitting a new budget?

Answer: This was a typo on our part. Please disregard the 10-month budget and report on a 5-month budget. There may be an opportunity to renew in the new fiscal year.

Question: For the option to renew, will a new proposal be required? Will it also be for 5 months only?

Answer: The new year will not be for 5 months only, it would be for a 12-month period. An updated proposal would be requested, particularly if a larger sum of money would be allotted for the year.

Question: Would it be possible for us to partner with another community organization where we previously placed peers? For example, could we supervise and pay one of their outreach workers to do this work part time?

Answer: Yes, this is possible if the funding will be allocated to pay a peer to increase their capacity to distribute fentanyl test strips in the community.

Question: Will sterile water and cookers be provided along with the fentanyl test strips or should we include the cost of the sterile water and cookers in our budget?

Answer: Please include the cost of the sterile water and cookers in your budget. We can provide guidance to organizations that are select as to where they can purchase these items if needed.

Question: On page 10 of the RFP, under 5) Proposed Budget it refers to the ‘full 10-month period’ but this is in contrast to the “five-month contract January 24, 2021 – June 30, 2022” referred to elsewhere in the RFP. Can you clarify what time period this ‘full 10-month period’ corresponds to?

Answer: The length of the contract is 5 months or from the start date of the disbursement until June 31, 2022.