



Notice of Funding Opportunity
Application Due August 31, 2026



Office of National Drug Control Policy
Executive Office of the President

Improving The Capacity of Tribal Communities to Identify Emerging Drug Threats



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Before You Begin

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, secure your SAM.gov and Grants.gov registrations now. If you are already registered, make sure your registrations are active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov Registration (may take several weeks)

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Grants.gov Registration (may take several days)

You must have an active Grants.gov registration. Doing so requires a Login.gov registration as well.

[See Step 2: Get Ready to Apply](#)

Apply by the Application Due Date

Applications are due by **11:59 p.m.** Eastern Time on **August 31, 2026**.



To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command + Left Arrow (Mac) on your keyboard.





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Step 1: Review the Opportunity

In This Step

Basic Information

Eligibility

Program Description





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Basic Information

Office of National Drug Control Policy
Improving the Capacity of Tribal Communities to Identify Emerging Drug Threats

This project would fund researchers to address key impediments or challenges that Tribal communities face related to their capacity to identify emerging drug threats and conduct a pilot project to help these communities improve their capacity to detect and respond to emerging drug threats.

Summary

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Executive Office of the President, is seeking applications from Tribal communities (including researchers and Tribal organizations) to collect and analyze data related to the capacity of Tribal communities to identify emerging drug threats, and to conduct a pilot project to assist these communities in detecting and responding to emerging drug threats.

Funding Details

Type: Cooperative Agreement

Expected Awards: 1

Funding amount is subject to availability of funds. This funding opportunity is the initial announcement.

Amount of the Award Floor: \$0

Amount of the Award Ceiling: up to \$300,000

We plan to fund one award for a one-year period of performance starting September 2026.

Key Facts

Opportunity Name:

Improving the Capacity of Tribal Communities to Identify Emerging Drug Threats

Federal Assistance Listing:

95.007

Statutory Authority:

SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, 21 U.S.C. § 1703 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026, Public Law 119-75.

Key Dates

Application Deadline:

August 31, 2026

Expected Award Date:

September 2026





Eligibility

Who Can Apply

Eligible Applicants

Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Tribal Serving Organizations, Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs), Tribal Epidemiological Centers (TECs), and non-profit organizations partnering directly with Tribal entities are eligible for this grant. Applicants must have expert knowledge and extensive experience in conducting research and analysis to include higher educational institutions and hospitals. Applicants should have experience working with Tribal health data. Applicants must include a Tribal Council Resolution supporting collaboration on this project (see below for details). Applicants must also ensure compliance with all federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and public policies governing financial assistance awards.

Tribal Council Resolution: ONDCP must receive an official, signed Tribal Council Resolution prior to issuing a Notice of Award (NoA) to any Tribal organization selected for funding. An applicant that is proposing a project affecting another Indian Tribe must include resolutions from all affected Tribes to be served. However, if an official signed Tribal Council Resolution cannot be submitted with the application prior to the application deadline date, a draft Tribal Council Resolution may be submitted with the application by the deadline date in order for the application to be considered complete and eligible for review. The draft Tribal Council Resolution is not in lieu of the required signed resolution but is acceptable until a signed resolution is received. If an application without a signed Tribal Council Resolution is selected for funding, the applicant will be contacted by ONDCP and given 90 days to submit an official signed Tribal Council Resolution. If the signed Tribal Council Resolution is not received within 90 days, the terms and conditions of this cooperative agreement would be enforced.

Other Eligibility Requirements

Cost Sharing and Match Requirements: This announcement does not require a match.





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Pre-Agreement Cost Approvals: ONDCP does not typically approve pre-agreement costs; an applicant must request and obtain the prior written approval of ONDCP for all such costs. However, all such costs prior to award and prior to approval of the costs are incurred at the sole risk of an applicant. Generally, no applicant should incur project costs before the period of performance. Should there be extenuating circumstances that appear to be appropriate for ONDCP’s consideration as pre-agreement costs, the applicant should contact the point of contact listed in the title page of this announcement for details on the requirements for submitting a written request for approval. Unapproved expenses are unallowable under this cooperative agreement.



Program Description

The [Office of National Drug Control Policy \(ONDCP\)](#) leads and coordinates the nation's drug policy to improve the health and lives of the American people. ONDCP is responsible for the development and implementation of the [National Drug Control Strategy](#) and federal drug control budget. ONDCP coordinates across federal agencies and oversees the budget as part of a whole-of-government approach to addressing addiction and the overdose epidemic.

Description of Research Project

This research project has two objectives: (1) Strengthen Tribal communities' drug data systems to monitor for and detect emerging drug threats; and/or (2) Support Tribal communities' development or scaling of early warning systems that disseminate actionable data about emerging drug threats to various audiences.

ONDCP is seeking to improve the capacity of Tribal communities to monitor for and identify drug threats among their populations, with an emphasis on emerging or evolving drug threats, in service of the 2026 National Drug Control Strategy's overall goal to reduce the number of overdose deaths. The drug overdose death rate among American Indian or Alaska Native populations is twice the national average, creating a significant burden for Tribal communities and Tribal members to address substance use, addiction, and related drug trafficking, human trafficking, and other criminal activities.

1) Strengthening Tribal drug data systems: ONDCP is seeking proposals that address critical gaps in drug data systems among Tribal communities. These gaps include, but are not limited to, under-representation of Tribal communities in overdose counts; fragmented data systems whereby information about drug supply, drug use, and related health outcomes are not consistently shared or integrated; limited illicit drug testing capabilities, especially regarding emerging drug threats; and limited real-time collection and analysis of drug data. To address these gaps, projects could develop analytical studies leveraging existing data, establish new data systems, or enhance or integrate existing data systems. Topics could potentially include but are not limited to: epidemiologic and public health data infrastructure, toxicology and drug testing capacity, the integration of Tribal data with state and county data, mortality data collection related to Tribal communities and American Indian or Alaska Native populations, race misclassification in death records, and data sovereignty. It is also important to understand the composition of the illicit drug supply in the area being studied, and to build capacity to further understand it in order to address emerging or evolving threats and to address gaps in data collection and analysis, prevention, and treatment.





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2) Supporting early warning systems: ONDCP is seeking projects that improve early warning systems so that information about emerging drug threats is communicated as quickly as possible within and between Tribes, as well as between Tribes and external jurisdictions, to ensure a coordinated response to the drug crisis. These early warning systems should include: integrated communication channels across sectors (e.g., clinical, public health, and law enforcement within Tribes); standardized protocols for issuing alerts to the public and/or public health, law enforcement, and others; and standardized protocols for real-time communication among Tribal and non-Tribal partners (e.g., ensuring Tribal officials receive timely information about their members who die from overdoses, and the likely drugs involved, when these members die outside of Tribal jurisdiction, such as in the field or in non-Tribal hospitals; and communication from Tribes to external jurisdictions regarding emerging drug threats in their communities).

Once an award is made, ONDCP will be involved in collaborating on the project, to include but not limited to providing guidance through regular meetings with the awardee. This joint initiative between ONDCP and the award recipient is designed to implement the overarching principles in the President's National Drug Control Strategy.





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Statutory Authority

This grant is authorized by the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, 21 U.S.C. § 1703 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026, Public Law 119-75.

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are applicable to the government and applicants, grant applications, and grant awards to non-Federal entities. See 2 C.F.R. Part 200., as adopted in full by ONDCP via 2 C.F.R. § 3603.1





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Step 2: Get Ready to Apply

In This Step
Get Registered





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Get Registered

SAM.gov

You must have an active account with SAM.gov. This includes having a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). SAM.gov registration can take several weeks. Begin that process today.

To register, go to [SAM.gov Entity Registration](#) and select Get Started. From the same page, you can also select the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

Grants.gov

You must also have an active account with [Grants.gov](#). You can see step-by-step instructions at the Grants.gov [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#).

Have questions? See [Contacts and Support](#).

Find the Application Package

The application package has all the forms you need to apply. You can find it online.

Go to [Search Grants at Grants.gov](#) and search for the opportunity number found on page 1.





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Step 3: Prepare Your Application

In This Step
Application Contents and Format





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Application Disclosures



Application Contents and Format

This section includes guidance the main components of the application.

I. Proof of Eligibility

Page Limit: None

All applicants must provide an official, signed Tribal Council Resolution supporting collaboration on this project from the participating Tribe(s).

Applicants applying as a non-profit organization must provide proof of non-profit status and its exemption from income tax under Title 26, section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. See Definitions, 21 U.S.C. § 1701(13).

Any of the following is acceptable evidence of non-profit status:

- A copy of a current and valid Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax exemption certificate.
- A reference to the applicant organization’s listing in the IRS’s most recent list of tax-exempt organizations as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

Table 1. Required Format for Project and Budget Justification Narratives

Formatting Element	Requirement
Font	Times New Roman or Arial
Format	PDF
Font Size (Main Text)	12-point
Font Size (Footnotes and Text in Graphics)	May be 10-point
Leading/Spacing (Project Narrative Main Content)	Double-spaced
Leading/Spacing (Budget Justification Narrative)	As needed
Leading/Spacing (Project Summary, Tables, Footnotes)	Single-spaced
Margins	1 inch
Page Numbering	Must use page numbering with format of: “1 of 20”, “2 of 20”, etc.





II. Project Narrative

Page Limit: 20

Applicants must respond to the criteria outlined in the Project Narrative and Application Deliverables section of this notice of funding opportunity.

In accordance with Gold Standard Science (GSS) as described in Executive Order 14303 and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Memorandum providing guidance on implementing GSS, applicants should include within their application a clear statement of commitment to complying with the principles and tenets of GSS.

III. Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative

Page Limit: None

Applicant must provide an itemized budget for the period of performance. Proposals must provide a budget that differentiates between the two objectives of this project if both are being undertaken, namely strengthening drug data collection and analysis, and supporting effective early warning systems. Applicant must submit budget worksheets and budget narrative in one file. At a minimum, the following categories must be addressed: Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Overtime, Travel, Facilities, Services, Equipment, Supplies, and Other Costs. The budget narrative should thoroughly and clearly describe every category of expense listed in the worksheet.

Proposed budgets are expected to be complete, reasonable and allowable, cost-effective, and necessary for project activities. The narrative should be mathematically sound and correspond with the information and figures provided in the budget detail worksheet. The narrative should explain how costs were calculated and how they are relevant to the completion of the proposed project. ONDCP may enter into negotiations where the budget and the budget narrative fail to demonstrate price reasonableness and/or price realism.





IV. Performance Measures

Page Limit: None

The awardee will be required to provide performance tracking data to ONDCP that measure the effectiveness of the grantee’s ability to gain participation from Tribal communities, identify public health and public safety datasets that can be used to identify emerging drug threats in Tribal communities, communicate these findings back to the Tribal communities, and develop and implement solutions to address gaps in data collection and the dissemination of information regarding drug threats to Tribal communities and other partners. Such performance measures include, but are not limited to, the number of collaborating Tribal communities, the number of public safety and public health datasets that can be used to identify emerging drug threats, the number of gaps identified and addressed in existing drug data systems, and the convenings with Tribal communities to discuss potential emerging drug threats.



Application Disclosures

Applicants are to disclose whether they have pending applications or awards for federally funded grants or sub-grants (including cooperative agreements) that include requests for funding to support the same or similar projects being proposed under this solicitation and will cover identical cost items outlined in the budget worksheet and narrative in the application under this announcement. The disclosure should include both direct applications for federal funding (e.g., applications to federal agencies) and indirect applications for such funding (e.g., applications to State agencies that will sub-award federal funds).

Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities are to provide the detailed information requested on the form, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL). Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities are to enter "N/A" in the text boxes for Item 10 ("a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant" and "b. Individuals Performing Services").





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Step 4:

Learn About Review and Award

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Application Review





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Application Review

Initial Review

We review each application to make sure it meets basic requirements. We won't consider an application that:

- Is from an organization that doesn't meet all eligibility criteria;
- Does not fully comply with the Required Application Content section described within this notice of funding opportunity;
- Is submitted after the deadline or exceeds the provided page limitations.
- Fails to demonstrate the ability to collaborate with Tribal communities and understand public health and public safety Tribal data.
- Fails to include a Tribal Council Resolution (or draft Tribal Council Resolution) permitting collaboration with the Tribe for this Research Project.
- Fails to include within their application a clear statement of commitment to complying with the principles and tenets of Gold Standard Science (GSS) as described in Executive Order 14303 and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Memorandum providing guidance on implementing GSS.

ONDCP may contact applicants to seek clarification or discuss perceived weaknesses in the application.

ONDCP may request budget modifications where the budget and the budget narrative fail to demonstrate price reasonableness and price realism.

ONDCP will ensure that applicants are aligned with the Administration's policy priorities.



Merit Review

Applications that comply with the submission of the Required Application Content sections will proceed to peer review. ONDCP will review applications against the established evaluation criteria described below and make an award to the responsive applicant determined to offer the best service and value to ONDCP and the President’s National Drug Control Strategy.

Table 2. Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Total Number of Points = 100
Technical Approach	50 points
Key Personnel	30 points
Organizational Capability	20 points

Criteria – Project Narrative and Application Deliverables

Technical Approach (Maximum points: 50)

The applicant’s proposal should provide a detailed description of their technical approach to produce complete and reliable results. The response must, at a minimum, include the three areas described below.

- Demonstrate a clear and detailed understanding of all aspects of the work to be performed.
- Provide a detailed description of their approach, including their methodology for collaborating with Tribal communities, their process for strengthening Tribal communities’ drug data systems to monitor for and detect emerging drug threats; and/or their process for supporting Tribal communities’ development or scaling of early warning systems that disseminate actionable data about emerging drug threats to various audiences.
- Describe their plan for analyzing, reporting, and disseminating results (through quarterly reports) related to findings, including any patterns and trends on the availability and use of illicit drugs.
- Describe their plan for designing solutions to address any gaps they identify.



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Key Personnel (Maximum points: 30)

The applicant's proposal should describe the roles and responsibilities of the study team, and a description of their knowledge and experience in conducting drug policy-related research and analysis. The response must, at a minimum, include the following information about key personnel.

- A description of the principal investigator's expertise in the field of illicit drug research and drug testing protocols.
- A description demonstrating that key personnel have extensive (5 or more years) work experience collaborating with Tribal communities on health policy-related work, as well as extensive experience strengthening Tribal communities' drug data systems to monitor and detect emerging drug threats and/or supporting Tribal communities' development or scaling of early warning systems that disseminate actionable data about emerging drug threats to various audiences.
- A description of the principal investigators and key personnel's professional credentials (as demonstrated by their level of professional achievement/honors) and their past experience of conducting similar health-related research and implementing initiatives to facilitate information sharing, including communicating to the public about emerging health issues.

Organizational Capability (Maximum points: 20)

The applicant's proposal should:

- Demonstrate adequacy of the organization's capability to implement and complete the study and document experience in research work, build successful partnerships with Tribal communities, and that they have demonstrated their ability to improve data systems and disseminate actionable data in past projects.

Risk Review

ONDCP will review the risk posed by applicants using publicly available information in the OMB-designated integrity and performance system accessible through SAM prior to making a federal award.





Step 5: Submit Your Application

In This Step
Application Submission and Deadlines





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The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. This funding opportunity is not subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review. (In completing the SF- 424, applicants are to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, indicating that the “Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.”)

Each applicant is required to (i) Be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) before submitting its application; (ii) provide a valid UEI number in its application; and (iii) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active federal award or an application or plan under consideration by ONDCP. ONDCP will not make an award until an applicant has fully complied with all applicable SAM and UEI requirements; and if the applicant has not so fully complied by the time ONDCP is ready to make award, ONDCP may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive the award and use that determination as a basis for making award to another applicant.

Deadlines

Application

Applicants must register with Grants.gov prior to submitting an application. All applications are due and in receipt of a successful validation message submitted in Grants.gov by **11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on August 31, 2026.**





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Submission Methods

Grants.gov

You must submit your application through Grants.gov. See [get registered](#).

For instructions on how to submit in Grants.gov, see the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password protect any files.

See [Contacts and Support](#) if you need help.





Step 6: Award

In This Step

Notification of Award

Post-Award Requirements and Administration



Notification of Award

Notice of Federal Award

A Notice of Federal Award (NoA), the only official award document, will be issued via GrantSolutions alerting applicants of award. The NoA is a legal document authorizing performance of work. If you are successful, the NoA will detail the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. Until you receive the NoA, you do not have permission to start work.

All applicants will be notified by email or mail of their application status—successful, unsuccessful, or disqualified.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Administrative Requirements

All activities and expenditures under this NOFO must comply with applicable Executive Orders and applicable laws. The below is not an exhaustive list:

- Protecting the American People Against Invasion (Jan. 20, 2025)
- Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing (Jan. 20, 2025)
- Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government (Jan. 20, 2025)
- Enforcing the Hyde Amendment (Jan. 24, 2025)
- Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets (July 24, 2025)

Additional Executive Orders, including any issued during the period of performance, may apply.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring compliance with all Federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders and public policies governing financial assistance awards.





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Recipient organization(s) are required to register and establish an account with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Program Support Center (PSC)/Payment Management Services (PMS) to request payments and electronically submit the Federal Financial Report (FFR). Registration with HHS-PSC-PMS will be initiated from the submission of the SF-424 by ONDCP.

Once the PMS account has been established, the awardee will be notified to complete the Direct Deposit Form (SF-1199) for banking set-up. The form and instructions may be downloaded from the [PMS website](#) within the “Grant Recipient / Banking – Add/Update” menu.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities: All applicants must complete this information. Applicants that expend any funds for lobbying activities are to provide the detailed information requested on the form, “Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL). Applicants that do not expend any funds for lobbying activities are to enter “N/A” in the text boxes for Item 10 (“a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant” and “b. Individuals Performing Services”).





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Financial Management and Systems of Internal Control

If selected for funding, the recipient must:

- Establish and maintain effective internal controls over the federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the recipient is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award.
- Comply with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.
- Evaluate and monitor the recipient's compliance with statute, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.
- Take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified, including noncompliance identified in audit findings.
- Take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identified information and other information the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive or the recipient considers sensitive consistent with applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.
- Keep complete records on the disposition of funds, and records related to the grant must be retained for 3 years.





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Reporting

- Performance Reports: The awardee will be required to provide ONDCP with quarterly progress reports on any required performance areas using the GrantSolutions system. See [2 C.F.R. § 200.301](#).
- Financial Reports: The awardee will be required to provide ONDCP with quarterly Federal Financial Reports (FFR) within 30-days at the close of each quarter, and 90-days at the end of the period of performance using the HHS-PMS system.





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Contacts and Support

Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. You can call 1-800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov. Hold on to your ticket number.

SAM.gov

If you need help, you can live chat with the [Federal Service Desk](#).

Agency Contact

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, applicants may contact Mr. Alex Barriger, Senior Advisor for Emerging Threats, ONDCP, by telephone at 202-881-8997 or by email at Alex.M.Barriger@ondcp.eop.gov.

