# Preventing and reducing opioid use disorder (PROUD) Program application

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| I. Applicant Information | |
| Organization Name: | Click or tap here to enter text |
| Employer Identification Number (EIN): | Click or tap here to enter text |
| State of Nevada Vendor ID # (if applicable): | Click or tap here to enter text |
| Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): | Click or tap here to enter text |
| Primary Contact: | Click or tap here to enter text |
| Project Title: | Click or tap here to enter text |
| Email Address: | Click or tap here to enter text |
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| II. Funding Opportunity Overview | |
| Funding Agency: | This grant opportunity is made possible by a Fund for Resilient Nevada (FRN) award from the State of Nevada. The PROUD program is administered by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS). |
| **Award Period:** | The project period will run from November 1st 2025 through June 30th 2026, with the opportunity to renew for an additional year running July 1st 2026 - June 30th 2027. Updated Scope of Work will need to be resubmitted annually for each year of the project. |
| **Budget Information:** | While the project period can extend through June 30, 2027, your initial budget should account for expenses from the start of your project through June 30, 2026. Budgets will need to be resubmitted annually for each subsequent year of the project. |
| **Background:** | The PROUD Program for veterans is an initiative led by NDVS. PROUD aims to address the opioid crisis by providing funding to support prevention, treatment, recovery and harm reduction efforts related to opioid use disorder (OUD) and opioid-related overdoses for Nevada veterans and their families.  This opportunity launched in response to the growing opioid epidemic, which has had devastating effects on communities across the United States. NDVS seeks to expand access to evidence-based treatment, improve the quality of care for individuals with OUD and enhance efforts to prevent opioid misuse and overdose.  NDVS is requesting applications from community stakeholders to support the state’s efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and save lives affected by OUD. |

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| III. Letter of Interest | |
| Entities interested in applying for funding are asked to submit a short Letter of Interest (LOI) to the Nevada Department of Veterans Services before submitting the full application. The LOI will help the Nevada Department of Veterans Services to anticipate application volume and provide tailored guidance to potential applicants. The LOI should include:   * Name of Organization * Contact Information * Identify which area(s) of focus your project addresses: Prevention, Treatment, Recovery, and/or Harm Reduction * Project Period Dates * Estimated Funding Request for Year 1 of the Project | |
| **Submission Deadline for LOI:**: | August 25th 2025 at 3pm |
| **LOI Submission Method:** | Via email to [PROUD@veterans.nv.gov](mailto:PROUD@veterans.nv.gov) |

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| IV. Project Overview | |
| Project Summary: | Provide a summary of your project, including the main objectives, target population, and key activities. (200-300 words) |
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| **Project Period Start and End Date:** | November 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 |

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| V. Project Description | |
| Statement of Need: | Include specific data and evidence that demonstrate the need for your project, focusing on health disparities and the demographic characteristics of the population(s) of focus. (500-700 words). |
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| **Project Goals and Objectives:** | Please use Scope of Work template provided to list the specific goals and objectives of the project using the SMART framework (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound) (300-500 words) [Templates Here](https://veterans.nv.gov/preventing-and-reducing-opioid-use-disorder-proud/) |
| *Please upload as attachment using provided template* |
| **Proposed Activities:** | Applicants may propose a range of activities related to addressing the opioid crisis by expanding access to evidence-based treatments, enhancing overdose prevention strategies, strengthening harm reduction efforts, and supporting long-term recovery. Please see “Funding Priorities” in the PROUD RFA announcement or more information. (500-700 words) |
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| **Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs)** | Describe the evidence-based practices that will be used in your project. If applicable, explain any modifications to EBPs and justify the need for such modifications. (300-500 words)  Resource: [SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center](https://www.samhsa.gov/resource-search/ebp)  This resource center provides comprehensive guides on EBPs specifically focused on addressing opioid use, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, and prevention. Applicants are encouraged to consult these guides to ensure their proposed activities align with the latest research and best practices in the field. |
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| **Target Population:** | Specify the primary and secondary populations that your project will serve, including any of the following priority populations listed under “Funding Priorities” in the PROUD RFA announcement for more information |
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| **Project Timeline:** | Provide a detailed timeline for your project, including key milestones and deliverables. (300-500 words) |
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| ***VI. Organizational Capacity*** | |
| Organization Description: | Provide an overview of your organization, including its history, mission, and experience in addressing the opioid crisis, or similar public and behavioral health issues. (250-400 words) |
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| **Staffing and Partnerships:** | Describe the key staff who will be involved in the project, their qualifications, and their roles. Include information on any partnerships and how these relationships will enhance project outcomes. (300-500 words) |
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| **Previous Experience:** | Highlight previous projects similar in scope and complexity to the proposed project. Include any successes and lessons learned. Please see “Experience Requirement” under “Eligibility” section PROUD RFA announcement for more information. (300-500 words) |
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| **Payer Source Evaluation** | Please provide what pay sources you are enrolled in and eligible to bill through. Please describe your process for evaluating potential pay options for patients. |
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| **Eligibility Requirements:** | NDVS requires that each mental health/substance use disorder prevention, treatment, recovery support and/or harm reduction organization must have at least two years of experience providing relevant services as of September 1, 2025. Each applicant for the PROUD program must also possess a site certification for Behavioral Health Certifications for Excellence in Nevada (BHCEN), previously known as [SAPTA/SUPTRS](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/ClinicalSAPTA/dta/Providers/SAPTAProviders/).  OR  Ability to provide BHCEN/SAPTA certification within 6 months of receiving award  OR  Provide the level of program accreditation that meets or exceeds BHCEN/SAPTA certification standards (ex: hospital organization - Joint Commission). Programs that are Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)- accredited must still obtain BHCEN/SAPTA certification.  This is in alignment with FRN requirements through [NRS 458](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-458.html) and [NAC 458](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/NAC-458.html).  Please provide proof of your eligibility in box below or as an attachment. |
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| ***VII. Budget and Budget Justification*** | |
| **Budget Summary:** | Complete the NDVS Budget Template (Available on the [PROUD Program Page](https://veterans.nv.gov/preventing-and-reducing-opioid-use-disorder-proud/)) outlining the major categories of expenses (e.g., Personnel, Supplies, Services, Other Direct Costs, Etc). The budget should account only for expenses from the start of the project through June 30, 2026. Budgets will need to be resubmitted annually for each subsequent year of the project (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).  **\*\*Note:** The use of FRN grant funds to supplant existing state or local funds is strictly prohibited. **Supplanting** refers to the practice of using federal funds to replace state, local, or institutional funds that would otherwise have been spent on the same purpose. For example:  **Example 1:** If your organization currently funds a substance use counseling program with local or state funds and then shifts to using FRN grant funds to cover those same program costs without maintaining the original funding, this would be considered supplanting. Instead, FRN funds should be used to expand the program, such as increasing the number of counseling sessions, extending services to new populations, or adding new treatment modalities.  **Example 2 (Staff Time/Level of Effort):** Suppose your organization has a staff member who is already dedicated to providing opioid treatment services, funded by state or local resources. If you then use FRN funds to cover the salary of this staff member without increasing their level of effort, responsibilities, or the scope of services provided, this would be considered supplanting. To avoid supplanting, FRN funds should be used to hire additional staff or increase the current staff member’s hours, allowing them to take on new tasks, serve more clients, or expand services in a meaningful way.  The key principle is that FRN grant funds should **supplement** existing programs or services, thereby expanding their scope, reach, or effectiveness, rather than replacing the funds that are already allocated for those purposes. Any shifts in funding must demonstrate that PROUD funds are being used to add value, not simply to free up state or local resources for other uses. |
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| ***VIII. Data Collection and Performance Measurement*** | |
| **Data Collection Plan:** | Describe the methods and tools that will be used to collect data on project activities and outcomes. Include information on how data will be used to monitor progress and make adjustments as needed. (250-400 words) |
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| **Performance Measurement:** | Detail performance metrics that will be used to evaluate the success of the project. Explain how these metrics align with the project’s goals and objectives. (250-400 words) |
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| **Quality Improvement:** | Outline the processes that will be in place to ensure continuous quality improvement throughout the project. (200-350 words) |
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| ***IX. Sustainability Plan*** | |
| **Sustainability Strategy:** | Describe your plan for sustaining the project’s activities and impacts beyond the grant period. Include potential funding sources, community partnerships, and capacity-building efforts. (250-400 words) |
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| ***X. Required Attachments*** | |
| Completed Application  Budget Template  SOW Template  BHCEN Certification (proof of eligibility) | Resumes of Key Personnel  Organizational Chart  Letters of Support from Partners |

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| ***XI. Submission Information*** | |
| **Submission Deadline:** | September 19th 2025 at 3pm |
| **Submission Method:** | Applications must be submitted via email to [PROUD@veterans.nv.gov](mailto:PROUD@veterans.nv.gov)  Applications must use the naming convention “**(APPLICANT NAME) PROUD Application**” in the email subject line.  Late applications are not guaranteed funding during this budget period. However, they may be considered for inclusion in an application pool for potential funding opportunities later, subject to the availability of funds and the priorities of the program. |
| **Contact Information:** | For any questions regarding this application, please contact: PROUD staff at [PROUD@veterans.nv.gov](mailto:PROUD@veterans.nv.gov) |

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| ***XII. Scoring Rubric*** | |
| **Project Overview (10 points)** | |
| **Project Summary**  (10 points) | * **Clarity and Conciseness (3 points):** Is the project summary clear, concise, and well-articulated? Does it include the main objectives, target population, and key activities? * **Alignment with FRN goals (7 points):** Does the project align with the overall goals of the FRN program, particularly in addressing opioid use disorders? |
| **Project Description (45 Points)** | |
| **Statement of Need**  (10 points) | * **Data-Driven Justification (7 points):** Does the statement of need effectively use data and evidence to demonstrate the urgency and significance of the problem? Is there a clear focus on health disparities and demographic characteristics of the population of focus? * **Relevance to Priority Populations (3 points):** Does the application focus on one or more of the priority populations outlined in the RFA (e.g., Veterans, LGBTQI+, BIPOC, rural communities, etc.)? |
| **Project Goals and Objectives**  (15 points) | * **SMART Criteria (15 points):** Are the project goals and objectives Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound? Are they directly related to addressing the needs identified? |
| **Proposed Activities including EBPs**  (16 points) | * **Comprehensiveness and Relevance (8 points):** Are the proposed activities comprehensive and relevant to the needs identified? Do they effectively address the opioid crisis? * **Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) (8 points):** Does the project propose the use of evidence-based practices? Are any modifications to these practices well-justified? |
| **Target Population**  (2 points) | * **Target Population (2 points):** Does this project serve the primary population? Are any secondary populations also addressed? |
| **Project Timeline**  (2 points) | * **Timeline (2 points):** Does this project provide a detailed timeline for your project? Does it include key milestones and deliverables. |
| **Organizational Capacity (10 points)** | |
| **Description, Experience, and Eligibility**  (10 points) | * **Previous Experience and Expertise (5 points):** Does the organization have a strong history and experience in addressing similar public and behavioral health issues, particularly related to opioid use disorders? Does the organization have at least two years of experience providing relevant services? * **Staffing and Partnerships (3 points):** Are key staff well-qualified? Does the application include meaningful partnerships that enhance the likelihood of project success? * **Funding Stream Assessment (2 points):** Does the proposed project have a plan in place for assessing different funding streams and determining eligibility levels of PROUD clients. * **Eligibility Requirements (Not Scored):** Did the applicant provide proof of certification sufficient to meet FRN requirements. |
| **Budget (15 points)** | |
| **Budget and Budget Justification**  (15 points) | * **Budget Alignment (15 points):** Is the budget reasonable and well-aligned with the proposed activities and objectives? Does it avoid supplanting existing funds? |
| **Data Collection (15 points)** | |
| **Data Collection Plan and Performance Measurement**  (15 points) | * **Data Collection Plan (10 points):** Is there a clear and feasible plan for data collection? Are the methods and tools appropriate for monitoring project activities and outcomes? * **Performance Metrics (5 points):** Are the performance metrics well-defined and aligned with the project’s goals and objectives? Is there a process for continuous quality improvement? |
| **Sustainability Plan (5 points)** | |
| **Sustainability Strategy**  (5 points) | * **Sustainability Strategy (5 points):** Does the applicant provide a realistic and well-thought-out plan for sustaining the project’s activities and impacts beyond the grant period? Are potential funding sources and community partnerships identified? |
| **Total: 100 points** | |
| **Scoring Notes:** | * **Bonus Points (5 points):** Applications that address primary and secondary activities as well as multiple priority populations can earn up to 5 bonus points. |
| *This rubric ensures that applications are evaluated based on their alignment with the SOR program's goals, the quality of the proposed interventions, organizational capacity, and the likelihood of sustaining the project’s impact over time.* | |