

OACGP – Frequently Asked Questions

About the Program

What is the Opioid Abatement Community Grants Program (OACGP)?

OACGP is a statewide funding program administered by Granite United Way that invests opioid settlement funds into prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, and community capacity initiatives across New Hampshire. The program supports both short-term, responsive projects and longer-term, systems-level efforts.

Eligibility & Who Can Apply

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit (501c3) or charitable organization registered and in good standing with the New Hampshire Secretary of State and the New Hampshire Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit (CTU).
- New Hampshire state agency, board, or commission.
- Governmental entities including school districts, towns, cities, and counties within the state of New Hampshire.

Applicants must propose work that aligns with OACGP priorities and addresses related needs through prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, or community capacity building.

Are there organizations that are not eligible?

Yes. The following organizations and entities are not eligible to apply:

- Organizations that are not legally able to receive or manage grant funds.
- Organizations whose work does not align with the program's purpose or statutory intent.
- Organizations that are not registered with the New Hampshire Secretary of State and not authorized to solicit charitable funds in New Hampshire, as required by state law.
- Out-of-state nonprofit organizations that serve New Hampshire residents but are not registered and authorized to operate and solicit charitable funds in New Hampshire.
- Organizations that are not based in New Hampshire or that do not primarily serve New Hampshire communities.

Applicants must be legally established, in good standing, authorized to solicit charitable funds in New Hampshire, and based in and serving New Hampshire in order to be eligible for OACGP funding.

Grant Types & Application Cycles

What types of grants does OACGP offer?

OACGP currently offers two primary grant types:

1. Responsive Grants – short-term, project-based funding to address emerging or immediate needs.
2. Multiyear Project Grants – longer-term investments (typically two years) to support larger-scale, sustainable initiatives.

How often are applications open?

- Responsive Grants are offered in 4 cycles throughout the year.
- Multiyear Project Grants are offered through scheduled calls for proposals.

Each cycle has its own published deadline and application materials.

Can an organization apply for more than one grant?

Yes.

Organizations may:

- Apply for multiple grant types (for example, a Responsive Grant and a Multiyear Grant), and/or
- Apply in multiple cycles,

as long as:

- Each proposal addresses a distinct project or phase of work, and
- The organization has the capacity to manage multiple awards if funded.

Receiving one grant does not disqualify an organization from applying for or receiving another.

What can grant funds be used for?

Allowable costs depend on the type of grant.

Responsive Grants

Responsive Grants are intended to support discrete, short-term projects and activities. They may not be used for ongoing salaries, wages, or general operating expenses.

Responsive Grant funds may be used for:

- Program supplies and materials
- Training, outreach, or community engagement activities
- Evaluation, data collection, or learning activities
- Consultant or professional services tied to the project
- One-time or time-limited costs directly related to the proposed work

Responsive Grants may not be used for:

- Staff salaries or wages
- Rent, utilities, or other ongoing operational expenses
- General organizational overhead or unrestricted support

Multiyear Project Grants

Multiyear Project Grants support longer-term initiatives and allow for a broader range of project-related expenses.

Multiyear Project Grant funds may be used for:

- Staff time or consultant support directly attributable to the project
- Program supplies and materials
- Rent, utilities, or operational costs that are directly and proportionally attributable to the project
- Training, outreach, evaluation, or partnership activities

Multiyear Project Grants are not general operating support and may not be used to broadly underwrite an organization's ongoing operations. However, project-related operational or infrastructure costs are allowable when they are clearly tied to and necessary for the approved work.

What are financial and reporting expectations?

Funded organizations are expected to:

- Use funds only for approved purposes
- Submit periodic program and financial reports
- Participate in learning, evaluation, or coordination activities when requested
- Maintain appropriate documentation for audit and compliance purposes

Specific reporting schedules and requirements vary by grant type and are provided at the time of award.

Roles of Granite United Way and New Hampshire Charitable Foundation

What is Granite United Way's role?

Granite United Way (GUW):

- Leads and oversees the overall OACGP program

- Manages Responsive Grant applications, awards, and reporting
- Provides technical assistance and applicant support
- Coordinates with partners, the Community Advisory Team, and state stakeholders
- Issues payments for all OACGP grants

G UW is the primary administrator and program lead for OACGP.

What is the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's role?

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) partners with G UW to:

- Host and manage the application and reporting platform for Multiyear Project Grants (GrantSource)
- Support the review and monitoring process for Multiyear awards
- Provide applicant assistance specific to the multiyear application process

Who to Contact

Who should I contact for general questions or Responsive Grants?

Contact Granite United Way for:

- General OACGP questions
- Eligibility or alignment questions
- Responsive Grant inquiries
- Technical assistance and program support

Contact G UW at: ocgp@graniteuw.org

Who should I contact for Multiyear Project Grants?

Contact New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for:

- Multiyear Project Grant application process
- GrantSource technical issues
- Multiyear reporting questions

Contact Lisa Vasquez-Castro at lv@nhcf.org

Additional Support

Is technical assistance available?

Yes. G UW offers technical assistance, information sessions, and 1:1 support to help applicants understand program priorities and prepare strong proposals. Applicants are encouraged to reach out early with questions.

Where can I find current opportunities and deadlines?

All open funding opportunities, deadlines, and application links are posted on the Granite United Way and New Hampshire Charitable Foundation websites and shared through partner communications.

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