

Development District Association of Appalachia

BIDDERS' CALL:

**BUILDING A SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY-TO-WORK ECOSYSTEM IN THE
APPALACHIAN REGION**

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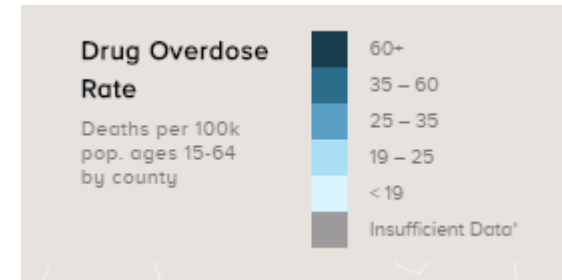
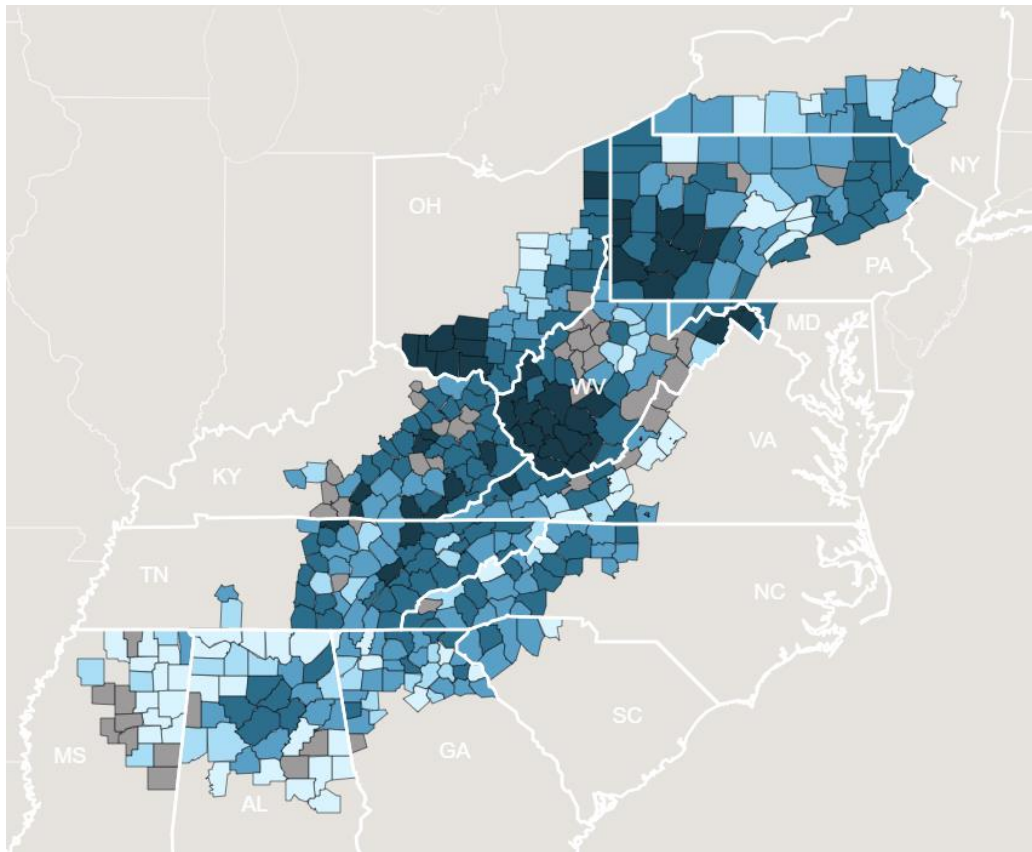
About DDAA

- Membership organization of the 73 Local Development Districts (LDD) serving the 420 counties of the Appalachia Region.
- DDAA works to strengthen LDDs and their member governments and to provide leadership to support the Appalachian Regional Commission federal-state-local partnership.



Substance Use Disorder in Appalachia

Drug Overdose Deaths in Appalachia



Source: NORC at the University of Chicago
<https://overdosemappingtool.norc.org/>

Purpose



Support individuals in recovery from substance use disorder in Appalachia by connecting them with employment opportunities



Support businesses by leveraging unique position of Local Development Districts to connect employers with workers in proven recovery programs



Help regions develop recovery-to-work ecosystems that bring together multiple stakeholders to help those in recovery attain and sustain employment



Identify a role for Local Development Districts in helping address the substance use crisis

What is a Recovery- to-Work Ecosystem?



Regional organizations and employers working together (healthcare, workforce, courts, etc) to help individuals in recovery to succeed in the labor market and help companies find and support those individuals successfully



Leaders for these efforts can come from a variety of sources, and it often requires a team effort to provide the services and opportunities needed to move through recovery into employment

What is a Cohort Learning Academy?



Activities/Benefits



Multi-region peer learning



Facilitated in-state strategic planning meetings



Ongoing facilitation and technical support



Regular team leader information sharing



Travel support for home team members



Insights on potential funding opportunities



Visibility with the Appalachian Regional Commission

Criteria: Initiative

Project champions participating on a “core team”

Documented local need

Current initiative(s) to coordinate support for recovery into employment

Understanding of how to leverage external support to further the initiative(s)

Demonstrated progress in developing a regional recovery-to-work ecosystem

Assessment of current progress and needs

Demonstrated local leadership support of recovery-to-work efforts

Criteria: Preferred Project Types



Encouraging employer outreach and participation in recovery employment programs



Scoping, organizing, and executing a defined recovery-to-work program



Fostering collaboration among stakeholders



Identifying sustainability strategies including funding support and lasting partnerships

Criteria: Team

1. Core team, which will consist of up to four members who have the most direct involvement in the Cohort Learning Academy including a team lead and LDD representative
2. Home team, consisting of roughly seven to ten members with leaders and policy makers from relevant agencies, organizations and stakeholder groups (including employers)

All team members should be willing to commit to working together through the nine-month Academy timeframe from February to November 2020.

Eligibility

- Eligible applicants may include any government, academic, nonprofit, or private organization that is seeking to help lead a multi-organizational effort in their region
- All proposals must be sponsored by a Local Development District and include that LDD as part of the team
- Up to four regions will be selected from the eligible applicants.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to Brendan Buff (703-522-4980 ext. 1020 / bbuff@crec.net).

Proposal Contents



Letter of application that articulates why the region is interested in participating in the Cohort Learning Academy and what it expects to gain from the process



A narrative of 5 pages or less that describes the history of the region's work to address the substance use disorder crisis and addresses the assessment



List of confirmed core and home team members

Key Dates to Remember



PROPOSALS DUE:
JANUARY 15, 2020 6:00 PM EST



SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT:
JANUARY 31, 2020



**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE
(TENTATIVE):**
FEBRUARY 1, 2020 – OCTOBER 31, 2020

Questions?

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