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### Opioid Abatement Notice of Funding Availability

#### Question and Answers

**Q1.** When reviewing the NOFA, I noticed a detail that I would like clarified regarding Bonus Points.

On page 4, the NOFA says the "projects that include a mobile or community-based approach will receive up to 5 bonus points on their application."

On page 11, the chart says that "provides a Mobile Unit" has a total of 20 bonus points possible.

Can you please clarify what the possible bonus points are (up to 5, or up to 20), and if including a community-based service at a community service provider (but not a Mobile Unit) still qualifies the application for bonus points?

**ANSWER** - Great question! We will use the actual scoring matrix that includes 20 points for a mobile unit. These points will be awarded to applicants that can bring their services to the citizens vs the citizens having to find a way to make it to them.

#### Application Bonus Points

	Category	Total Points Possible	Score
1.	Partners with public or private organizations/agencies that provide similar services.	20	
2.	Other funding match provided.	20	
3.	Program is "Specific and Measurable".	20	
4.	Provides Free Services to Escambia County	20	
5.	Provides a Mobile Unit	20	
	<b>TOTAL BONUS POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>	

**Q2.** Priority 2: Community-Based Approach - If we include our school and community drug education presentations in the grant, would this be considered a *community-based approach* since we travel directly to schools and other venues to deliver these services?

**ANSWER** – Absolutely

**Q3.** Priority 3: Strategic Partnerships - While the focus under this priority appears to center on adult populations, particularly healthcare and housing, our organization is entering into a formal partnership with the Escambia County School District. Through this MOU, we will provide direct intervention and prevention services to first-time drug offenders within the school system. Would this partnership meet the criteria to be considered a *strategic partnership* under this priority area?

**ANSWER** – Yes, a big part of this initiative is prevention and education.

**Q4.** #4 – Project Description - Our project centers on reducing or eliminating expulsions for first-time drug offenses through intervention, education, and prevention services, rather than focusing on housing. We will be coordinating with the ECPS. Would this type of focus still be eligible under this funding opportunity?

**ANSWER** – Yes, a big part of this initiative is prevention and education.

**Q5.** #5 - Quality of Service Questionnaire – Question 2 - This question asks applicants to explain how they participate in the Homeless Continuum of Care (HCoC). Our organization is not currently involved with HCoC. Would this impact our eligibility or overall scoring? Additionally, could our existing collaboration with the NWF SafePath Network be included in this section?

**ANSWER** – Yes, partnership with NWF SafePath could be included in this section. If you could also explain why, you do not participate in the Homeless Continuum of Care, that would be helpful. Or if you are willing to participate.

**Q6.** Could you please give insight into the following question. If an organization is awarded funding from the NOFA Opioid Abatement Strategy when would that contract and reimbursement begin?

**ANSWER** – This is an estimated timeline as things can always come up that may change this!

- Notice of Advancement to the Opioid Abatement Board – 10/10/2025
- Opioid Abatement Board Meeting and Vote – Sometime in October
- Board of County Commissioners Meeting and Vote – November 6<sup>th</sup>

Assuming all flows well we would hope for a Notice to Proceed to be issued sometime between December 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.