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## INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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59	Grant Funding Available for NH Project FIRST			August 28, 2019
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### NH Project FIRST Naloxone Leave-Behind Initiative

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

Applications are currently being accepted for grant funding through the NH Project FIRST (First responders Initiating Recovery, Support, and Treatment) Naloxone Leave Behind initiative.

#### What is NH Project FIRST?

NH Project FIRST is a voluntary program intended to reduce the stress the opioid epidemic has placed on systems and first responders. The program aims to reduce opioid overdoses and opioid overdose fatalities, increase the number of first responders licensed to carry and administer naloxone, and connect at-risk individuals to treatment services.

#### Naloxone Leave-Behind Initiative

The Naloxone Leave Behind initiative is a NH Project FIRST activity that aims to accomplish two goals. The first is to equip first responders with a device to reverse an overdose. The second is to allow first responders to provide at-risk individuals & their support systems with a device to reverse an opioid overdose and provide them with resources to help connect individuals to treatment and other services.

The leave-behind initiative will assist first responders in:

- Providing on scene lifesaving intervention to individuals during an overdose.
- Distributing emergency opioid overdose kits containing naloxone, gloves, pocket mask, and information on the Good Samaritan Law.
- Sharing information on treatment, recovery, and services with interested at-risk individuals & their support systems to assist them in accessing resources.

Communities can work with Division staff to assist with activity planning and funding use.

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## II. Award Information

**Funding Mechanism:** Cooperative Agreement (Sub-Award).

**Anticipated Total Available Funding:** \$30,000 (FFY20)

**Estimated Number of Individual Awards:** 20

**Estimated Award Amount:** Up to \$1500

**Period of Performance:** September 30, 2019 to September 29, 2020

**Cost Sharing and Match Requirements:** No cost sharing or match requirements exist for this grant during this period of performance.

**Application Deadline:** Open application period depending upon availability of funds.

**Title:** First Responders - Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement

**Short Title:** FR - CARA

**Federal Funding Opportunity Number:** SP-17-005

**Catalog of Federal Opportunity Announcement (CFDA) Number:** 93.243

**NOTE:** The Division will provide naloxone kits to departments to assist in this program. The quantity of naloxone kits distributed to agencies is determined by the need of the community and approved by NH Project FIRST staff.

**NH Project FIRST is grant funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) First Responder Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (FR-CARA) #SP080286. This program is 100% federally funded.**

**Funding to continue NH Project FIRST initiatives is contingent on the availability of federal funding of the SAMHSA FR-CARA grant.**

## III. Eligibility Information

Eligibility is open to licensed NH first responder agencies in all local and state governmental entities in rural communities which includes, but is not limited to, state agencies and branches, municipal corporations, counties, cities, boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships. Non-governmental organizations should contact the program staff to determine eligibility.

Funding for this NH Project FIRST initiative is awarded on a first come first serve basis for the duration of the period of performance. The grant funding is awarded for use during the period of performance only and does not cover multiple years. Nothing in this document guarantees a grant continuation award.

**Interested applicants should visit the NH Project FIRST website at <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/NHProjectFirst.html> to review complete eligibility criteria and application process.**

**Applicants are encouraged to contact the NH Project FIRST office at the number below with any questions or concerns.**

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#### IV. Application Process & Review Criteria

Applicants will be required to submit a NH Project FIRST application, grant proposal and corresponding budget. The grant proposal outline will be provided with the application upon request. Applicants should follow application instructions carefully as incomplete applications may be delayed and risk consideration for approval.

Each application will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. The Division director will have final determination for approval with input from NH Project FIRST advisory board.

All approvals will be based on the following indicators:

1. The applicant clearly defines a gap in community needs and proposes a plan to address the gap under the provisions of the FR-CARA grant.
2. The applicant's budget is clearly defined. (If Applicable)
3. All costs associated with the program are reasonable, allowable, and necessary for the implementation of the program.

#### V. Data Collection and Performance Measurement

All subrecipients are required to collect and report certain data under the federal requirements for SAMHSA.

Key performance measures that grantees are asked to report on include:

1. The number of first responders equipped with a drug or device used for the treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose.
2. The number of opioid overdoses reversed by first responders using grant funded kits by first responders
3. The number of leave-behind kits distributed to at-risk individuals & their support systems.
4. The number of at-risk individuals & their support systems who received information about treatment and other services.

In addition, subrecipients are asked work with the Division to help provide the following:

1. The number of at-risk individuals who had an opioid overdose reversed using a leave behind kit that was issued by a first responder.
2. The number of at-risk individuals who successfully connected to treatment.

#### VI. Agency Contacts

NH first responder agencies interested in NH Project FIRST are encouraged to contact the SAMHSA FR-CARA Program office at **603.223.4374** or [NHProjectFirst@dos.nh.gov](mailto:NHProjectFirst@dos.nh.gov) for additional information.

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