**NOTICE OF FUNDING**

The following Notice of Funding is being issued for **Phase II** of **Virginia’s Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) program**. The intent of this funding is to support recommendations established during Phase I of Virginia’s CARA Grant. During the first Phase of the CARA grant program, a Statewide Plan was developed to improve cross systems collaboration between criminal justice and behavioral health stakeholders and a statewide best practice conference was held to provide information on best practice models to better respond to the needs of individuals with opioid use disorder who are involved in the criminal justice system. During Phase II of the grant, **up to $750,000** in grant funding will be available to support the development and sustainability of best practice models to engage individuals in treatment and recovery. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) is issuing this **Notice of Funding** for localities interested in submitting a proposal.

The anticipated timeline for the proposal and funding process is as follows:

July 17, 2019: Notice of funding is issued

August 8, 2019: Technical assistance phone conferences for applicants (1 p.m.)

August 9, 2019: Technical assistance phone conference for applicants (10 a.m.)

September 3, 2019: Application deadline (5:00 p.m.)

November 1, 2019: Funds are made available

Applications will be accepted on behalf of agencies who demonstrate commitment to the development and sustainability of best practice models to engage individuals in treatment and recovery and provide evidence of mental health/criminal justice collaboration; participation of key leadership; presence of program(s) and provisions that support treatment and recovery; utilization of evidence based or best practices; availability/use of additional financial resources/supports; and a history of and commitment to quality data collection and reporting.

To register to attend a technical assistance call, click [HERE](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CARA_TA) OR cut and paste the following link into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CARA_TA>

**What are the components of the Statewide Plan?**

During the Fall of 2018, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) partnered with the Department of Social Services (DSS) to convene regional groups of criminal justice and behavioral health stakeholders to review local criminal justice and behavioral health systems to identify gaps and opportunities for justice-involved persons with opioid use disorders. Priority areas were identified, compiled and analyzed and used to generate a statewide implementation plan. Workshops were held in the Piedmont Region (Roanoke), the Southwest Region (Bristol), the Eastern Region (Norfolk), the Central Region (Richmond) and the Northern Region (Warrenton). Workshop participants represented a cross section of local government agencies, behavioral health/substance use treatment providers, community services providers, criminal justice, courts, consumer advocates, and others.

Three general themes emerged from the regional workshops:

1. There is an *immediate need* for ***evidenced based treatment options*** for adults and juveniles with opioid use disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system;
2. There is an immediate need for ***more qualified staff*** to provide direct services to those in need of treatment in the criminal justice system; and
3. There is an immediate need for ***additional funding to support treatment and recovery services*** and supports for individuals who are indigent and uninsured.

Because of the proliferation of resources across the Commonwealth targeting Intercepts 0, 1 & 2 (see attached *CARA Phase I Final Report*), **Phase II CARA funding** will focus on programs and services targeting Intercepts 3, 4 & 5 (see table below):

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| **Criminal Justice Intercept** | **Example Evidence Based Approaches** |
| Intercept 0 Prevention/Treatment/Regulation | *Opioid Prevention Curriculum for Schools*  *Opioid Education for Law Enforcement* |
| Intercept 1  Law Enforcement/Emergency Services | *Naloxone for Police Departments and First Responders*  *Specialized Police Based Programs* |
| Intercept 2  Post-Arrest: Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearing | *Use of Validated Screening Instruments for SUD* |
| Intercept 3  Post Initial Hearings: Jails/Prison, Courts, Forensic Evaluation and Forensic Commitments | *Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)*  *Jail Based Treatment and Services*  *Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)* |
| Intercept 4  Re-Entry From Jails/State Prison, Forensic Hospitalization | *Release Planning*  *Certified Peer Recovery Specialists*  *Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)* |
| Intercept 5  Community Corrections and Community Support | *Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)*  *Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)* |

**COMPONENTS OF THE PROPOSAL**

Proposals should be submitted by the Community Services Board (CSB) working in partnership with a Jail, probation agency, or other affiliated re-entry/recovery program. The Department intends to award up to $750,000 to support programs and services targeting Intercepts 3, 4 & 5 with focus on jail based treatment, re-entry planning, and community based treatment for opioid use disorders. Proposals that utilize Evidenced Based Practices will receive priority. Regional proposals submitted through a single lead CSB on behalf of multiple CSBs will also be considered. Individual awards will vary dependent upon actual amounts requested and total number of sites selected. Factors to be considered in making awards will include the following categories:

* Behavioral health and criminal justice collaboration and establishment of a workgroup,
* Process for early identification, assessment, linkage to treatments, services and supports and other programmatic activity,
* Effective use of resources,
* Comprehensive plan for data collection and reporting.

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. APPLICATION DEADLINE:

* All proposals must be submitted to the Department no later than Tuesday September 3rd, 2019 (5:00pm)

2. LENGTH AND FORMAT:

* Please utilize Arial 12 font or equivalent and minimum one inch margins
* Submission Letter (one page)
* Cover Page (one page)
* Narrative (*maximum* 3 pages)
* Budget Narrative (*maximum* 2 pages)
* Appendices (No limit, but may not be utilized to expand narrative)

3. CONTENT:

A. Submission letter or memorandum on CSB letterhead

B. Cover Page (a template has been provided for you)

* + 1. Name, address, contact information and signature of CSB Executive Director
    2. Name, address, contact information of CSB fiscal representative
    3. Names, address, contact information for all project partners
    4. Statement of intent to abide by the conditions of the project contract if applicant is successful

C. Narrative

* Please provide a brief narrative to the following:
  + Does the CSB currently provide opioid treatment or recovery support services to inmates in the jail or on probation? Please describe.
  + Has the CSB received grant funds (state or federal) relating to this population and what were the outcomes?
  + Provide a brief description of jail/probation/CSB collaborations, and any other history of CJ/BH collaboration.
  + Please provide a plan for the CSB to staff the positions and an estimate for how long that would take.
* Describe known efforts and activities currently taking place to support individuals with opioid use disorder involved in the criminal justice system and how the program/position(s) can support/enhance those efforts.
* Describe the key behavioral health and criminal justice partners and stakeholders and how they will remain involved ensuring successful implementation and program sustainability.
* Provide a plan for the administration of the following:
  + Process for identification and referral of participants to participate;
  + Screening(s), treatments, and services utilized, including best or evidence based practices;
  + Approximate number of individuals served
  + Describe data collection processes and outcomes measures in place or planned and results/outcomes achieved

D. Budget Narrative

* Describe amounts allocated for personnel and key activities, as well as additional funding and resources to be utilized to support forensic discharge planning

E. Appendices

1. Itemized budget
2. Letters of support
3. Signed or agreed upon MOU’s (between the Jail, probation, the CSB, and other essential entities

4. FUNDS AVAILABLE:

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5. CRITERIA:

Funding will be awarded to proposals which document or demonstrate effectiveness in four key areas:

A. Collaboration

B. Programmatic Activity

C. Effective Use of Resources

D. Evaluation, Data Collection and Outcomes Measures

6. SUBMISSION:

Submit e-mail applications to Ms. Jana Braswell, Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice Consultant at [jana.braswell@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:jana.braswell@dbhds.virginia.gov) Please do NOT submit paper copies.

For questions or technical assistance with the proposal process, there will be two conference calls scheduled for all interested applicants. The first call will be held on August 8, 2019 at 1 p.m. and the second will be held on August 9, 2019 at 10 a.m. The deadline for proposals is September 32019.