

# **Ohio's SPF Rx Community Prevention Project**

## **Request for Funding Proposal** **Deadline to Apply: COB February 11, 2026**

### **Background and Intent**

Enhance existing infrastructure to support prescription drug misuse prevention efforts and implement prevention activities by:

1. Raising awareness about the dangers of sharing medications.
2. Working with pharmaceutical and medical communities on the risk of overprescribing to young adults.
3. Bringing prescription drug abuse prevention activities and education to schools, communities, parents, prescribers, and their patients.
4. Providing targeted communities funding and support to implement identified prevention activities.

Ohio's SPF Rx Initiative is focused on helping communities use evidence-based strategies to create environmental changes that promote healthy decision-making. These environmental changes have been proven to reduce statewide substance use indicators and adverse consequence, therefore, impacting the prescription drug epidemic in Ohio.

### **Funding Opportunity**

The goal of this project is to implement targeted activities that address prescription drug misuse and promote safe medication storage disposal within the target populations of youth, young adults, parents, and older adults. This opportunity will provide up to \$10,000 for the implementation of approved strategies and activities. Additionally, grantees will be provided access to technical assistance and training opportunities, as needed.

### **Funding, Fiscal Agent, and Time Frame**

Applicants may apply for and receive up to \$10,000 for this one-time funding opportunity. Organizations applying must serve as their own fiscal agent. Below is the timeline for this grant.

- Proposals are due on 2/11/2026.
- Acceptances will be sent out on 2/20/2026.
- Grantees will have from March 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026 to spend all funds and complete all required activities and deliverables.

## **Eligible Applicants**

Organizations eligible to apply are those currently providing primary prevention services and activities, focused on substance misuse prevention, to local individuals and/ or communities. Organizations must be able to serve as their own Fiscal Agents.

## **Approved Strategies and Activities**

The purpose and intent for this funding is aimed towards enhancing the utilization of prescription drug misuse prevention strategies statewide and increasing safe medication storage and disposal across Ohio. As a result of this funding, Ohioans will have increased awareness and knowledge of the impact of prescription drug misuse, and increased skills and resources to address prescription drug misuse in their families and communities.

The following activities and strategies have been identified by the Ohio SPF Rx Advisory Board. The target audience(s) for this project are youth, young adults, parents, and older adults. Applicants are required to select strategies and activities from this list to use in their proposals. These strategies and activities are intended to be tailored to individual communities, and applicants are encouraged to incorporate these into their existing work.

Allowable strategies and activities include:

- Community based education on the safe use of prescription drugs and over the counter medication.
- Medication Disposal Events
  - Drug Take Back days
  - Community-based medication disposal demonstrations (i.e. Helping older adults at a senior center dispose of their medication)
  - Tabling to distribute disposal education and resources
- Promotion of medication storage
  - Training events aimed at increasing knowledge about the importance of safe storage
  - Distribution of medication storage resources at community events.
- Youth Empowerment
  - Education to increase knowledge of the dangers of prescription drug misuse
  - Medication safety and literacy training events.
  - Events and education focused on the development of healthy coping skills.

**Media Campaigns are not approved strategies and activities under this funding opportunity.**

## **Required Grant Activities and Deliverables**

Grantees are required to spend all funds by August 31, 2026, in accordance with the approved budget.

Each grantee must complete a monthly form to report any progress or activities related to meeting grant objectives. Monthly reports are required to be submitted by the 15th of each month (April to September, 2026); total of six submissions.

The measures to be reported include:

- Monthly expenditures
- Number of individuals served
- Progress made to meet grant objectives
- Activities completed
- Partnerships utilized in meeting objectives

Grantees may be asked to participate in an evaluation interview after the grant period.

## **Proposal Submission Requirements**

Applicants will need to submit the following information to the form listed below.

[Proposal Submission Form Link](#)

The application should include:

- Contact information for Director or designated project manager
- Organization Name
- Organization Address
- Organizational background, including:
  - Mission and Vision
  - Brief History (250 word limit), and
  - Summary of current primary prevention work (300 word limit).
- A copy of the organization's current Strategic Plan.
- Statement of Need. This must include project goal(s) and objectives, and the data used in determining the selected strategies (250 word limit).
- Project Description: How do you plan to implement the selected strategies and activities? Include the individuals responsible for implementation and an overview of the project timeline (750 words).
- Data Collection Plan: How will your organization track progress and measure impact? Who will be in charge of tracking and reporting? (200 word limit)
- Partnerships: Please list any partnerships that will aid in this project's implementation and success (150 word limit)
- Budget: (see table below)

## Budget

Expenses	Amount Requested	Narrative (Please describe how these funds will be used, listing quantities if applicable)
Personnel*		
Supplies		
Project-Related Expenses		
Total:		

\*Personnel should not exceed 10% of the total amount requested.

### Permissible Use of Funds

- Staff time
- Resources and supplies pertaining to the approved list of strategies and activities
- Printing and Copying
- Travel reimbursement for events

Funds may not be used to purchase: food, gift cards, technology purchases, and facility improvements.

## Questions

Please reach out to Sarah Sawmiller with any questions regarding this RFP or the project submission process.

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