



## Request for Letters of Interest (LOI)

### Opioid Settlement Funding – Exhibit E Eligible Uses

**Release Date:** May 12, 2026

**LOI Submission Deadline:** May 29, 2026

**Anticipated Funding Commitment Date:** June 9, 2026

#### **1. Purpose**

The City of Coatesville invites letters of interest (LOIs) from nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and City of Coatesville departments seeking opioid settlement funding for programs or projects that align with Exhibit E – Approved Uses of Opioid Settlement Funds under Pennsylvania’s Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust.

Submission of an LOI does not require a full proposal at this stage.

#### **2. Guiding Principles**

Consistent with county and statewide opioid settlement strategies, the City of Coatesville will prioritize proposals that:

- Address current and urgent opioid-related needs in the community;
- Use evidence-based or evidence-informed approaches;
- Complement or expand existing programs while avoiding duplication;
- Promote equity, dignity, and access for impacted populations;
- Leverage partnerships among City departments, nonprofits, healthcare providers, and community organizations;
- Are feasible and capable of being implemented promptly.

All funded activities must comply with **Exhibit E eligible uses (see attached)**.

#### **3. Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit organizations, including grassroots and faith-based organizations;
- Healthcare, behavioral health, recovery, and prevention providers;
- Social service organizations;
- City of Coatesville departments or interdepartmental initiatives.

Both new and existing programs are eligible for consideration.



#### **4. Priority Program Areas (Exhibit E Aligned)**

While all Exhibit E–eligible activities may be considered, the City of Coatesville is prioritizing the following focus areas for this LOI cycle:

##### **Key Focus Areas for 2026**

- **Warm Hand-Off & Rapid Treatment Linkage**

Immediate connection from hospitals, emergency services, law enforcement, schools, or community settings to treatment, MAT/MOUD providers, and recovery supports, including recovery navigation and follow-up outreach.

- **Harm Reduction Access & Training**

Expansion of harm reduction access and capacity, including overdose prevention services, naloxone distribution, safer use education, infectious disease prevention, and training for community members, providers, and first responders using evidence-informed harm reduction practices.

- **Community Outreach & Education**

Outreach, education, and engagement efforts that raise awareness of opioid-related risks, available services, overdose prevention, medication safety, and pathways to treatment and recovery—particularly for historically underserved populations.

- **Workforce Development & Cross-Training**

Training, cross-training, and workforce development for behavioral health providers, peer recovery specialists, first responders, City staff, educators, and community partners to improve coordination, reduce stigma, and strengthen system capacity.

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In addition to the focus areas above, the City will consider other Exhibit E–eligible activities that align with demonstrated county and regional investment areas, including but not limited to:

##### **Treatment and Recovery Support**

- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT/MOUD) access and continuation;
- Peer recovery support, recovery navigation, and reentry or transition services;
- Recovery support services such as transportation, housing navigation, or case management.

##### **Criminal Justice–Involved Populations**

- Treatment and recovery services for incarcerated or justice-involved individuals;



- Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) or peer support embedded in courts or reentry programs;
- Training for justice system personnel related to substance use disorder and stigma reduction.

### **Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction**

- Naloxone distribution, training, and “leave-behind” initiatives;
- Community education on overdose response and Good Samaritan protections;
- Connection to infectious disease testing or harm reduction services.

### **Prevention and Education**

- Evidence-based prevention programs for youth and families;
- School- or community-based education initiatives;
- Medication safety, lock boxes, disposal programs, and take-back events.

### **Pregnant, Parenting Individuals and Families**

- Maternal dependency and postpartum support services;
- Family support and wraparound services;
- Services addressing neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).

### **Planning, Coordination, and Workforce**

- Data collection, planning, or coordination efforts;
- Training and workforce development for behavioral health, recovery, or first responders.

Applicants should clearly identify which **Exhibit E category or categories** their proposal supports.

## **5. Funding Information**

- Funding amounts may vary based on available opioid settlement funds and proposed scope.
- One-time or short-term funding is anticipated, though some projects may be renewable.
- Funds may be used for staffing, program delivery, training, supplies, contracts, outreach, or other Exhibit E–eligible costs.

## **6. Letter of Interest (LOI) Requirements**

LOIs should be **no more than 2–3 pages** (or equivalent if submitted via email) and include:

### **1. Applicant Information**



- Organization or City department name
  - Primary contact name, title, email, and phone number
2. **Program or Project Summary**
    - Brief description of the proposed program or project
    - Target population(s)
    - Community or service area
  3. **Exhibit E Alignment**
    - Identify the specific **Exhibit E, Schedule A and B category or categories** this project will address
  4. **Proposed Budget**
    - Estimated funding request by category (i.e. personnel, training costs, outreach materials, etc)
    - High-level description of how funds would be used
  5. **Timeline**
    - Anticipated start date and duration of activities. Discuss if and how timeline can be expanded if future funding becomes available.
  6. **Expected Outcomes (Brief)**
    - 2 - 3 key outcomes with 1 -2 metrics per outcome (e.g., individuals served, overdoses prevented, trainings delivered)

Narrative responses may be brief and bullet points are acceptable.

## 7. Submission Instructions

LOIs must be submitted **no later than May 29, 2026**.

Submit by email to:

Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City manager

[Rcosentino@coatesville.org](mailto:Rcosentino@coatesville.org)

*The City of Coatesville reserves the right to fund all, some, or none of the proposals received and to adjust funding levels based on available resources and compliance with opioid settlement requirements.*