Project Abstract

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Part 1: Please identify the applicant point of contact (POC)

Applicant POC	
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Part 2: Please identify the application

Application Information	
Solicitation Name	Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program FY 2019 Competitive Grant
Project Title	Arkansas Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program Implementation
Proposed Start Date	October 1, 2019
Proposed End Date	September 30, 2022
Funding Amount Requested	$6,500,000

Part 3: Please identify the project location and applicant type

Project Location and Applicant Type	
Project Location (City, State)	Little Rock, Arkansas
Applicant Type (Tribal Nation, State, County, City, Nonprofit, Other)	State

Part 4: Please provide a project abstract

Enter additional project abstract information. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, this information includes:

- Brief description of the problem to be addressed and target area and population
- Project goals and objectives
- Brief statement of project strategy or overall program
- Description of any significant partnerships
- Anticipated outcomes and major deliverables

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The Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Intergovernmental Services (DFA-IGS) is applying for a 2019 COAP Category 2c grant in the amount of $6,500,000. The Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration-Office of Intergovernmental Services (State Administering Agency), in partnership with the Office of the State Drug Director (OSDD), will conduct a two-part statewide implementation, enhancement, and evaluation project that will include: (1) implementing a new opioid intervention program for Category 2 - assignment of an overdose crime scene team consisting of a criminal investigator and a peer recovery specialist - in law enforcement task forces/agencies at a minimum of six geographically diverse sites (counties, regions or localities) within the state; and (2) enhancing and evaluating the initiatives identified in the Arkansas 2018 COAP Category 4 Statewide Strategic Plan currently under development at up to 25 geographically diverse additional sites/localities. The Category 2a criminal investigator will collect data at the scene to identify the drug(s) involved and the source of the drugs, and to seek prosecution of the supplier. The peer recovery specialist will provide counseling to individuals who experience an overdose, as well as follow-up and tracking of these individuals to promote treatment and recovery. Data collected at the scene will be shared with other state agencies through an information database and web portal created and maintained by the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) with funding from the BJA COAP 2018 Category 6 grant. Category 2b grant activities will enhance and evaluate the ongoing 2018 COAP Category 4 grant activities as well as evaluate the new proposed project. The project includes partnerships between DFA-IGS, OSDD, the DHS Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services; Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care; and the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, Department of Health, and Coroner's Association. The primary focus of COAP will be on communities that are disproportionately impacted by opioid abuse. Priority considerations will include localities that are designated qualified opportunity zones. The anticipated outcomes and deliverables are: (1) for localities and communities to work together to prevent and reduce prescription drug overdose/opioid deaths while increasing access to opioid treatment programs; increasing enrollment to treatment services (with emphasis on offenders); increasing education and awareness statewide; (2) to continue to support the ongoing COAP efforts, deliverables include identified strategies that support service engagement, community prevention and education/training, and implementation of diversion programming; and (3) to make recommendations for policy change and/or new regulations regarding opioid abuse.