

# Union County Drug Rehab Grant Program

## Request for Proposal/Application

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Union County Substance Abuse Grant Committee is hereby requesting proposals to address the problem of alcohol and drug abuse in Union County. Applicants will prepare and submit proposals by Friday, July 26, 2024 in order to be considered for funds for this fiscal year. Selection of successful proposals will be made by the Committee, which is appointed by and responsible to the County Commissioner. This volunteer committee consists of Union County leaders informed of the problems individuals and families face related to substance abuse. Successful applicants will remain responsible to the Committee for reporting on the use of these funds. This year, the committee is offering TWO different grants and organizations can apply for both grants if eligible. The two grants are:

- 1) Substance Abuse Grant
- 2) Opioid Remediation Funding

### **1) Purpose of the Substance Abuse Grant:**

Upon approval of the alcohol referendum in Union County in 2010, Commissioner Lamar Paris committed a portion of the alcohol license fees and tax receipts to address the problem of substance abuse and its effects on individuals and families in Union County. This fiscal year \$30,000 is available to be awarded for projects that meet the stated goals of this grant program. Grant awards are limited by available funds, but the Committee anticipates multiple awards for various projects in the community. The grant is available to organizations, churches, agencies, school groups, committees, businesses, and individuals for the purpose of education, prevention, and treatment regarding abuse of alcohol, legal, and illegal drugs in Union County.

### **Substance Abuse Grant Guidelines:**

The organization requesting funds should include the following information and submit with the application:

- *Organization mission, history, overall goals or objectives.*
- *Rationale for the request.*
- *Minimum amount of request is \$1,000.00 and maximum is \$5,000.00.*
- *Description of how granted funds will be used.*
- *Proposed program's target recipients/audience must be defined. (service area—these funds should directly benefit citizens of Union County).*
- *Describe your criteria for success—explain how you will MEASURE the effectiveness of your activities.*
- *Describe the evaluation process your organization plans to use to determine the success of your program.*
- *Proposed program may not duplicate services, supplant existing programs, or significantly overlap the work of public agencies on the federal, state, or local level. Funds may be used to supplement existing programs. If the program is intended to supplement an existing program, briefly describe the existing program.*

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- *Grantee must serve the community without discrimination.*
- *Grantee must provide a summary of how funds were spent at the end of the fiscal year. Any unused funds will be returned to Union County Government.*
- *Funds are not intended to cover employee salary or equipment costs.*
- *List “in kind” donations or support the organization will receive from other entities.*
- *In fairness to all applicants, once an application has been filed, applicants may not contact committee members or Commissioner’s Office staff to discuss the status of the application.*
- *The organization requesting funds cannot change the scope, objectives, or plans for funds, without prior written approval from the committee.*

### **2) Purpose of the Opioid Remediation Funding:**

In addition to the above Substance Abuse Grant, Union County has additional funding available this year for qualified organizations from Opioid Remediation Funds that were received by Union County after years of litigation with the pharmaceutical companies. Union County Government has determined the best use of these funds is to support people in recovery from Opiate Use Disorders and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health Condition. The additional available funds for this year total \$40,000 and will be split evenly among those organizations that meet the criteria set forth below.

### **Opioid Remediation Funding Guidelines:**

Organizations requesting these funds should include a brief narrative explaining how they meet the below criteria for Opioid Remediation Funding. Once eligibility is determined based on this narrative, additional requirements to receive this funding will be requested by the committee, along with a budget of how the funds will be used. Funds available will be divided evenly between those organizations that are eligible.

- *The organization requesting funds must have been awarded the Substance Abuse Grant authorized by the passing of the alcohol referendum in Union County in 2010 for four consecutive years.*
- *The organization requesting funds must be actively involved in providing treatment to those in recovery through evidence-based or evidence informed programs or strategies that may include any combination of the following:*
  - *counseling*
  - *peer-support*
  - *recovery case management*
  - *recovery housing*
  - *recovery support services*
- *A report of expenditures will be required at the end of each calendar year, but the funds can be spent over the course of three years if necessary.*

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### **Submission of applications:**

Each applicant is to submit a completed application package with all attachments to Ms. Jennifer Mahan at the Union County Commissioner's Office. We made it easy: the grant application may be emailed to [ucexec@uniongov.com](mailto:ucexec@uniongov.com) with Substance Abuse Grant Application or Opioid Remediation Funding Application in the subject line. Grant applications may also be mailed, or hand delivered to 65 Courthouse Street, Suite 1, Blairsville, GA, 30512. Please put Substance Abuse Grant Application or Opioid Remediation Funding on the envelope. Applications are due no later than July 26, 2024, at 4:30 pm. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

### **Processing applications:**

- Union County Commissioner's Office staff will screen each applicant package to ensure the applicant meets the guidelines of the grant proposal prior to submission to the Grant Committee for review.
- All applications will be emailed by the Union County Commissioner's Office staff to the Grant Committee members for approval or rejection.
- The Grant Committee will report grant awards to the Union County Commissioner, Lamar Paris, by August 9, 2024.
- Applicants will be notified of approval or rejection via email by Monday, August 12, 2024, so be sure and provide an accurate email on the application.

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Organization Requesting Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Organization Requesting Funds:

- Community Organizations
- School-based
- Faith-based
- Entrepreneurial
- Individual

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Period Covered by Grant \_\_\_\_\_

**Abstract:**

The organization requesting funds should include the following information and submit with the application:

- *Brief narrative of:*
  - *Organization mission, history, overall goals or objectives*
  - *Rationale for the request*
  - *Description of how granted funds will be used*
  - *Who will benefit from the granted funds (service area)*
  - *Describe your criteria for success*
  - *Explain how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities*

**Follow-up Report:**

All awarded organizations will be required to complete a follow-up report to close out the annual award year. If submitting an application for next year, the follow-up report must be submitted with the new application, otherwise it is due no later than August 31. Any organization that does not submit a follow-up report will not be considered for future awards.

Jennifer Mahan  
Executive Assistant/County Clerk  
Union County Commissioner's Office  
65 Courthouse Street, Suite 1  
Blairsville, GA 30512

The report must include:

- A summary of all grant money expenditures for said project will be required along with receipts.
- A summary indicating the method used to measure the success of your program along with the results (number of individuals or groups affected by your program).