

Request for Applications (RFA)

Oregon Health Authority – Oregon Prescription Drug Program Pharmacy Access Improvement Initiative Grant

Overview

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP) is seeking applications from Oregon-based organizations dedicated to improving pharmacy access and equity, particularly in rural and underserved regions of the state. **Oregon currently ranks second worst** in the nation for pharmacy access, trailing only Alaska.¹ This funding opportunity aligns with ORS 414.312, which directs OHA to ensure access to affordable prescription drugs for Oregonians, particularly those in underserved areas. By supporting organizations in securing additional funding, this grant helps advance sustainable pharmacy access solutions that uphold the state's commitment to equitable healthcare. Expanding access to pharmacy services in rural communities directly contributes to the goals outlined in ORS 414.312, ensuring that all Oregonians can obtain the medications they need.

Funding Opportunity

OPDP will provide a **small one-time grant** intended to support one organization in developing and submitting larger grant applications to secure additional funding for pharmacy access initiatives in Oregon; specifically, to enhance pharmacy access in rural and underserved areas. Eligible projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Implementation of pharmacy lockers to improve prescription pick-up access.
- Expansion of pharmacy services in critical access areas.
- Innovative technology or service models that increase pharmacy availability.

Funds can be used to assist awardee with grant applications to secure broader funding for project equipment purchases, infrastructure development, or operational support necessary to implement sustainable pharmacy access solutions.

OPDP will provide a letter of support for awardee on awardee's project that enhances pharmacy access in rural and underserved areas. The awarded entity will be expected to use mini-grant funds to:

- Support the hire or contract with a professional grant writer.

¹ AP Article: <https://apnews.com/article/pharmacy-closure-drugstore-cvs-walgreens-rite-aid-91967f18c0c059415b98fc67ad0f84e>

- Identify and apply for federal, state, or private grants that support pharmacy access solutions.
- Develop a strategic funding plan to sustain and expand pharmacy access efforts.
- Engage partners, including OHA, to align initiatives with statewide priorities.

The maximum possible award under this funding opportunity is \$2000.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an **Oregon-based** nonprofit, healthcare organization, pharmacy, or community-based entity focused on improving pharmacy access.
- Demonstrate a commitment to equity and a clear need for improved pharmacy services in rural or underserved regions.
- Propose and describe at least one project that you will be seeking grant funding for that aligns with OPDP's mission to enhance prescription drug access for which you plan to seek larger grant funding. Ensure you can connect your project's purpose back to OPDP's statutory obligations in ORS 414.312.
- Have the capacity to implement and sustain the proposed initiative.

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

1. **Cover Page**, must include single point of contact, name of organization, email, physical address, mailing address, and phone number. (No more than 1 page)
2. **Project Proposal**, outlining the scope of project that you will be seeking grant funding for, project objectives, and expected impact on pharmacy access. (No more than 2 pages)
3. **Community Need Statement**, define and describe your project's focus: providing data and evidence of access challenges. (No more than 1 page)
4. **Project timeline**, outline the grants you will apply for and describe project management to achieve timely grant submission and include brief project milestone expectations. (No more than 1 pages)
5. **Budget and Funding Justification**, specifying how funds will be used. (No more than an attestation of how the funds will be used)
6. **Letters of Support**, from key supporters, such as healthcare providers, community organizations, or policymakers. (At least 2 letters of support will be required)

Application Deadline & Submission

Applications must be submitted by **12pm, April 30, 2025**.

Intent to award notice will be sent to successful awardee following the review of all applications. We expect that this review process will take no longer than three weeks from submission deadline.

Submit applications and direct inquiries to:

Oregon Prescription Drug Program at the Oregon Health Authority by sending complete application to the following email:

OHA.pharmacy@oha.oregon.gov

"Attn: Pharmacy Access Grant" as sole text of subject line