

Addressing the Opioid Crisis Series

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Understanding the opioid crisis

- 2.1m individuals with a [Opioid Use Disorder \(OUD\)](#)¹ and 11.8m people with [opioid misuse](#)²
- [31 percent](#)³ of Americans know someone who is addicted to opioids, compared to 27 percent in 2017
 - [The total economic burden](#)⁴ is \$504b and costs \$28.9b in healthcare costs
- SUDs commonly co-occur with [domestic violence](#),⁵ [homelessness](#),⁶ and [mental illness](#)⁷

For a fact sheet on the opioid crisis, check out this [CNN Health report](#)⁸

Legal needs of individuals with SUDs

- [From the Legal Services Corporation](#):¹
 - “Civil legal aid attorneys help those affected by opioid use disorder with legal problems such as child custody, guardianship, housing, and unemployment, and help promote stability, recovery, and independence for those affected and their families” (p. 13).
- In a [2018 survey](#) of LSC grantees, more than 95 percent reported that they provided services to individuals with OUDs²
 - Grantees closed 76,549 cases. In 2017 and 2018, they assisted a total of 137,617 individuals

Health-related needs

- [American Psychiatric Association](#) found that opioid use has been shown to be directly related to higher medical expenses¹
- People with opioid use disorder report [eight times the healthcare costs](#) when compared to those who do not have an opioid use disorder²
- Between 2004 and 2015, the rate of opioid-related children hospitalizations requiring [intensive care doubled](#)³
- Between 2008 and 2016, opioid-related emergency department visits [increased by 158%](#)⁴

Legal aid can help improve health

- [SAMHSA](#) identifies health, home, purpose, and community as areas critical to managing life in recovery.¹ Legal aid can help stabilize income, housing, healthcare, families, and communities
- Patients receiving legal services at an MLP reported [reduced stress levels and improved health](#)²
- When civil legal needs were addressed, [inpatient and emergency department use](#) of high-utilizing patients dropped 50 percent and health care costs decreased 45 percent³
- When parents have access to legal services in a pediatric healthcare setting, [children's health and access to food](#) improved⁴

Family-related legal needs

- Opioid use has been shown to correlate with physical, sexual, and psychological [abuse within relationships](#)¹
- “During periods of intensive drug use by parents, children can be vulnerable to not being properly fed, clothed, or cared for” ([p. 553](#)).²
- Drug use can [limit how nurturing and safe](#) the environment is for children of opioid-addicted parents.³ Children have reported feeling more isolated and alone.
- Children of addicted parents often experience behavioral and psychological issues. One [study](#) found 69 percent had cognitive limitations; 68 percent had speech impairments; 16 percent had emotional or behavioral problems; and 83 percent had medical problems.⁴

Legal aid can help stabilize families

- [Researchers at NYU](#) found that legal advocacy can reduce domestic violence substantially – as much as 21 percent – even more than access to shelters or counseling services¹
- [Legal representation doubles the rate of adoptions](#) and increases the speed of children leaving foster care²
- Increasing access to civil legal aid is [one of the most effective strategies to curb rates of domestic violence](#)³
- A [study](#) funded by the U.S. Department of Justice found that when survivors of domestic violence have better access to legal services, they are granted greater protections in child custody cases⁴

Legal aid can help stabilize families cont.

- The [U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York sent a letter](#) explaining that courts that prohibit use of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) may violate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - "... a court generally could not deny a parent visitation of her child by reason of the parent's ... current use of MAT. Nor could a court impose a blanket rule requiring parents to stop participating in MAT in order to gain custody of their children."

<https://lac.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/DOJ-SDNY-ltr-to-OCA-10.3.17.pdf>

Employment-related legal needs

- [American Psychiatric Association](#) points to negative consequences of opioid misuse – delayed recovery, longer disability, and greater medical expenses¹
- The [National Bureau of Economic Research](#) reported that when unemployment increases by one percent, opioid death rates increase by 3.6 percent, suggesting relationship between unemployment and opioid use²
- The [National Safety Council](#) reports that workers with OUDs miss an extra 18.5 days of work than those without and also have higher turnover³
- The [OECD](#) stated that opioids are partly responsible for a decline in US labor force participation⁴
- Among those who are out of work, over 50 percent report taking [opioids daily](#)⁵

Legal aid can help individuals access employment

- [Setting aside an individual's record of conviction](#) is associated with “a significant increase in employment and average wages,” and “extremely low rates” of recidivism¹
- [Researchers at UC Berkeley](#) find that record clearing boosts employment rates and real earnings²
- “Increased availability of inexpensive or free opportunities for expungement can contribute to [more successful reintegration](#) of persons with criminal convictions into the workforce, families, and communities.”³
- It's not just record clearing – you can use [bring cases under the ADA for discrimination](#)
 - “A MAT participant will often be a ‘qualified individual with a disability’ under the ADA, either because the person has a current or past history of an opioid use disorder that substantially limits a major life activity, or because the person is regarded as having a disabling impairment by reason of her participation in MAT.”⁴

Housing-related legal needs

- [SAMHSA reports](#) that homelessness is often tied to opioid use – individuals may lose their homes because of opioid use or begin using opioids after losing their homes¹
- An [article from City Lab](#) points to the lack of infrastructure and safe, affordable housing in rural areas as an aggravating factor in the opioid crisis²
- [Stress](#) of losing one's house and the inability to pay rent can lead to substance misuse³
- [Early homeless experiences](#) have been shown to predict drug misuse and behavior⁴
- A [study](#) found that cocaine use was associated with an inability to achieve and maintain stable housing⁵

Legal aid can improve housing stability

- Tenants facing eviction proceedings, who had no legal aid, remained in their homes 14 percent of the time. For those who received full representation, they [remained in their homes 55 percent of the time](#) (p. 483)¹
- An analysis of the [Shriver Housing Pilot Projects](#) found that “full representation clients were significantly less likely to end their cases by default (8%) than were self-represented defendants (26%)” and “had, on average, 85 days to move, versus 74 days among self-represented defendants” (p. iv)²
- “[Low income tenants](#) with legal representation experience significantly more beneficial outcomes than their counterparts who do not have legal representation, independent of the merits of the case” (p. 420)³
- Tenants with full representation were [twice as likely to stay in their homes](#) or got twice as much time to move, left court without an eviction record, and were four times less likely to use homeless shelters⁴

Resources to learn more

- The National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership's brief "[The Opioid Crisis in America & the Role Medical-Legal Partnerships Can Play](#)"¹
- MIE Journal's [2018 Special Feature](#) on opioids²
 - [Casey and Karen's article](#) on how civil legal aid can tap federal funds to support partnerships to help individuals with SUDs³
- NLADA and The Justice in Government Project's [factsheet on opioids and legal aid](#)⁴
- The [National Academy for State Health Policy](#) outlines various states' care models to serve pregnant and parenting women with SUDs⁵
- [LSC's Opioid Task Force](#)⁶ and an [article](#)⁷ by LSC on how legal aid can meet the opioid crisis

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4. <https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/upload/Opioid-fact-sheet.pdf>
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Federal Funding:

Direct Discretionary Federal Grants

[HUD – Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency](#)

[HHS – Opioid Family Support Program Forecast](#)

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program](#)

HUD – Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency

- Funds public housing authorities to hire Service Coordinators to link residents to supportive services. They must work with residents, public housing staff, local partners, and other stakeholders
- Applicants may select up to three areas of need to address: Education, Health & Wellness, Reentry, Employment, Financial Literacy, Elderly/Disabled, **Substance Abuse**, and Other Barriers
- Express language for legal aid!
- [Read more here](https://legalaidresources.org/2019/08/15/hud-resident-opportunity-self-sufficiency-2019/)

HHS – Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)

- RCORP is a multi-year initiative by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Designed to strengthen and expand SUD/ODU prevention, treatment, and recovery service delivery in high-risk rural communities
- Page 8 of the NOFO contains a list of “Recovery Core Activities,” which explicitly includes “legal aid.” The Notice also contains a list of “Additional Resources,” which includes LSC (page 34) and Medical Legal Partnerships (page 35)
- [Read more here](https://legalaidresources.org/2019/03/22/hhs-health-resources-services-administration-hrsa-rural-communities-opioid-response-program-implementation-fy-2019/)

DOJ OVC - Enhancing Community Responses to the Opioid Crisis – Serving our Youngest Crime Victims (2018)

- Goal: Support children and youth who are crime victims as a result of the opioid crisis
- “A strong link between crime victimization and substance abuse has been evidenced for some time, and these issues cannot be successfully addressed in ‘silos’ or by one discipline or agency” ([grant solicitation](#))¹
 - **Legal Aid of the Bluegrass:** KY Children RISE (Reducing Impediments to Stable Education)
 - **Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma**
 - **Legal Aid of West Virginia:** Lawyer in the School Project
 - **Ohio State Legal Services Association:** Appalachian Ohio Children’s Victim Assistance and Prevention Project
- [Read more here](#)² and [our profile of these programs here](#)³

HHS – Opioid Family Support Program

Forecast (to be announced Nov. 4)



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<https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/toolkit/forecasting-guide.cfm>

- Designed to expand “integrated, interprofessional” teams to support children whose parents have been impacted by OUD and SUD and family members in guardianship roles
- Some agencies, like HHS, make it easy to learn about “[forecasted](#)” grants, or potential funding opportunities¹
- Sign up for email alerts [here](#)²
- [Read more here](#)³

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Federal Funding:

State-administered federal pass-through

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Federal pass through funds administered by states that can include legal aid to address the opioid crisis

- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
 - US Dept of Health & Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (HHS SAMHSA)
- State Opioid Response Grants
 - HHS SAMHSA
- AmeriCorps
 - Corporation for National and Community Service
- VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program
 - US Dept of Justice Office for Victims of Crime (DOJ OVC)
- Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance
 - HHS Administration for Children & Families Children's Bureau



What does your state government leadership say about the opioid epidemic?

“Prevention and providing treatment 24/7 continue to be our priorities,” said Maryland Department of Health Secretary Robert R. Neal

“The opioid overdose epidemic is the worst public health crisis in Pennsylvania, and the nation, in almost a generation. The Wolf Administration takes an **all-hands-on deck approach to preventing addiction, saving lives and getting Pennsylvanians into treatment.**”





Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant – HHS SAMHSA

“[States] may wish to develop and support partnerships and programs to help address social determinants of health and advance overall health equity. For instance, **some organizations have established medical-legal partnerships to assist persons with mental and substance use disorders in meeting their housing, employment, and education needs.**”

- FY 2020-2021 administrators application:
https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/fy2020-2021_blockgrantapplicationandplan_091718_508.pdf
- State-by-state information about SAMHSA grant awards:
<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants-awards-by-state>
- Individual grant awards:
<https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/awards/2017/TI-17-014>





State Opioid Response Grants – HHS SAMHSA

PURPOSE

“The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2018 State Opioid Response Grants (Short Title: SOR). **The program aims to address the opioid crisis by** increasing access to medication-assisted treatment using the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, reducing unmet treatment need, and **reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD)** (including prescription opioids, heroin and illicit fentanyl and fentanyl analogs).”

p. 5, <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/doc/sorfoafinal.6.14.18.docx>

SOR Grants by State: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/04/state-opioid-response-grants-by-state.html>



State Opioid Response Grants – HHS SAMHSA

EXPECTATIONS

“Grantees will develop and provide opioid misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for the purposes of addressing the opioid abuse and overdose crisis within the states. This service array should be **based on needs identified in the State’s State Targeted Response (STR) strategic plan.**

...grantees will be required to employ effective prevention and recovery support services to ensure that individuals are receiving **a comprehensive array of services across the spectrum of prevention, treatment, and recovery.”**

pgs. 6-7, <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/doc/sorfoafinal.6.14.18.docx>



AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2020 – Corporation for National and Community Service



“In the FY 2020 AmeriCorps competition, CNCS seeks to prioritize the investment of national service resources in:

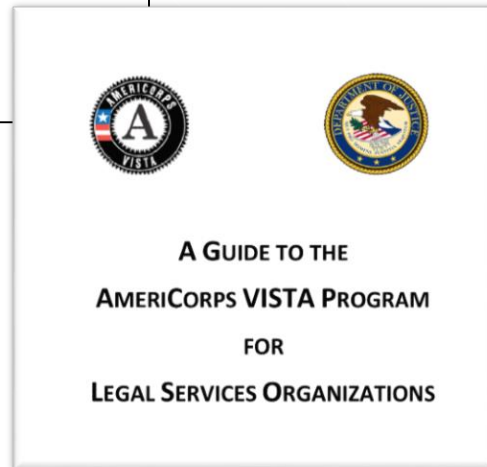
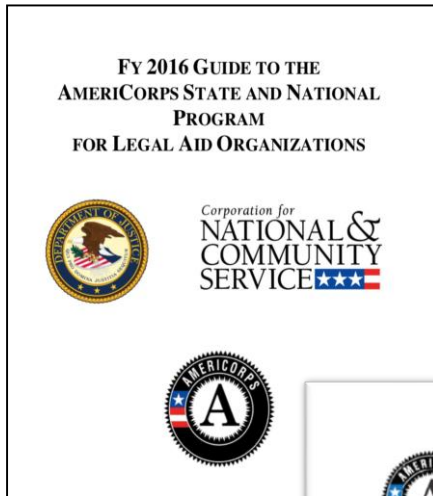
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- Healthy Futures - reducing and/or preventing prescription drug and opioid abuse.”

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2020/ameri-corps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2020#2020Funding>



AmeriCorps State and National Grants FY 2019 – CNCS



State Commissions Contacts and due dates

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/documents/2018/2019-state-commissions-contacts-and-due-dates>

Guide to AmeriCorps Program for Legal Services Organizations

<https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/lair/upload/Guide-to-the-AmeriCorps-State-and-National-Program-for-Legal-Aid-Organizations.pdf>

Guide to the AmeriCorps VISTA Program for Legal Services Organizations

<https://www.american.edu/spa/jpo/lair/upload/guide-to-the-ameriacorps-visa-program-for-legal-services-organizations.pdf>



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program – DOJ OVC



- State-administered *victim assistance* grants support direct services to crime victims
- DOJ OVC 2016 VOCA Assistance rule clarified that state VOCA administrators have **the freedom and flexibility to use their funds for “expanded forms of legal assistance,” including:**
 - “OVC adds a new definition of the statutory term ‘victims of child abuse’ to make clear OVC’s existing flexible approach of allowing States to address a **broad variety of harm to children.**”
 - “The following are examples...of some circumstances where civil legal services may be appropriate: ...dependency matters, particularly for victims of ... **child abuse, ... elder abuse...**”

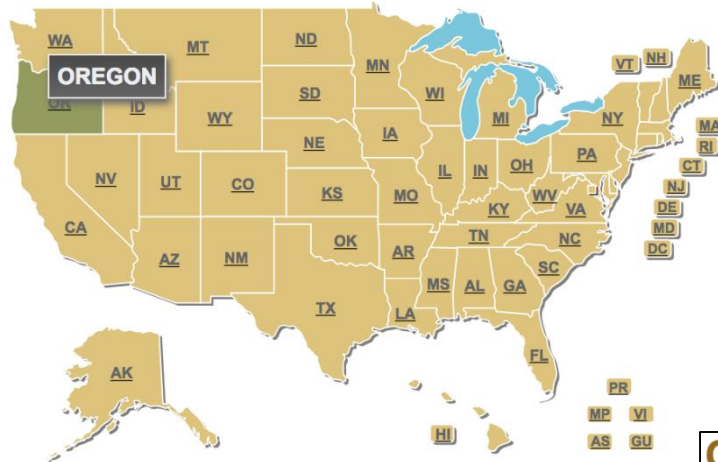
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Find state-by-state VOCA victim assistance grant-making information

1. Go to the DOJ OVC's map and click on your state: <https://www.ovc.gov/map.html>



2. See your state's VOCA Victim Assistance report on this tab

Oregon

Click on the different tabs below to locate assistance and resources.

Compensation & Assistance	Programs	VOCA Reports	Events	Victims' Rights	Statistics	Victim Notification	Victims' Rights Compliance	View All
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VOCA Reports
[Oregon State Wide Compensation Report \(PDF 800 kb\)](#)
The annual state performance report for the Oregon compensation program.
[Oregon State Wide Assistance Report \(PDF 230 kb\)](#)
The annual state performance report for the Oregon assistance program.

To see these grants and more, go to the JGP Grants Matrix



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Grants Matrix: State-Administered Federal Funds that can Support Legal Aid

The Justice in Government Project searches for opportunities to connect good government with access to justice. This includes identifying state and local government policies, programs, and priorities where evidence shows including legal services alongside other supportive services can improve outcomes, effectiveness, and cost efficiencies for the people government seeks to serve.

States receive a significant influx of federal grants to implement many public policies and programs including those to enable access to health care, income security, education, employment, social services, and housing, and improve family stability and public safety. Federal grants account for about [one-third of state government funding](#) and more than half of state government funding for health care and public assistance.



Funding source	Description	Language regarding legal aid	Examples	Helpful tips
AmeriCorps State and National <i>Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)</i>	AmeriCorps State and National (AmeriCorps) is a national service program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), which engages tens of thousands of men and women in intensive community service each year. AmeriCorps provides grants to a broad range of local and national organizations and agencies committed to using service to address compelling community issues. Participating organizations include:	Although the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) does not expressly mention legal services, AmeriCorps has a long history of legal aid and court grantees both at the national and state commission levels. See the U.S. Department of Justice FY 2016 Guide to the AmeriCorps State and National Program for Legal Aid Organizations for more information. Grantees have limited resources and staff, and often lack the ability to help manage	Legal aid providers can utilize AmeriCorps grants to expand their reach and provide more direct legal services to a greater segment of the community. Grants can also be used for capacity building, such as recruiting and managing volunteers, completing community assessments, and developing new systems and business processes. Many members are non-lawyer advocates and navigators though some programs include full-time lawyer members as well. Current and past examples	How do you apply? Legal aid organizations and courts seeking funding for a single-state program apply through the state commission that then forwards it to CNCS. Organizations seeking funding for a multi-state program apply directly to CNCS. Organizations that propose to operate in only one state must apply through its state commission. Each state and territory has its own selection process and decides





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Civil Legal Aid Helps Those Affected by the Opioid Crisis

Among the nearly 72,000 drug overdose deaths in 2017, the sharpest increase occurred among deaths related to opioids.¹ Every day, 1,000 people are treated in emergency rooms for opioid overdoses. The total economic burden is estimated to be \$504 billion.² Of this, \$28.9 billion is due to health care costs. Including those in recovery and their extended family members, more than 11 million Americans are affected by the opioid crisis, with 2.1 million addicted.³ They need our help.

Polymakers know the current epidemic requires a multi-disciplinary response that includes law enforcement, doctors, nurses, mental health professionals, social workers, and case managers.

But civil legal aid providers are also essential partners in solving one of America's most pressing public health issues.

THE NEED IS GREAT...

- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a chronic lifelong disorder that may affect an individual's ability to meet responsibilities at home, work, and school⁴ and result in social, economic, and/or legal consequences.⁵
- SUD commonly co-occurs with intimate partner violence,⁶ homelessness,⁷ and mental illness.⁸

LEGAL AID HELPS...

- In Washington counties where a pilot parent representation program was established, the reunification rate between children and parents was 11 percent higher, adoption rates were 83 percent higher, and the rate of entrance to guardianships was 102 percent higher compared to counties where the program was not established.¹²



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Module 1: Research on Civil Legal Aid

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This module helps bridge the gap between what researchers can tell us and what policymakers need to know about how civil legal aid can both help individuals and make existing programs more effective. Continue reading to see the evidence base for how legal aid can help children, individuals with disabilities, domestic violence survivors, law enforcement, and returning citizens among others.

Each brief begins with research highlights of the curated studies, followed by a narrative overview describing the topic covered within the brief and how civil legal aid makes a difference for those affected (e.g., the state of domestic violence in the U.S. and how civil legal aid makes a difference for survivors), featured federal resources (when available), additional resources, and summaries, methodologies, and key findings of studies.

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Legal aid reduces barriers to employment for people with a criminal record

Legal aid helps individuals with disabilities

Legal aid assists domestic violence survivors

Legal aid helps those affected by the opioid crisis

Legal aid keeps kids in school

Legal aid assists survivors of elder abuse

Legal aid improves outcomes for children in foster care and child welfare proceedings

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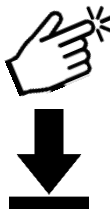
Some agencies make it easy to learn about “[forecasted](#)” grants, or potential funding opportunities. Grant-making agencies, pending budgetary and discretionary spending approvals and federal agency program decisions, often offer previews of their planned funding opportunities. This guide walks you through how to find forecasted grants, open grants, and past grantees as well as questions you might consider asking previous grantees about their experience.

This guide is designed to help you:

- Learn about the grant making process and how agencies make and publicize grants;
- Find past grantees to help you design your project; and
- Prepare for grants that are not yet open.

The Justice in Government Project (JGP) teamed up with the National Legal Aid & Defender Association to prepare this guide to finding forecasted federal grants and related information about future prospective postings, identifying prior grantees, and some strategies for using the information to prepare for possible applications.

Why should I care about forecasted grants? +



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2.7 million

Americans had an opioid use disorder related to prescription opioid pain medication or heroin in 2016.

130+

Americans die every day from an opioid overdose .

77%

Of formerly incarcerated people with an opioid use disorder (OUD) relapse to opioid use within 3 months of their release.

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