

Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund

Community Granting Group Information

The [Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund](#) uses national opioid settlement dollars to repair the harms inflicted on communities across Philadelphia as a result of the opioid epidemic and overdose crisis. The Fund draws on lived experience and community participation to direct resources to organizations doing work in the following three areas: **overdose prevention, community and family healing, and/or opioid use prevention.**

Using a community-driven process, the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund will facilitate place-based, Community Granting Groups to review and award grants in Kensington, North Philadelphia, and citywide. For more information about the Fund, [click here](#).

Community Granting Groups:

The Community Granting Groups (CGG) will play a critical role in the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund by reviewing and evaluating applications for funding with support from the Scattergood Foundation and our facilitation partner, Dragonfly Partners. Members of the place-based CGGs will be responsible for the provision of grant dollars to organizations that meet the eligibility requirements and align with the goals of the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund.

The Fund will engage three CGGs based on the following zip codes:

1. Kensington (defined as zip codes **19124, 19133, and/or 19134**)
2. North Philadelphia (defined as zip codes **19132 and/or 19140**)
3. Citywide (defined as **any other Philadelphia zip code**)

Who is eligible?

Members of the CGG must be residents of Philadelphia.

- For neighborhood-based CGGs, members must live OR work in the following zip codes:
 - Kensington (19124, 19133, and/or 19134)
 - North Philadelphia (19132 and/or 19140)

Additionally, members should meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Offer content or subject matter expertise;
- Have lived experience relative to opioid use, treatment and/or recovery; AND/OR
- Have experience in the harm reduction, behavioral health or substance use prevention space.

What will Community Granting Group members do?

CGGs will review and evaluate applications and grant funds to grassroots organizations whose work aligns with the mission of the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund. More specifically, CGG members will:

- Attend one in-person onboarding session (roughly 5 hours)
- Attend two virtual onboarding sessions (roughly 2 hours each)
- Review and evaluate grant applications individually through an online grant portal (roughly 20 hours total over a four-week period)
 - *NOTE: CGG members will review no more than 15 applications each*
- Meet within a subgroup of your CGG to discuss applications (roughly 2 hours)
- Attend three-four granting group sessions to discuss grant applications and allocate funds according to the quality of applications (roughly 3 hours each)
- Participate in follow-up and reflection session(s)
- Participate in as best they can in related events and meetings once grantees are selected

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What do members need in order to participate?

Participation in a Community Granting Group requires members to participate in confidential virtual Zoom meetings and to review materials through an online portal. As such, it is important that Community Granting Group members have access to the following:

- A computer (we ask that you specifically have access to a computer rather than a tablet or phone)
- Reliable WiFi/Internet
- A private location where members can be fully present for each of the virtual meetings

If you do not have access to any of the above, please reach out to Caitlin O'Brien at the Scattergood Foundation (cobrien@scattergoodfoundation.org).

When are meetings?

Community Granting Groups will meet roughly 6-8 times and will have a 4-week period for individual review. Members from all three Community Granting Groups will join an in-person training on **Friday, February 28th from 12noon-5pm at Esperanza Health Center (4417 N 6th St. Phila, PA 19140).**

Subsequent meetings will be held virtually. **Please see below for key dates. All meetings are mandatory.**

North Philadelphia:

- **In-person Onboarding Session at Esperanza Health Center:** Friday, February 28th, 12noon-5pm
- **Virtual Onboarding Session #1:** Thursday, March 6th from 4-6pm
- **Virtual Onboarding Session #2:** Thursday, March 13th from 4-6pm
- **Individual Review Period:** Monday, March 17th – Friday, April 11th (4 weeks)
- **Small Group Sessions:** To Be Determined
- **Virtual Granting Group #1:** Tuesday, April 22nd from 4-7pm
- **Virtual Granting Group #2:** Thursday, April 24th from 4-7pm
- **Virtual Granting Group #3:** Wednesday, April 30th from 4-7pm

Citywide:

- **In-person Onboarding Session at Esperanza Health Center:** Friday, February 28th, 12noon-5pm
- **Virtual Onboarding Session #1:** Tuesday, March 18th from 4-6pm
- **Virtual Onboarding Session #2:** Tuesday, March 25th from 4-6pm
- **Individual Review Period:** Monday, March 31st – Friday, April 25th (4 weeks)
- **Small Group Sessions:** To Be Determined
- **Virtual Granting Group #1:** Tuesday, May 6th from 4-7pm
- **Virtual Granting Group #2:** Thursday, May 8th from 4-7pm
- **Virtual Granting Group #3:** Tuesday, May 13th from 4-7pm

Kensington:

- **In-person Onboarding Session at Esperanza Health Center:** Friday, February 28th, 12noon-5pm
- **Virtual Onboarding Session #1:** Thursday, April 3rd from 4-6pm
- **Virtual Onboarding Session #2:** Tuesday, April 8th from 4-6pm
- **Individual Review Period:** Monday, April 10th – Friday, May 9th (4 weeks)
- **Small Group Sessions:** To Be Determined
- **Virtual Granting Group #1:** Tuesday, May 20th from 4-7pm
- **Virtual Granting Group #2:** Thursday, May 22nd from 4-7pm
- **Virtual Granting Group #3:** Tuesday, May 27th from 4-7pm

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What is the Conflict of Interest Policy?

Community Granting Group members may apply for funding from the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund for organizations they are involved with, and they **must disclose all conflicts of interest**. If Community Granting Group members have ever been a financial beneficiary of their relationship with an organization (i.e. former staff, paid speaker or consultant) or have ever served on the Board of Directors for an organization, they must disclose that relationship and recuse themselves from discussion of that organization's application. Further discussion of conflicts of interest will occur during the onboarding sessions.

What is the Confidentiality Policy?

As a part of their duties, members of the Community Granting Group will have access to confidential information and materials related to the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund, including information about applying organizations. Members **may not share information or materials with individuals/entities outside of the CGG**. Members are expected to keep all materials and information in strict confidence and will exercise a reasonable degree of care to prevent disclosure to others. Additionally, members may not disclose details of meeting proceedings or any decisions made in meetings with others.

Will Community Granting Group members be compensated?

Community Granting Group members will be compensated with a stipend of \$1,500.00 to honor their time, expertise, and contribution to the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund. Payments will be made to CGG members upon completion of their duties via electronic payment. Violation of any of the policies above may result in Community Granting Group members receiving partial or no payment.

How to Join:

To join a CGG, individuals must first complete the intake process outlined below:

1. Interested residents must **complete the 2025 CGG application by Wednesday, February 12th, 2025: [English Application](#) / [Spanish Application](#)**
2. **Applicants should hold meeting dates** throughout the application window (*attendance is required for all sessions to ensure a productive experience for all members*).
3. **The Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund team will review** applications after the window closes to determine applicant eligibility and identify candidates for the committee.
4. We will notify all selected CGG members by **Thursday, February 20th, 2025**.