

Funding the fight: Now accepting proposals for a substance use disorder grant

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Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) is awarding up to \$500,000 in grants to assist organizations that are fighting the opioid epidemic and substance use disorder by increasing access to life-saving services. The substance use disorder grants will be awarded to Arizona nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and government entities that are seeking resources to further their work related to prevention, treatment, resilience, and recovery for substance use disorder.

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Grant proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. MST on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Organizations may request up to \$100,000 for projects that are addressing substance use disorder and at least one of three complicating factors: COVID-19, social determinants of health, and co-occurring mental health conditions. Selected projects will be funded for a 12-month term, beginning April 1, 2021.

“There is no better investment we can make than in solving Arizona’s most critical health issues,” said Pam Kehaly, president and CEO of BCBSAZ. “Our organization is committed to addressing the rise in substance use disorder in Arizona, something that has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. By supporting the organizations that are doing important work in this field, we can amplify the impact and make real change for families and communities.”

The grant program is part of [Mobilize AZSM](#), BCBSAZ's public health movement. Among other activities, Mobilize AZ invests in community organizations that are working to address several health concerns facing Arizonans, including substance use disorder. Arizona declared the opioid epidemic a public health emergency in 2017, and since then BCBSAZ has awarded more than \$3.4 million in grants to organizations that are dedicated to tackling opioid misuse and substance use disorder.

Visit our website to [view the RFP and learn more](#). We also invite you to share it with any organizations you think would be interested in submitting a proposal.

Thank you for joining with us for the health of your patients and Arizona.

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