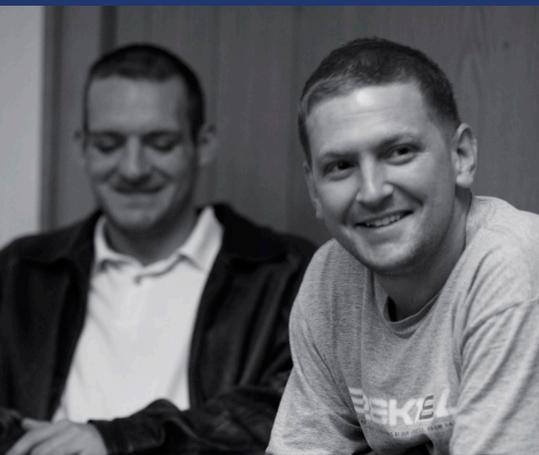




# FRHE



## Funders' Response — to the — Heroin Epidemic



Request for Proposals  
announcement

**Spring 2018**

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Application Deadline:  
March 30, 2018

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Greater Cincinnati is in the middle of an epidemic of misuse of and addiction to prescription opioids and heroin (together called opioids).

To end this epidemic, private funders in the region have collaborated to form the **Funders' Response to the Heroin Epidemic (FRHE)**. FRHE provides financial resources and strategic support to strengthen local communities' responses to opioid misuse and addiction. FRHE is operated by InterAct for Change, a nonprofit subsidiary of Interact for Health. Currently, FRHE Shared Investors include:

- Bethesda, Inc.
- Fifth Third Foundation, Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts
- The Greater Cincinnati Foundation
- Interact for Health
- The R.C. Durr Foundation
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati

## Quick Response Team (QRT)

A Quick Response Team (QRT) is a “naloxone-plus” model of pre-arrest diversion. QRTs provide an integrated overdose response to help connect high-risk overdose survivors to treatment and recovery services. A QRT includes first responders such as law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel; addiction treatment providers; and peer mentors – people who have experienced addiction themselves and are living examples that recovery is possible. The team works collaboratively to identify overdose survivors and actively reaches out to them in order to connect them to care and recovery, as well as additional services.

A QRT takes advantage of the “recovery window” – a period shortly following an opioid overdose when people who are addicted are most open to intervention. Members of the QRT visit the home of a person who recently overdosed and offer support services to the individual and that person's family. QRT members then continue to follow up over time, encouraging that person to seek treatment, and work to remove barriers and obstacles that may come up as the survivor engages in treatment. Individuals and their families rely on the QRT for emotional support, information, coaching, encouragement and links to resources.

“FRHE is focused on fueling community efforts to end the opioid crisis by expanding and investing in effective practices,” said Kelly Firesheets, Senior Program Officer of Interact for Health and representative of FRHE. “By reaching people with addiction when they are most open to treatment, QRTs gives us the best chance to connect them to treatment, with the hope of long-term recovery.”

**The intent of this RFP is to identify projects for FRHE investment within a Quick Response Team (QRT) or other models of pre-arrest diversion.** FRHE is seeking applications from groups that wish to **plan** for a new QRT, **need additional support for an existing QRT** or are ready to **implement** a new QRT.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Operate in at least one county of FRHE's 11-county service area (see map below)



- Be a nonprofit, governmental or faith-based organization
- Serve all people regardless of income or insurance status

If two or more organizations will be collaborating on a project, either organization may take the lead and serve as fiscal sponsor, but representatives from each organization must participate in the application process.

## Planning

Before launching a successful QRT, significant planning needs to be completed to bring all partners to the table. FRHE anticipates that these will be smaller (less than \$20,000) short-term grants. At the end of a grant period, a community will have a community plan for launching a QRT. When awarding future implementation grants, FRHE will give preference to former planning grantees.

The most competitive planning applications will

- Include a planning team made up of law enforcement and fire EMS personnel, a treatment provider and a person in recovery.
- Have a clear timeframe, budget and goals for additional planning efforts.

## Support for an existing QRT

An existing QRT may have gaps that need to be filled or need technical support/capacity building. The FRHE anticipates that these will be smaller (less than \$20,000) short-term grants.

The most competitive applications for supporting an existing QRT will

- Fill gaps in existing infrastructures and systems.
- Leverage existing regional resources, knowledge/expertise or funding.
- Provide data and outcomes to demonstrate the effectiveness of the existing team.

## Implementation of a new QRT

FRHE recognizes that implementing a new QRT can be costly. While the benefits far outweigh the cost, sometimes the start-up expenses can be a barrier. FRHE anticipates that these will be larger (\$100,000 to \$150,000) multiyear projects. The most competitive implementation applications will

- Include an implementation team made up of law enforcement and fire EMS personnel, a treatment provider and a person in recovery.
- Identify barriers and facilitators in planning processes to date.

- Provide a clear history and account of the community's planning efforts to date, demonstrating progress and success over time.
- Have a clear timeframe, budget and goals for implementation efforts.

## Application process for planning a new QRT or supporting an existing QRT

Application materials must be submitted by the lead entity, with active involvement and support from the organizations involved in the project(s) proposed. The Application Cover Sheet, Budget Request Form and Disclosure Form can be found at [www.interactforchange.org/frhe-requests-for-proposals#qrt](http://www.interactforchange.org/frhe-requests-for-proposals#qrt). Please email all required materials to [FRHE@InterActforChange.org](mailto:FRHE@InterActforChange.org).

- Application Cover Sheet
- Budget Request Form
- Disclosure Form
- Organizational budget
- Audited financial statements
- Proposal narrative

### *For planning a new QRT*

In no more than two pages:

- Identify and describe the problem, opportunity or need
- Describe the project (include what is being planned, the planning process, anticipated timeframe and expected work product)
- Identify who will be involved in the planning process
- Identify existing resources or other funding to be leveraged

### *For supporting an existing QRT*

In no more than two pages:

- Describe how funds will be used
- Provide data to describe the existing QRT's success
- Explain how the additional funding will enhance the QRT

## Timeline: Planning and Support

Application deadline	March 30, 2018, NOON
Site visits	April 23- May 4, 2018
Notification of grant award	May 23, 2018
Contract signing/ grantee onboarding	June 5, 2018

## Application process for implementation grants

Applying for implementation grants will be a two-step process. Applicants must submit the materials below. If selected, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal. Application materials must be submitted by the lead entity, with active involvement and support from the organizations involved in the project(s) proposed. The Application Cover Sheet and Budget Request Form can be found at [www.interactforchange.org/frhe-requests-for-proposals#qrt](http://www.interactforchange.org/frhe-requests-for-proposals#qrt). Please email all required materials to [FRHE@InterActforChange.org](mailto:FRHE@InterActforChange.org).

- Application Cover Sheet
- Budget Request Form
- List of collaborators and participants
- Proposal narrative. In no more than two pages:
  - Identify and describe the problem, opportunity or need
  - Describe the project (include a description of the project, the target population, the model or approach being used, anticipated timeframe and expected outcomes) and show a written plan that will guide your project
- If your QRT has a written plan, attach it to the application. It will not count as part of the two-page narrative.

## Timeline: Implementation

Application Deadline	March 30, 2018 NOON
Notification by email if applicant is selected to submit a full proposal	April 23, 2018
Full proposal due	May 24, 2018 NOON
Site visits	June 4-8, 2018
Notification of grant award	June 29, 2018
Contract signing/ grantee onboarding	July 12, 2018