

SEFBHN 2025 Indian River County Opioid Settlement RFA

Applicant Questions and SEFBHN Responses

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We are not a current SEFBHN provider and have not submitted an application to become one. Who should we forward our application to for consideration?	Providers not currently contracted with SEFBHN must submit the Application to Become an SEFBHN Qualified Provider (Appendix C), along with the Application Cover Sheet (Appendix A). All application materials should be submitted via email to Peter.Bosco@sefbhn.org by 3:00 PM EST on October 10, 2025 .
Can we submit just Appendix C initially to show intent, or should all documents be submitted together?	All required documents should be submitted together in a single packet.
How should we respond to questions that are not applicable to our organization, without negatively affecting scoring?	If a question is not currently applicable, applicants may describe future plans, service expansion goals, or collaborative efforts with other organizations. Highlighting partnerships and strategies for innovation and continuity of care is encouraged.
The required 10-page narrative includes items that don't apply to our current stage. How can we respond without being penalized?	Applicants will not be penalized for not being an established provider. Scoring will be based on current capabilities and proposed services. Applicants are encouraged to describe how funding would

	support service expansion or enhancement.
<p>One appendix asks for a certification regarding exclusion from the Federal Government System for Award Management (SAM). We do not have this certification and could not locate it on the SAM site.</p>	<p>If your organization is not listed as an excluded entity, you may submit a signed letter or document certifying your status. This should be included in your application packet.</p>
<p>The RFA prioritizes initiatives aligned with the Core Strategies outlined in Exhibit A. However, Exhibit A appears to be a cover sheet. Is this referencing the FL Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement?</p>	<p>Yes, the referenced priorities align with the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement, not solely the Indian River County Needs Assessment. The intent is to provide structure while allowing flexibility for local innovation.</p>
<p>The RFA seems more prescriptive than previous versions, potentially narrowing the pool of eligible applicants. For example, the requirement for 5 years (or possibly 2 years) of behavioral health service experience may exclude organizations focused on training or prevention. Additionally, the discharge planning requirement seems to favor direct service providers.</p>	<p>We appreciate your feedback and recognize that the current language may unintentionally limit participation. We will consider revising future RFAs to be more inclusive of organizations focused on training, prevention, and community engagement. Regarding discharge planning, applicants who do not provide direct services are encouraged to describe how they will collaborate with direct service providers to support continuity of care—such as through partnerships, referral</p>

	pathways, or community-based supports.
Where can I find information on the application process to the RFA?	You can find details about the SEFBHN Indian River FY 26-27 Opioid Abatement Request for Applications at the following link: https://sefbhn.org/sefbhn-indian-river-fy-26-27-opioid-abatement-request-for-applications/
Are we eligible to apply if our clinic is located in a neighboring county but we provide telehealth MAT services to patients in Indian River Jail?	Yes, you are eligible to apply. However, please note that the funding must be used exclusively for services provided within Indian River County.
May this funding be used to assist clients who do not have opioid use, but do have other substance use disorders? And would other substance use disorders include alcohol?	Alcohol Use Disorder as a standalone is not an approved use, unless it is co-occurring with opioid use and part of a broader opioid-focused treatment plan . Per the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement , funding may only be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of substance use disorders when opioids are the primary substance • Prevention and education focused on opioid misuse • Recovery and harm reduction services for opioid-related addiction