

# Opioid-Related Investments and Strategy



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# RFP: Improving the Treatment of OUD

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- **Purpose:** To learn more about effective treatment for OUD
- **Solicited projects in 3 categories:**
  - Randomized controlled trials
  - Other research designs
  - Innovative program designs (e.g., pay for success, system-wide reforms)
- **Outcomes of interest:** opioid use, criminal justice outcomes
- **Focus on:** government/researcher partnerships, projects that could not be funded by NIH in a timely manner

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Funded research projects related to:

Recovery  
housing

Waitlist  
buprenorphine

MAT for youth

MAT in jails  
and prisons

Police diversion

Harm  
reduction

# Strategy going forward

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**Research:** Support high-quality, scientifically rigorous research that can identify innovative solutions to the opioid crisis that might otherwise go unfunded or unexplored.

- Controversial
- Time sensitive
- In partnership with NIH

**Data infrastructure to measure quality:** Facilitate the development of the necessary infrastructure to ensure that patients and policymakers can access relevant and timely information about the availability of accessible, high-quality treatment.

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**State engagement:** Engage key states in evidence-building around strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.

**Potential areas of focus:**

- Multi-site research projects
- Public/private/researcher partnerships
- Data infrastructure
- Feasibility testing and early program evaluation
- Evaluating regulations
- Evaluating different Medicaid policies

# Questions? Ideas?