



Kentucky Opioid Abatement Grant (KYOAG) Program

Establishing Collegiate Recovery Resource Centers (CRRCs)

Request for Proposal

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Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Request for Proposals (RFP)

Issue Date: Friday, April 18, 2025

Title: Establishing Collegiate Recovery Resource Centers (CRRCs) Across Kentucky Campuses

Proposal Submission Deadline: May 30, 2025, by 5:00 PM EDT. Submit Proposals to: cpeworkforce@ky.gov

Overview: The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) invites proposals from eligible public and independent postsecondary educational institutions to establish and operate Collegiate Recovery Resource Centers (CRRCs) as part of the Commonwealth's 2025-26 Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission-funded initiative. The goal of this initiative is to implement trauma-informed recovery support services for adult learners in recovery from substance use disorder or those experiencing co-occurring mental and behavioral health challenges.

Prospective bidders are highly recommended to download a copy of the recently updated "Getting Started: What You Need to Know About Building a Collegiate Recovery Program," published by the Center for Addiction Recovery Support.

Funding Availability: Up to five institutions will be selected. Each selected institution will be eligible for up to seventy-eight thousand dollars in implementation funding for a one-year project term beginning July 1, 2025.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are Kentucky public postsecondary educational institutions and Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) members.

Project Scope and Requirements: Institutions selected for funding will be required to:

1. Designate a campus-based location for the CRRC.
2. Appoint a campus CRRC coordinator to lead implementation.
3. Provide in-house or referral-based trauma-informed peer recovery support services through associated and partnering community mental and behavioral healthcare providers and agencies.
4. Offer academic advising and workforce readiness programming for students in recovery and, if applicable, post-incarceration reentry.
5. Collaborate with local, community, state, and federal recovery and mental health service providers.
6. Participate in a statewide evaluation and data collection activities.
7. Attend a one-day CPE CRRC convening in Lexington, Kentucky, on December 8, 2025.
8. Attend programmatic meetings virtually and provide quarterly progress reports and associate effort metrics as required.

Proposal Requirements: All proposals must include the following sections:

1. Cover Letter: Signed by the institution's chief executive or authorized representative.
2. Narrative (maximum five pages):
 - a. Description of student population and campus needs related to opioid overdose death mortality within institution enrollment clusters, and regional substance use and recovery-associated data and statistics.
 - b. Implementation plan and timeline (July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026).
 - c. Plan to support underserved student populations.
 - d. Provide a description of the physical space and staffing for the CRRC.
 - e. Proposed partnerships with recovery and workforce service providers, local, community, and regional substance abuse treatment partners, as well as potential collaboration partners and partnerships.

3. Budget: Detailed project budget not to exceed seventy-eight thousand dollars.
4. Letters of Support: At least two letters of support from community-based partners.
5. Institutional Commitment: Proposed plan to sustain CRRC services beyond the grant period.

Proposal Submission: Proposals must be submitted via email in PDF format by 5:00 PM EDT on May 30, 2025, to: Email: cpeworkforce@ky.gov
Subject Line: CRRC RFP Submission - [Institution Name]

Review Process: All proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee using a rubric aligned with project goals, feasibility, impact on target populations, institutional readiness, and sustainability.

Award Notification: Awardees will be notified by June 15, 2025, and project implementation begins July 1, 2025.

Inquiries: Questions regarding this RFP may be directed to Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Associate Vice President, Healthcare Workforce and Economic Initiatives, Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE). Email: leslie.sizemore@ky.gov Phone: (606) 813-3212