



Cabarrus County Opioid Settlement Collaborative Strategic Planning (CSP) RFP

Questions & Answers

1. What is the budget for this project?

The budget for this engagement is **\$300,000**.

2. What is the anticipated contract and project timeline?

The contract is anticipated to run through June 2028. The County's goal is to complete the formal Collaborative Strategic Planning process by May–June 2027, allowing recommendations to be presented to the Board of Commissioners by June or July 2027. The selected vendor will remain available for consultation and implementation support through June 2028.

3. How should proposals be submitted?

Proposals should be submitted electronically to OSF@cabarruscounty.us.

4. Does the County prefer in-person, virtual, or hybrid engagement?

The County prefers primarily in-person engagement, supplemented by virtual or hybrid activities as needed. Proposers should plan for multiple in-person visits throughout the project.

5. How often should the oversight group meet?

The oversight group should meet at least every other month.

6. Will the County assist with stakeholder outreach and engagement?

Yes. The County's Communications Department will assist with information sharing and stakeholder engagement efforts.

7. Can project funds be used to incentivize community participation?

Yes. While the County will not directly compensate participants, project funds may be used to support participant one-time incentives valued at no more than \$50 if desired by the proposer.

8. Will the County facilitate data sharing with the selected vendor?

Yes. The County will facilitate appropriate data sharing among relevant county entities and the selected vendor.



9. Is there an existing Collaborative Strategic Planning report available?

Yes. The report from the County's initial CSP process is available and should be reviewed by proposers.

10. Is Cabarrus County currently using Option A, Option B, or both settlement strategies?

Cabarrus County is currently implementing both Option A and Option B strategies. Approved strategies are identified in the previous CSP report.

11. Are there existing data sources, reports, or assessments available to inform the process?

Yes. Proposers should review the County's prior CSP report and publicly available data, including local progress information available through the North Carolina Opioid Settlements website.

12. Will the selected vendor have access to information regarding current and committed opioid settlement expenditures?

Yes. The selected vendor will have visibility into existing and committed settlement investments to support planning and budgeting.

13. Should proposed activities be mapped directly to Exhibit C requirements?

Yes. Proposals should clearly demonstrate alignment with all Collaborative Strategic Planning requirements outlined in the North Carolina Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

14. Are there proposal formatting or page-limit requirements?

No. The County has not established specific formatting or page-limit requirements beyond the content requested in the RFP.

15. What evaluation criteria will be used to score proposals?

Proposal evaluation will include, but is not limited to:

- Understanding of NC Opioid Settlement Requirements and Exhibit C Process
- Relevant Experience Facilitating Community Strategic Planning
- Stakeholder Engagement and Lived Experience Inclusion
- Facilitation Methodology and Work Plan



- Data Analysis and Needs Assessment Capacity
- Deliverables and Reporting Capacity
- Organizational Qualifications and Staff Expertise
- Cost Proposal

16. Will interviews or presentations be conducted as part of the evaluation process?

The County reserves the right to conduct interviews or presentations if deemed necessary during the evaluation process.

17. Is the County open to locally defined indicators in addition to state measures?

Yes. The County is open to locally defined indicators, provided they support the goals and requirements of the Collaborative Strategic Planning process.

18. Can proposers suggest a shorter performance period?

Yes. The County's expectation is that the formal CSP process will conclude by the end of FY 2027, while implementation support may continue through June 2028. Proposers may recommend alternative approaches consistent with these objectives.