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Funding opportunity to provide Opioid Education, Prevention and Connection

BELLEVUE, Washington -

To provide critical support to **Opioid Use Disorder Crisis Response**, the City of Bellevue is offering \$50,000 for one year, with the possibility of extension for up to four years, for proposals focused on culturally and linguistically specific opioid education, prevention, and resource connection. The Application and a list of other required documents are located on <u>Bellevue's Human Services Funding</u> webpage. Applications are due by October 3,th 2024 at 4pm.

Contracted agency(ies) will be connected with the City's Opioid Use Disorder Crisis Response and Outreach Social Worker to access resources, build relationships, increase coordination, and facilitate the connection between diverse community members and city staff.

Proposals should address how the agency will:

- 1) Reach culturally and linguistically specific populations
- 2) Provide free opioid use prevention, education and resource connection to youth, adults and families.
- 3) Enhance connection between Crisis response workers and community stakeholders

Background:

The City of Bellevue is accepting settlement funds from various opioid distributors and sellers. The use of these funds is dictated by the settlement agreement and oversight comes from the newly established Opioid Abatement Council.

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