



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ADVERTISEMENT**

### **OPIOID ABATEMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**Mobile County, Alabama**

**January 2024**

The Mobile County Commission (Commission) is seeking proposals for professional services to conduct a countywide Opioid Abatement Needs Assessment to assist with identifying opioid use disorder related treatment and prevention priorities for Mobile County, Alabama that are consistent with the Settlement Agreements(s) and best practice guidance provided by the National Association of Counties (<https://www.naco.org/program/opioid-solutions-center>).

### **Background**

Addiction is an ongoing public health crisis in the United States with an estimated 20 million people having a substance use disorder related to alcohol or illicit drugs. Over 500,000 people have died from opioid overdoses since 1999. Unfortunately, the crisis worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic. An estimated 93,000 people died from opioid overdoses in 2020, more than in any other year. Fortunately, state and local jurisdictions now have additional money to invest in evidence-based solutions as a result of settlements of litigation brought against opioid manufactures, distributors and dispensers.

The Commission is soliciting proposals from firms/organizations interested in completing a needs assessment to help identify the opioid use disorder related treatment, recovery, and prevention priority areas. This completed needs assessment will inform and guide the Commission with the information needed to formulate a funding plan and establish key performance indicators to effectively track outcomes in alignment with terms of any Settlement Agreements.

### **Summary and Goals**

The Commission is responsible for establishing core strategies aligned with approved uses of settlement funds. The goal of the needs assessment is to collect relevant data that will help inform the Commission's local investment of settlement funds to effectively address the opioid crisis.

The successful respondent's proposal will include a scope and methodology for the needs assessment that is based on the National Association of Counties' "The Principles: A Quick Guide to Conducting a Needs Assessment" found at this link: <https://www.naco.org/resources/opioid-solutions/principles-quick-guide>.

### **Request for Proposals, Inquiries, Contact Information, and Timeline**

Potential Respondents interested in this RFP should contact the Mobile County Administration Department and request placement on the Request for Proposals mailing list to ensure receipt of any amendments or other relevant information. Inquiries should be directed to the Deputy County Administrator; Eddie Kerr, [eddie.kerr@mobilecountyal.gov](mailto:eddie.kerr@mobilecountyal.gov), to receive a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) document.

**Proposal Timeline:**

Solicitation Issuance/Advertising Date	January 3, 2024 & January 10, 2024
Pre-Submittal Conference*	January 17, 2024
Proposal Receipt Closing Date	February 23, 2024
Short List Notifications**	TBD
Short List Interviews**	TBD

***\*Attendance at the Pre-Submittal Conference is mandatory for Proposal consideration.***

***\*\* Mobile County reserves the right to forego Short List Notifications/Interviews***