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## Funding Available for Opioid Awareness and Resources

*Up to \$5000 available through Alberta Rural Development Network*

The **Alberta Rural Development Network** (ARDN), with support from Alberta Health, is accepting applications for funding from organizations and municipalities interested in obtaining financial assistance to conduct activities specific to raising awareness and providing resources about opioids (fentanyl, oxycodone, heroin, etc.) and the opioid crisis. The Rural Community Opioid Outreach Program (RCOOP) will provide rural communities throughout Alberta with funding and support for local, community-driven opioid public awareness and education outreach.

The deadline for this application is **11:59 pm on May 7, 2018**.

To be eligible for up to \$5000 in funding, projects **must** meet the following criteria:

- Must be conducted outside of the seven major cities in Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Red Deer).
- Educate local community residents about opioids such as fentanyl, opioid overdose symptoms, and how best to assist people who have overdosed in local contexts (ie. if emergency services may not be immediately available).
- Target groups that are over-represented in opioid morbidity and mortality (such as Indigenous peoples, men aged 25-39, women aged 40-59, etc.)
- Focus on reducing stigma and promoting harm reduction practices
- Incorporate individuals with lived experience into community outreach sessions

For further requirements and submission details please visit the **ARDN website** to read the full expression of interest and download the **application form**.

All questions and inquiries regarding the application may be directed to RCOOP's Program Manager, **Julia Juco**, at [juliaj@ardn.ca](mailto:juliaj@ardn.ca) or 1(780)-880-8022.

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