

**Boston Public Health Commission**

**Peer-based Syringe Remove Team Request for Proposal**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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**1. Will proposals that primarily serve and involve individuals who are in early recovery be considered?**

The purpose of this grant is to engage and employ peers who are actively using substances, a population who has less work opportunities available to them. Abstinence should not be a requirement to participate in the funded program. The program can include supports to assist people in moving through the treatment continuum, like referrals. By providing job readiness training and connection to employment opportunities, the program can function as a pathway out of unsheltered homelessness and substance use disorder. The RFP cites a [model from Toronto](#) that meets peers where they are at and scales responsibility and involvement based on the person's stability.