

Note: This funding opportunity was originally posted in April of 2022. Dollars are still available to award, so OCH is making this an ongoing funding opportunity until all available dollars are allocated.

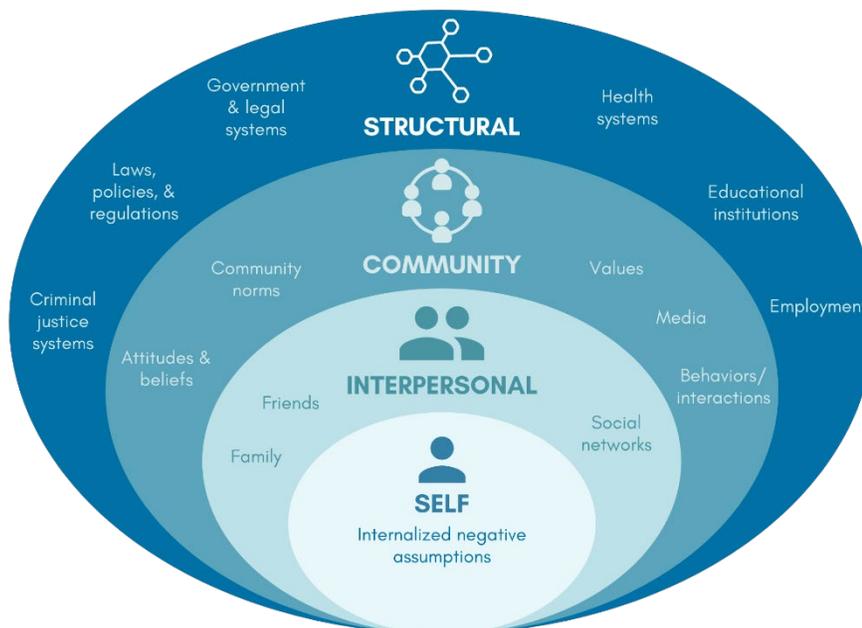
Application: Olympic Youth Addressing Substance Use Disorder Stigma

Overview: Olympic Community of Health (OCH) is a non-profit working across Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties to tackle health issues that no single group or Tribe can tackle alone. OCH brings together a variety of partners and communities across the Olympic region to solve health problems through collaborative action. Learn more about OCH by [visiting our website](#).

What is substance use disorder?

Drug addiction, also called substance use disorder, is a disease that changes a person’s brain and behavior and leads to a loss of control of legal or illegal drug or medication use.

What is stigma? Stigma happens when people negatively label, separate themselves from, and discriminate against someone they see as “different.”



Stigma is multi-dimensional; it operates on several levels of society, from the self to the community. While each type of stigma is unique, they are interconnected and influence each other. OCH works to tackle stigma on a variety of levels. Learn more about [OCH's work to address stigma](#).

Funding

The purpose of this funding is to empower youth in the Olympic region to meaningfully address and reduce the stigma of substance use disorder in their community.

- A total of \$40,000 is available to support this request for proposals. OCH will provide funding to at least one group in each county (Clallam, Kitsap, Jefferson). Additional funding may be available to federally recognized Tribes in the region (Hoh, Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Makah, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Quileute, and Suquamish Tribes).
- **The maximum funding a single group or Tribe can receive through this opportunity is \$20,000.** OCH requests that applications be submitted **only for the amount needed**.
- Contracts issued under this **funding opportunity will be incentive based**, meaning that funded partners will receive two payments from OCH, one following contract execution and one midway through the contract period. Partners will be required to maintain backup financial documentation but will not be required to provide invoices.

The role of OCH in supporting funded projects

- While the design and implementation of each funded project is independently driven, OCH is available to provide support to funded partners as desired. Examples of support OCH can provide include:
 - OCH can host an initial discussion on what stigma is and how it shows up in local communities
 - OCH can help facilitate a virtual or in-person meeting
 - OCH can provide background information about stigma at an event hosted by a funded partner
 - Other support as requested by funded partners that help projects reach intended goals

Eligibility

- Eligible organizations and Tribes include: Organizations and programs within Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties, or within the region's seven federally-recognized Tribal nations, that actively cultivate youth leadership in their programs and projects.
- Funds will *support* **youth-created, inspired, and implemented projects** that help create a culture that supports and humanizes people with a substance use disorder. Applications should reflect that **youth** will be free to design and implement their own ideas, with appropriate *support* from trusted adult leadership.

- Examples of eligible projects could include, but are not limited to:
 - Education campaigns in schools or the wider community, including discussions on person-first language, learning about biases, learning how to support peers, root causes of substance use disorder, etc.
 - Story sharing to support people in recovery and to reduce stigma and “othering” including stories of people who are in recovery
 - Listening circles and sessions for open discussion about substance use disorder and stigma, with trained messengers and facilitators
 - Sponsoring a positive school or community newspaper story about stigma
 - Presenting to adults & peers – school boards, teacher/parent groups, youth groups, etc.
 - Recovery celebration events, like dinners, walks and runs, or community nights at organizations
 - Raising awareness about, or establishing one’s own, peer support & recovery groups
 - Tribal culture and traditions to promote healthy lives and thriving communities
 - Other creative ideas your group may have!

Timeline:

- Application re-released on June 16, 2022.
- OCH has posted an FAQ document on the [OCH website](#). This document will be updated regularly as questions are posed.
- Completed applications will be received and reviewed by OCH until all funds have been disbursed. Applications should be submitted to och@olympicch.org.
- Questions about this application can be sent to och@olympicch.org. Alternatively, contact Drew Gilliland at (360) 301-5344.
- Applicants will be notified about the status of submitted application within two weeks of submission to OCH.
- Projects are to be completed by **May 31, 2023** with reporting due in **June 2023**.

Scoring:

Submitting an application is not a guarantee of funding, and OCH will review each application carefully based on the criteria below. Applications that receive the highest scores will be prioritized. **Applications may be funded in full, partially, or not at all.**

Scoring area	Criteria (bulleted checklist within boxes)	Points available
Clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The project and budget are clearly and concretely defined ✓ The project is aligned with the purpose: to empower youth in the Olympic region to meaningfully address and reduce the stigma of substance use disorder in their community; as such, the project is both led by youth <i>and</i> meant to positively change the attitudes, beliefs, and stigma around SUD among youth ✓ The project clearly describes intended change or impact in the way substance use disorder is viewed or talked about in the community 	10
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The project empowers young people ✓ The project involves youth as equal partners, especially those from the most vulnerable populations (e.g., American Indian/Alaska Native, low-income, non-English speaking, etc.) ✓ The project has outcomes aimed at reducing stigma among marginalized youth populations 	5
Youth-led	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The project is designed and implemented by youth as much as possible, and incorporates the following principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Focuses on strengths of involved youth -Addresses needs of all youth, with consideration of cultural factors and compassion towards individuals' backgrounds, and -Youth have intentional, meaningful, equitable, and sustained involvement 	5
Budget/funding request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applicant requests funding at or below \$20,000 that is commensurate with the scope of work proposed ✓ Applicant provides sufficient rationale for the amount requested 	5
Total		25

Application:

1. Affiliated Organization or Tribe:

2. Name & Title of Requestors:

(Applications will not be made public. OCH values your privacy.)

a. Adult: _____

b. Youth: _____

Contact Information

Adult Phone: _____

Adult Email: _____

Youth Email: _____

3. Funding amount requested: _____ (up to \$20,000)

Criteria: Clarity

4. Project Result: In 1-2 sentences describe the desired result of this project. A result (or goal or outcome) is defined as a condition of wellbeing for communities, stated in plain, everyday language.

5. Project Description: In a short paragraph, describe this project. What is it? What will you do? How will it accomplish the desired result?

6. Will the project include other organizations or Tribes? If so, please list and describe how these partnerships will help carry out intended activities.

7. Provide an estimated timeline of the project including month and activity. *Note: Projects are to be completed by May 31, 2023 with reporting due in June 2023.*

Month/Date	Activity	Description

8. How much money are you requesting for this project? Up to \$20,000 is available per contract with funding commensurate with the scope of work. Please describe the budget request rationale.

Criteria: *Equity*

9. Describe how youth from the most vulnerable (American Indian/Alaska Native, non-English speaking, low-income, or other) backgrounds will be involved in your project?

10. How will the project aim to reduce stigma among the populations identified in question 9?

Criteria: *Youth-led*

11. How does this project focus on strengths of youth and provide them with intentional, equitable, and sustained involvement?

I acknowledge the following:

- The information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my ability.
- This application does not guarantee receipt of funds and OCH may fund my request in full, partially, or not at all.
- This application will be reviewed using the scoring criteria outlined above.
- I will be contacted regarding the status of this application within two weeks of submission to OCH.
- If awarded funds, I will be required to contract with OCH and provide a report on my organization’s project in June of 2023.
- Distribution of these funds is public information and OCH will report on their use.

Adult Lead Signature (Authorized signer for the applicant organization or Tribe):

Youth Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit your completed application to och@olympicch.org. Questions about this application can be sent to this email as well, or you can reach Drew Gilliland at 360.301.5344. Or, visit the [FAQ web page](#).