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NEWS RELEASE

**Opioid Abatement Authority Announces \$32.6 Million
in New Grant Awards, Focuses on Communities with Disparate Impacts**

Total awards rise to \$99 million for 176 projects since 2023

June 9, 2025 – On June 5, the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) approved \$32,614,372 in opioid settlement fund grants to communities across Virginia for initiatives aimed at addressing the opioid use crisis.

The awards include \$3.4 million in new funds for seven Virginia communities where the rate of opioid overdose deaths among Black residents increased more than 100% from 2019 to 2023 (see chart on next page for details).

“While the overall rate of overdose deaths in Virginia is declining, not all communities have experienced the same reduction,” said Senator Todd Pillion, Chair of the OAA Board of Directors. “We are seeing alarming increases in the rates of fentanyl-related overdose deaths among Black Virginians,” he said. “The grants we announced this week include more than \$3.4 million in additional awards designed to empower communities to implement targeted interventions aimed at reducing fentanyl-related harms in disproportionately affected areas.”

To date OAA awards are funding more than 130 projects across the Commonwealth. Dr. Sarah Thomason, vice chair of the OAA Board of Directors, emphasized the importance of investing in prevention, treatment, and recovery services. “As a clinician, I see firsthand the transformative impact that comprehensive care can have on individuals and families affected by opioid use disorder,” she said. “These settlement funds allow us to support evidence-based strategies that promote healing and long-term recovery in the communities that need it most.”

OAA Operation *STOP!*
(Specifically Targeted Overdose Prevention)

***Cities and Counties with Disproportionately High
Black or African American Opioid Overdose Deaths***

Data Timeframe: 2019 – 2023

Source: Virginia Department of Health

(1) 5-year case counts of 20 or higher
AND

(2) rate of increase = 100% or higher

City or County	Black / African American	
	Opioid Overdose Death Count	Percent of Rate Change
Chesapeake City	84	436%
Norfolk City	224	365%
Portsmouth City	172	300%
Richmond City	580	229%
Henrico County	212	167%
Newport News City	107	114%
Petersburg City	98	103%

The June 5 list of awards (attached) approved by the OAA includes \$19.6 million to renew previously approved grants for another year, and \$13 million in funding for new programs.

During 2023-2024 the OAA awarded a total of \$47,156,502 to Virginia's cities and counties, and \$19,494,634 to state agencies for efforts to abate and remediate the opioid crisis. Details of those prior year projects are detailed in the OAA's [2024 Annual Report](#). Combining those past year totals with the most recent announcement, the OAA has awarded \$99 million in awards to date.

“We expect to exceed the \$100 million mark in August when we announce awards to state agencies,” noted OAA Executive Director Tony McDowell.

Virginia expects to receive a total of approximately \$1.1 billion from litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies that were alleged to have contributed to the opioid crisis. Payments from these settlements and bankruptcies began in 2022 and are expected to conclude by 2041.

The OAA was established by the General Assembly in 2021 to oversee the distribution of 55% of Virginia’s total settlement funds. Of the remainder, 30% is distributed directly to cities and counties, and the remaining 15% to the commonwealth. The use of funds is restricted by court orders and state statute, with the restrictions requiring that funds be used for opioid abatement and remediation efforts.

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Individual City/County Grant Renewals

City/County Name	Project Name (click link for details)	Total Amount
Albemarle County	Embedded Mental Health Clinician at the Emergency Communications Center	\$48,723
Albemarle County	Jail-Based Sublocade Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Pilot Project	\$46,331
Arlington County	Office Based Opioid Treatment	\$154,433
Bedford County	Strategic Plan - Opioid Response	\$0*
Charlottesville City	City Naloxone Distribution	\$0*
Charlottesville City	Embedded Mental Health Clinician at the Emergency Communications Center	\$25,508
Charlottesville City	Jail-Based Sublocade Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Pilot Project	\$10,029
Danville City	Treatment Court	\$74,069
Fairfax County	Young Adult Track Expansion	\$159,538
Franklin County	Grace House PEARL Program	\$0*
Gloucester County	Subsidized MOUD Treatment	\$15,674
Gloucester County	Prevention and Treatment Specialist (GHS)	\$32,225
Gloucester County	Enhancing Access to Treatment through Subsidized Transportation	\$30,000
Hampton City	Hampton City Jail Substance Use Jail-Based MAT Services	\$4,000
Henrico County	Additional Treatment Hours for Medication Assisted Treatment	\$70,200
Henrico County	Kinship Navigator	\$63,962
Louisa County	Region 10 New Clinician Position & Services Expansion	\$25,855
Lynchburg City	Roads to Recovery Withdrawal Management Program	\$0*
Manassas City	Harm Reduction through Education Services	\$0*
Newport News City	Newport News Jail Based MAT Services	\$99,854
Orange County	Orange County Opioid Response Program Coordinator	\$44,684
Page County	Page County Adult Drug Treatment Court (PCADTC)	\$18,490
Pittsylvania County	Treatment Court	\$39,417
Richmond City	Harm Reduction Vending Machines	\$41,240
Richmond City	Youth Prevention Campaign	\$0*
Richmond City	Peer Specialist RFP	\$0*
Roanoke City	Certified Peer Recovery Specialists	\$63,713
Roanoke City	Roanoke City Schools Teen Outreach Project	\$0*
Roanoke County	Family Services of Roanoke Valley	\$40,000
Roanoke County	Partnership for Community Wellness	\$121,252
Rockingham County	RHADTC OUD Treatment Support	\$86,319
Smyth County	Smyth County Recovery Court Program	\$81,985
Sussex County	Sussex Safety First	\$11,796
Virginia Beach City	Teen to Teen Social Media Campaign & Outreach Initiative	\$229,210
Virginia Beach City	VBCPS Online Substance Use and Wellness Interventions	\$70,000
Virginia Beach City	Opioid Services at Juvenile Detention	\$75,000
Virginia Beach City	Virginia Beach Police LEAD program and Community Outreach	\$20,000
Virginia Beach City	Youth Peer Support and Prevention Outreach	\$100,500
Warren County	Raymond E. Santmyers Student Union and Activity Center	\$37,154
Winchester City	Addiction Response Officer	\$104,489
Wythe County	Wythe County Public Schools: Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist	\$55,585

*Projects that show "\$0" awarded were approved for 2026 renewal with 2025 carryforward funds.

Individual City/County Grant – New Awards

City/County Name	Project Name (click link to see details)	Total Amount
Chesterfield County	Chesterfield County SUD Subgrants	\$500,000
Culpeper County	Culpeper County Recovery Court	\$204,993
Fairfax County	Youth Medication Assisted Treatment - Expansion (YMAT-E)	\$1,117,032
Henrico County	Outreach: Concerning Addictive Behaviors in Adolescents	\$9,900
Henrico County	Naloxone Distribution Cabinets for Libraries and MHDS	\$17,986
Henry County	Kinship Navigator Position-Henry Martinsville Social Services	\$56,651
Martinsville City	Kinship Navigator Position-Henry Martinsville Social Services	\$28,326
Nelson County	Jail-Based Sublocade MOUD Pilot Project	\$22,062
Prince William County	Opioid Response Coordinator	\$175,000
Richmond City	Sub-awards to nonprofits based on highest need identified	\$100,000
Warren County	Summer Camp Series	\$13,500
Warren County	HOPE (Hopefulness in Opioid Prevention Efforts)	\$35,000

Cooperative Partnership Grants – Renewals

City/County Partnership (bold indicates fiscal agent)	Project Name (click link to see more details)	Total Amount
Accomack County, Northampton	Eastern Shore Community Services Board (ESCSB) Expansion Project	\$119,922
Albemarle County , Charlottesville, Nelson, Louisa, Fluvanna, Greene	Community Outreach at Region Ten's Blue Ridge Center	\$609,225
Albemarle County , Charlottesville, Nelson, Louisa, Fluvanna, Greene	CITAC Expansion and Crisis Response	\$1,162,960
Alleghany County , Covington	CSB One-Stop SUD Continuum	\$2,660,402
Buena Vista City , Lexington, Rockbridge	HOPE House Project	\$496,904
Charlottesville City , Albemarle, Nelson, Orange, Fluvanna, Madison	Central Virginia Specialty Docket Enhancement Project	\$13,504
Chesapeake City , Virginia Beach	Construct 20-bed Inpatient Psychiatric Unit	\$0*
Chesterfield County , Powhatan, Colonial Heights, Petersburg	Mobile Outreach Services for Harm Reduction, Treatment, and Support	\$552,813
Culpeper County , Fauquier, Madison, Orange, Rappahannock	Overdose Response Unit	\$287,436
Dickenson County , Lee County, Scott County	Wildwood Health and Wellness Center	\$3,238,171
Fairfax County , Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William	Residential Treatment Program for Adolescents	\$0*
Frederick County , Winchester, Fauquier, Clarke	NRADC Mat Program	\$423,146
Gloucester County , Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland	Northern Neck Regional Jail MAT Program	\$316,370
Grayson County , Carroll, Galax	Recovery Court - Enhancements & New Components to Existing Program	\$188,511
Hanover County , Chesterfield, Richmond	Expansion of Project Recover	\$157,620
Harrisonburg City , Rockingham	Peer Recovery Center	\$103,494
Henrico County , Charles City, New Kent	Pregnant and Parenting Women Recovery Program	\$361,256
James City County , Williamsburg, York, Poquoson	Outreach and Marketing of CSB-offered SUD Services	\$33,288
James City County , Williamsburg, York, Poquoson	Recovery Court and Behavioral Health Docket	\$0*

<u>Cooperative Partnership Grants – Renewals--continued</u>		
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Lynchburg City , Campbell	Adult Detox Program	\$129,393
Montgomery County , Floyd, Giles, Pulaski, Radford	Opioid Ecosystem of Recovery for the New River Valley (NRV)	\$3,305,221
Newport News City , Hampton City	Mobile MAT and Outreach Unit	\$248,256
Newport News City , Hampton City	Peer Recovery Oriented System of Care	\$235,121
Prince William County , Manassas, Manassas Park	Office-Based Opioid Treatment/Office-Based Addiction Treatment	\$708,206
Richmond City , Henrico	Resource Mapping of Substance Use Related Resources	\$0*
Roanoke City , Roanoke County	Building & Expanding a Collaborative Regional Recovery Ecosystem	\$374,573
Roanoke City , Roanoke County	Restoration Housing	\$225,472
Rockingham County , Harrisonburg	Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center & Crisis Co-Response Unit	\$12,821
Russell County , Dickenson County	Recovery Residences - Russell County and Dickenson County	\$216,755
Smyth County , Bland, Bristol, Carroll, Galax, Grayson, Washington, Wythe	Multi-Sector Collaboration to Address Substance Use Disorder in Far Southwest VA	\$23,855
Smyth County , Carroll, Galax, Grayson, Wythe	Appalachian Center for Hope (ACH) Treatment Facility	\$824,777
Smyth County , Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Tazewell, Wise, Wythe	Project Pathfinder - Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society (SVLAS)	\$275,040
Smyth County ; Bland, Carroll, Galax, Grayson, Wythe	Expand OBOT/MAT existing services in the region & Develop regional transitional	\$915,039
Stafford , Fredericksburg, Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania	Mobile MAT and Support for Sunshine House	\$648,899
Virginia Beach City , Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk	Regional Mobile Van for Primary Care and SUD Services	\$242,503
Wise County , Lee, Norton, Scott	Recovery House - Gate City (Scott County)	\$60,140
Wise County , Lee, Norton, Scott	Intensive Out-Pt. Treatment Facility-serve youth five days/week 8:30am-2:30p	\$56,591

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Augusta County , Waynesboro, Staunton	Regional Prevention, Education, and Harm Reduction Services	\$140,023
Chesterfield County , Colonial Heights	DSS Family Engagement & SUD Team	\$512,009
Chesterfield County , Powhatan, Colonial Heights	Comprehensive Opioid Management and Patient Assistance for Substance Support (COMPASS)	\$989,610
Chesterfield County , Richmond, Henrico	Chesterfield Recovery Academy Outreach and Transportation	\$340,799
Clarke County , Warren, Page, Shenandoah	Northern Shenandoah Valley teen Mental Health First Aid	\$115,050
Colonial Heights City , Petersburg, Hopewell	City of Refuge Transportation Program	\$60,083
Danville City , Pittsylvania	Recovery 360	\$268,809
Henrico County , Colonial Heights, Richmond, Hanover, Chesterfield	Hospital Liaisons - PPW	\$270,350
Henrico County , Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover	Regional Recovery Day	\$46,946
Henry County , Martinsville, Franklin, Patrick	Piedmont Community Services Lighthouse Program	\$1,197,347
Martinsville City , Henry, Franklin	Overdose Spike Response and Harm Reduction Access	\$364,062
Prince Edward County, Nottoway	Piedmont Regional Jail Recovery Program	\$50,000

Cooperative Partnership Grants – Renewals--continued

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Prince Edward County , Nottoway	Piedmont Health District Opioid Prevention/Connection Project 2026	\$115,000
Prince George County , Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Surry	Mobile Overdose Response Unit	\$174,433
Roanoke City , Roanoke County	Four Truths Recovery Pregnant & Postpartum Women's Implementation / Expansion	\$154,800
Roanoke City , Roanoke County, Salem	Navigator Care Specialists	\$108,000
Roanoke City , Roanoke County	Harm Reduction	\$51,000
Virginia Beach City , Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk	Superintendents Region 2 Recovery High School	\$163,634
Washington County , Bristol, Dickenson, Norton, Russell, Smyth, Tazewell, Wise County	Brighter Paths: Building Social-Emotional Strength for a Substance-Free Future	\$840,000
Waynesboro City , Staunton, Augusta	River Ridge Learning Center (A Recovery High School in Waynesboro, VA)	\$640,039
Wise County , Norton	Strong Futures Southwest Virginia Fourth Floor Residential Center	\$597,727

Operation STOP! Grants – New Awards

City/County Name	Project Name (click link to see more details)	Individual Award	Operation STOP! Award	Total Amount
Chesapeake City	Operation STOP, Chesapeake, VA	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Henrico County	Operation Stop!:Henrico	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Newport News City	Operation STOP! Newport News City	\$0	\$360,000	\$360,000
Norfolk City	Operation STOP!: Norfolk City	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Petersburg City	Operation STOP!: Petersburg	\$40,000	\$500,000	\$540,000
Portsmouth City	Operation Stop! Portsmouth City	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Richmond City	Operation STOP! City of Richmond	\$119,950	\$500,000	\$619,950