



Local DSS Offices Should Apply for OAA Grants

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VIRGINIA LEAGUE OF SOCIAL SERVICES EXECUTIVES***

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National Opioid Settlements and Bankruptcies

Virginia expected total =

\$1,100,000,000





The First National Settlement Agreements Paid to Cities and Counties in Virginia

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Bankrupcies / Settlement Negotiations in the Pipeline

Approved/Pending Settlements



Bankrupcies





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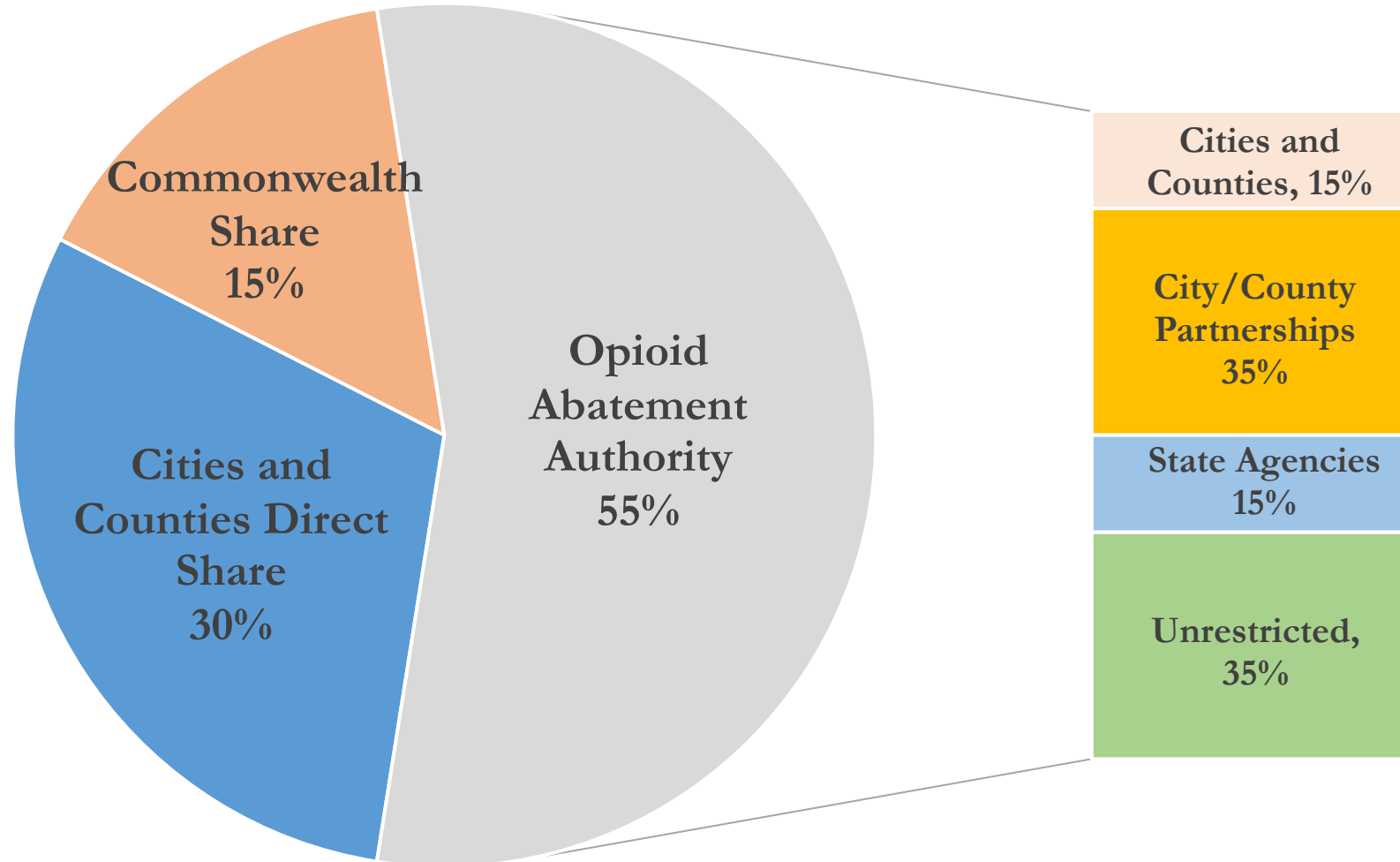
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Virginia's Settlement Distribution Agreement





Nationally Negotiated Settlement Agreements Specify How the Funds May be Used

Each settlement is slightly different from the others.

- Varying rules about future versus past spending, supplanting.
- Enforcement and reporting is not always clear.
- Disputes will be resolved in civil court.
- Virginia and her 133 cities and counties share the risk under any such litigation

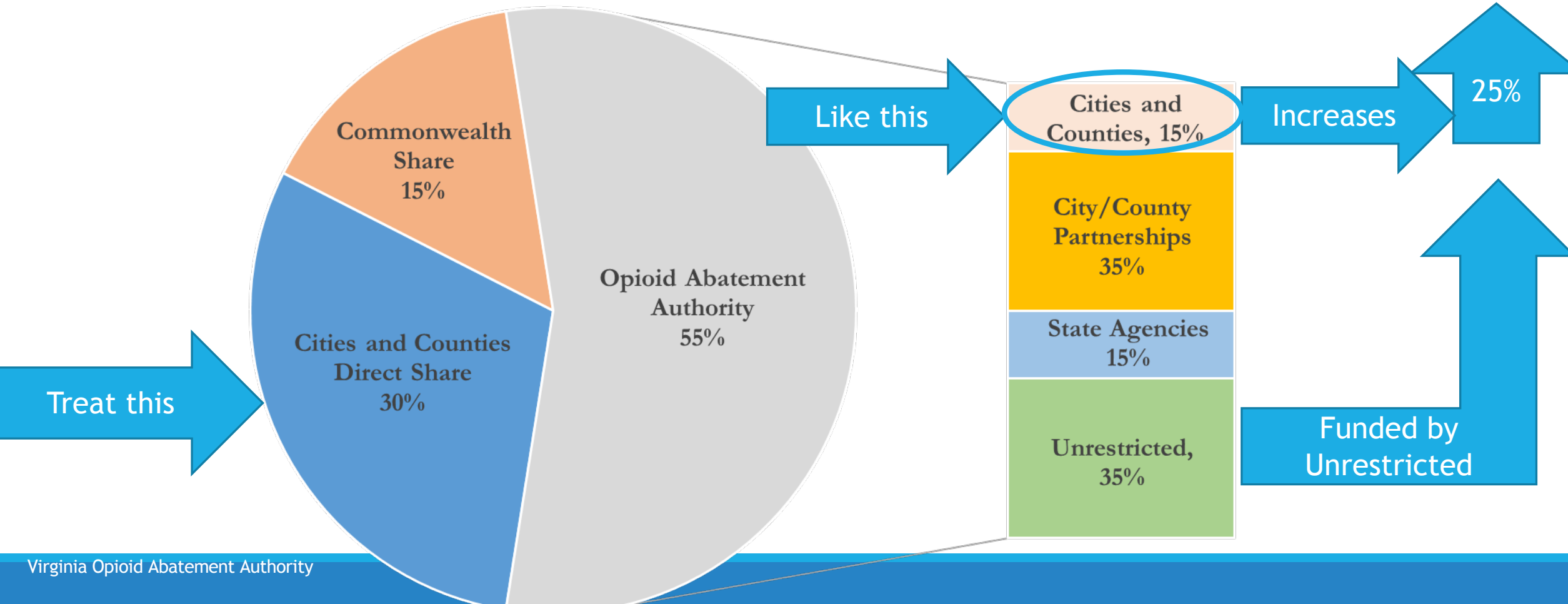
However, they all reference **“Exhibit E,”** which is a list of approved uses.



Virginia's Requirements on the use of OAA Funds **Exceed the Requirements of the National Settlement Agreements**

- 100% of the OAA's disbursements to cities, counties and state agencies *must be* spent on abatement efforts.
- There is no reimbursement of previous costs or supplanting allowed.
- No indirect charges allowed.
- Recipients must report outcomes to OAA on an annual basis and allow OAA to monitor the programs.

OAA's Gold Standard Incentive



1st Round of OAA Grants to Cities and Counties (FY24)

- \$23 Million to 76 cities/counties
 - ✓ 13 individual city/county awards
 - ✓ 26 cooperative partnership awards
- Payments are made up front, not on a reimbursement-basis
- Many of the approved projects are eligible for renewal - for up to a total of five years



Examples of Individual Grants Awarded

- City of Hampton (\$60,226) peer-led drop-in center, jail-based medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)
- Roanoke City (\$252,867) ACEs training, peer recovery specialist for the jail, xylazine test strips, naloxone distribution
- Chesterfield County (\$82,755) Planning effort for a 24-hour behavioral health facility



Examples of Cooperative Partnership Grants

- Albemarle, Nelson, Louisa, Greene, Fluvanna, Charlottesville
 - ✓ \$834,894 - Expand CIT Assessment Center and response
 - ✓ \$448,500 - Expand Blue Ridge Center Community Response and add drop-in services.
- Lynchburg, Campbell County \$1,946,372 - Crisis receiving center



Examples of Cooperative Partnership Grants (cont'd)

- Stafford, Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg
\$942,704 - Mobile delivery of MOUD, expand detox services at local recovery center.
- Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Loudoun, Alexandria
\$3,613,048 - Create a residential treatment facility for adolescents.
- Grayson, Carroll, Galax \$260,199 - Enhance existing Recovery Court



Examples of Cooperative Partnership Grants (cont'd)

- Montgomery, Giles, Floyd, Pulaski, Radford \$3,391,750- Create a recovery “ecosystem” including treatment, medications, transportation, recovery court clinicians, law enforcement education, mobile treatment, harm reduction, and supportive housing.
- Smyth, Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Wythe, Galax \$1,000,000 - Expand outpatient treatment services, medications, regional transitional recovery housing
- Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, Richmond \$100,000 - Planning grant to evaluate needs, gaps, and resources to support pregnant and nursing mothers with opioid use disorders.



Observations / Lessons Learned

- Sustainability of OAA-funded efforts frequently not addressed.
 - **This is an issue!!**
- Variety of partners/subcontractors identified
 - CSBs
 - Non-profits
 - Private providers
- In some cases the partners/subcontractors wrote the application and the city/county submitted it.
- There is still much to be done to facilitate all 133 cities and counties participation.



1st Round of OAA Awards to State Agencies (FY24)

- \$11 Million to 16 State Agencies
- Included all branches of state government – executive branch agencies, to judicial agencies, universities, & independent agencies.
- Wide spectrum of projects ranging from research, prevention/education, treatment, criminal justice diversion, recovery support.



Examples of State Agency Awards

Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) \$205,500 to expand kinship navigator programs in coordination with local governments and community partners. This project provides funding to DSS to fund competitive proposals submitted by local DSS offices seeking to expand existing kinship navigator programs.

- This award will fund the expansion of up to five different kinship care navigator programs beginning in 2024.
- The funding of \$205,500 is a half year as the program is not expected to begin incurring costs until early 2024.
- Local governments are also able to use their direct opioid settlement and/or OAA grant funds for these purposes.



Examples of State Agency Awards (cont'd)

Dept of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) \$150,000 for DMAS to create and facilitate a program for hospitals to launch bridge programs for patients with opioid use disorders. This funding will support the launch of at least two bridge programs each year. Once bridge programs are in operation, they are expected to become self-sustaining with medical reimbursements.

Va Indigent Defense Commission: \$224,745 embed re-entry and recovery specialists within public defender offices in the seven localities with highest overdose death rates. In partnership with Virginia Recovery Corps, which is providing salary support for the recovery specialists.



Examples of State Agency Awards (cont'd)

Radford Univ. \$160,277 expand the existing Radford Collegiate Recovery Program.

UVA. \$258,171 Street Medicine Access Reduction and Treatment (SMART) clinic.

Office of the Attorney General: \$745,000 for a statewide “One Pill Can Kill” multi-media awareness campaign.



Examples of State Agency Awards (cont'd)

Dept of Education: \$520,250 implement K-12 opioid prevention programs, create an Opioid Abatement Education Ambassador Program, and fund a student-centered social media campaign.

Va Foundation for Healthy Youth: \$1,200,000 develop and launch a comprehensive prevention education program to reach 1 million youth aged 13-24.

Va Cooperative Extension: \$724,856 continue and expand the Rural Opioid Technical Assistance Project after Federal funding expires.



Examples of State Agency Awards (cont'd)

Va Dept of Health: \$2,903,843 for three projects: Naloxone purchase and distribution, to support and expand comprehensive harm reduction, and to add opioid abatement specialist positions in three local health districts.

Dept of Behavioral Health & Dev Services: \$522,289 for three projects: fund a data collection effort, develop a training curriculum on SUD for judges, attorneys and other officers of the court, and funding to advance an additional regional recovery high school.

Va Dept of Corrections: \$1,254,152 for three projects: OUD counselors, pilot study of the system-wide cost effectiveness of using injectable buprenorphine, and a training video on addiction services available for inmates and parolees.



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All Grants
Received by
the OAA are
available for
review

Grants Portal

Welcome to the Opioid Abatement Authority's Grants Portal. The OAA of Virginia. This page connects you to information and resources, as well

[Resources and General Information](#)

[Individual City or County Applications - New Applications and "Gold Standard" Incentive](#)

[Individual City or County Applications - Amend/Renew Current Award and "Gold Standard" Incentive](#)

[Cooperative Partnerships - New Applications](#)

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[Applications, Supporting Documentation and OAA Summary Recommendations for Cities and Counties from Initial Grant Cycle](#)

Next Grant Application Processes

- Applications from cities and counties being accepted October 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024
 - ✓ Cities/Counties can request to amend/renew existing grants
 - ✓ And/or apply for new grants
- Proposals from State agencies will be solicited in the spring/summer of 2024.



OAA Abatement Academy Series

- Series of 14 live webinars from subject matter experts promoting evidence-based practices being used successfully in Virginia.
- Align with “The Principles” as advocated by Johns Hopkins, Shatterproof, and 60+ organizations nationally.
- Sessions were recorded and can be viewed on the OAA website
- www.voaa.us/abatement-academy/





Principles Coalition Announces Quarter 3 Award Winner

October 19, 2023

The Principles coalition is excited to announce the recipient of the Award for Excellence in the Application of the Opioid Litigation Principles for the 3rd Quarter of 2023: the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority. These quarterly awards are based on a set of evidence-based guidelines developed by faculty at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, known as the Principles. The award is designated by a committee *use opioid settlement funds effectively and equitably*.

The Excellence Awards were launched in the first quarter of 2023. Previous winners include Rock County, WI, states of Colorado, Rhode Island, and North Carolina.

More than 670,000 people in the U.S. fatally overdosed from prescription and illicit opioids between 1999 and 2021. As the crisis deepened, states and localities filed lawsuits against drug manufacturers, pharmaceutical distributors, and pharmacies for their role in these deaths and other harms. Funds from litigation settlements are directing billions of dollars to states and localities to combat the opioid overdose crisis.

To guide states and localities in spending the money from these settlements, faculty at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health worked with collaborators across the country to create the *Principles for the Use of Funds from the Opioid Litigation*. Announced in January 2021, the Principles have been endorsed by more than 60 organizations across the U.S.



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