



VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP AWARDS FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING MULTIPLE CITIES AND/OR COUNTIES AMENDMENTS AND RENEWALS INTRODUCTION LETTER

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Greetings to all Cities and Counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is excited to launch its second application period which includes amendments and renewals of Cooperative Partnership grant awards for cities and counties from the Opioid Abatement Fund.

The contents of this package are for cities and counties applying to AMEND and/or RENEW awards for Cooperative Partnership projects involving multiple cities and/or counties from the OAA in compliance with the national settlement agreements, Commonwealth's memorandum of understanding (MOU), and *Code of Virginia* §2.2-2370. Per the MOU, at least two of the participating cities and/or counties must be within the same [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services \(DBHDS\) Regions](#). Included are guidance, instructions, application forms, workbook templates, and terms and conditions for the awards.

Alternatively, whether you are currently part of a cooperative partnership or not, if you are a city or county wishing to partner with other cities and/or counties, and would like to apply for funding for a new project, go to the "[Cooperative Partnerships – New Applications](#)" tab on the grants portal and follow the instructions there.

This application period is open from October 1, 2023, through April 1, 2024.

The [General Guidance](#) document for the Cooperative Partnership Awards Amendments and Renewals contains the date by which both draft (optional) and finalized amendment applications must be submitted to the OAA to be considered at the two OAA Grants Committee meetings scheduled during the application period. Submitting during the application period would only be necessary if a Cooperative Partnership wanted to amend an award in the current fiscal year (FY2024). The only allowable amendments during the current fiscal year are to request to add partners and/or matching funds or modify objectives and/or performance measures. Decisions on all new and renewal Cooperative Partnership applications will occur at the May 23, 2024, Grants Committee meeting.

OAA awards to Cooperative Partnerships are on a fiscal year basis. Each initial award is for one fiscal year with up to four, optional one-year renewals at the discretion of the OAA. Yearly renewal requests are required during the application period for the next fiscal year's funding. Carryover requests will need approval from the OAA, or unexpended balances will be repaid to the OAA. See the [General Guidance](#) document for additional details on carryforward estimates.

Reporting will be on a yearly basis and this frequency may increase in the future. Projects that are awarded funds in FY2024 must submit a report by September 1, 2024, and projects that are awarded in FY2025 must submit a report by September 1, 2025, on forms prescribed by the OAA.

Grant requests for Cooperative Partnerships are awarded on a competitive basis. In making decisions regarding grant awards, the OAA's Grants Committee follows statutory requirements of *Code of Virginia* §2.2-2370.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the application or the award process.

Thanks and Regards,

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