



VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP AWARDS FOR PROJECTS INVOLVING MULTIPLE CITIES AND/OR COUNTIES 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 next round 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 for awards for NEW 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.

PLEASE NOTE: There are changes to requirements and processes from the previous cycle including updated application forms and workbook templates.

If you are the fiscal agent city or county for an awarded Cooperative Partnership project and would like to amend and/or renew the funding for that project, please go to the "[Cooperative Partnerships – Amend/Renew Current Awards](#)" 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 contains the date by which a draft (optional) must be submitted to the OAA before the final application is due April 1, 2024. Decisions on all 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 award is for one fiscal year with up to four, optional one-year renewals. Recipients must submit yearly requests during the application period to renew the next fiscal year's funding. Carryover requests will need approval from the OAA, or unexpended balances will be repaid to the OAA. New Cooperative Partnership projects will be awarded for FY2025.

Reporting will be on a yearly basis (frequency may increase in the future) with funds awarded due September 1, 2025, on forms prescribed by the OAA.

Grant requests for Cooperative Partnerships are awarded on a competitive basis. In making decisions regarding which grants to award, the OAA's Grants Committee follows the 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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