

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Planning Grants for Individual Cities and Counties

Greetings to all Cities and Counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is excited to launch its Planning Grants for Virginia's cities and counties.

The purpose of these grants is to provide cities and counties with assistance in expanding or developing new abatement efforts.

The contents of this package include relevant information for cities and counties to apply for a Planning Grant from the OAA including guidance, instructions, the application form, and the terms and conditions.

This application period is open from February 1st through May 5th, 2023.

Planning Grant awards to cities and counties shall have a performance period of 24 months from the date of the award. Recipients will receive all funding up front. Any unspent funds at the end of the performance period must be repaid to the OAA.

To qualify, the grant must result in a plan to implement an actionable abatement project for the city or county that will meet the OAA's Gold Standard. A detailed report will be due 45 days after the end of the 24-month performance period. The report will consist of both the plan and the costs associated with developing the plan.

These grants are funded from the OAA's unrestricted portion of the Opioid Abatement Fund and thus approval is at the discretion of the Board. Additionally, these grants are competitive as there are limited funds allocated for them. These grants are not funded from the OAA's allocations for Individual Distributions to cities and counties.

While not required, a monetary match from the city or county's Direct Distribution from the settlement administrators, Individual Distribution from the OAA and/or the city or county's general fund is strongly encouraged.

These grants are not intended to be allocated to currently funded planning efforts in the city or county as that would be considered supplanting which is prohibited in *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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