

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Planning Grants for Cooperative Partnerships Involving Multiple Cities and/or 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 Cooperative Partnerships Involving Multiple Cities and/or Counties. The Cooperative Partnership must include at least two cities and/or counties from the same [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services region](#) and designate a fiscal agent.

The purpose of these grants is to provide cooperative partnerships with assistance in expanding or developing new abatement efforts.

The contents of this package include relevant information for cooperative partnerships 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 cooperative partnerships 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 cooperative partnership 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. A letter of support is required from each participating city and/or county.

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 Cooperative Projects.

While not required, a monetary match from participating cities and/or counties' Direct Distribution from the settlement administrators, Individual Distribution from the OAA and/or 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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