

Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Request for Proposals from Agencies of the Commonwealth

Greetings to all Agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is excited to launch its request for proposals (RFP) from Agencies of the Commonwealth for awards from the Opioid Abatement Fund.

The contents of this package are for submitting proposals in compliance with the national settlement agreements, Commonwealth's settlement memorandum of understanding (MOU), and *Code of Virginia* §2.2-2370. The package includes the RFP document, summary of proposal form, project timeline workbook, performance measures workbook, and the terms and conditions. These documents are also available on the OAA's [Grants Portal](#).

The OAA will accept proposals from April 21 through June 21, 2023. The total amount of funding available for this cycle is approximately \$8 million. Multiple awards will be made from these funds. No singular agency will receive all \$8 million. There is no guarantee that submitting a proposal will result in an award. The performance period for awards will run from October through September of each year. Proposals can range from one to five years in duration, and sustainability of funding for additional future years is possible. In subsequent years, the proposal submission window will be between April 1 and June 1 of each year.

Any agency of the Commonwealth may submit a proposal. Only one proposal will be accepted per agency, but that one proposal may contain multiple proposed projects. Agency leadership must review and approve its agency's proposal prior to submission. If submitting multiple projects, they must be ranked by priority.

Because agencies exist in different branches of the government (and could include independent agencies), the OAA is not prescribing the approval process above the level of the agency head. The administration and the various secretaries may impose their own internal requirements above and beyond what the OAA requires.

After the proposal window has closed, the OAA will conduct evaluation meetings with each agency submitting proposals which may include negotiating with the agency to potentially adjust the scope, budget, project priority, and other components of each proposal before presenting them to the Grants Committee of the OAA Board of Directors for final consideration.

When an OAA offer of award is accepted by an agency, the OAA and the agency will negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to memorialize the terms and conditions of the award, including the project timeframe(s). As part of the awards process, the OAA will provide information to the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) to facilitate the appropriation of awarded funds.

The OAA is offering two virtual Q&A sessions hosted by the Virginia Institute of Government on May 2nd and June 6th, both from 10:30am to 12:00pm. To register for these sessions, please click [here](#).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the RFP requirements and/or process.

Thanks and Regards,

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