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Opioid Abatement Application Questions and Answers

- 1. With a collaborative application, do both political subdivisions have to complete a resolution as part of the application process?**
Yes.
- 2. Are political subdivisions who did not send an initial letter of intent or initial interest letter able to apply?**
Not in this round, but we anticipate future rounds of funding.
- 3. Does a lead subdivision need to be identified since one application will be submitted for both?**
If there is a lead subdivision, please identify them in the Application. The Application does require a Designated Representative and Primary Point of Contact.
- 4. The City of XX is considering applying for funds that would then be contracted for services provided by a non-profit organization. Is that allowable?**
Eligible political subdivisions may enter into written agreements for goods and services with a third-party. It is the responsibility of the political subdivision to ensure the compliance of any partnering third-party with the requirements of the grant award.
- 5. Does prevention of opioid use qualify as an allowable purpose, or does it have to focus on treatment?**
Prevention of opioid misuse is an allowable purpose. Please refer to the Healthy Minds Initiative Guidance document for further explanation on approved purposes.
- 6. Will a subdivision be scored at a disadvantage if it has already received direct opioid settlement payments?**
No. Please refer to the scoring rubric in the webinar presentation. It is on the Abatement Board website. Bonus points are given to applicants who have not received opioid settlement funds.
- 7. Our application was intended to be a collaboration with several other political subdivisions, at least one of which did submit a letter of intent, but not all of them did. Would our application still be considered, or do we need to wait for future rounds?**
All parties to the application (each subdivision) must have submitted a letter of intent by the deadline to qualify for the current round of funding.
- 8. Is there a set resolution that needs to be used for political subdivision board approval?**
No. The OAG does not have a standard resolution.



9. If a collaboration applicant did not submit a letter of intent but one member of the collaboration did, will the grant be considered, or do we need to wait for future rounds?

All parties to the application (each political subdivision) must have submitted a letter of intent by the deadline to qualify for the current round of funding.

10. Is a school resource officer's salary an authorized purpose if his/her time is spent doing prevention work?

Possibly. The application must demonstrate that the use of the abatement funds is directly tied to abatement efforts.

11. Can we use the grant fund for a narcotics officer?

The application must demonstrate that the use of the abatement funds is directly tied to abatement efforts, not interdiction (patrol, investigation, and arrest activities).

12. If a school district applies do, we use the school district population or the community population?

The school district population.

13. Please explain the multi applicant tier- if a city partners with the school, are they eligible only for the tier based on the school population?

You may use the population of the largest tier unless doing so does not align with the intent of creating the tiers. Generally, you are eligible for the tier of the largest subdivision.

14. Would equipment for new staff devoted completely to abatement, such laptops, monitors, keyboards, data hotspots, or cell phone stipends fall under indirect costs allowed under the application?

Yes.

15. Would marketing for educational community events fall under indirect costs allowed under the application?

Yes.

16. We have identified that transportation to treatment is a need in our community. Is providing transportation an allowable expense?

Yes. We believe it falls into Harm Reduction.

17. Can Tech schools enrollment be combined with high school students who are concurrently enrolled and fulltime programs, and short term programs?

We will utilize the official enrollment records provided to the State Department of Career and Technology <https://oklahoma.gov/careertech/interactive-data/tech-center-profiles.html>.

18. Can an applicant propose to develop a website for purposes of connecting the public to treatment providers?

It is unlikely that this can be demonstrated to be an authorized purpose.



19. In regard to the education and prevention component, is that specific to just those impacted by opioids, or can it also be used to educate professionals who deal with opioid involved persons as continued education or certification?

It can be used to educate professionals.

20. Can these funds be used to purchase items for Contingency Management treatment program for OUD? The current limit for Fed funds is \$75/yr/client. Can we go beyond this limit since this is not federal dollars?

Yes. This is a recognized, evidence-based strategy and these funds are not subject to the same rules as federal funds. However, OAG and the Board encourage recipients to be cognizant of the limited amounts of funds that will be awarded. During the grant award process, the Board is authorized to lower amounts awarded to specific projects.

21. A school sent in the letter of intent and has a nonprofit embedded into their school system. Can they then apply as a multi-tier applicant?

No. Only the school district can apply.

22. Are recertification costs for licensed or certified staff such as LPCs, LCDCs case managers an approved cost.

Possibly. A community must demonstrate a significant need for grant funds and then demonstrate the difficulties in recruiting staff.

23. Will there be a statewide database compilation showing how many served in treatment, etc. from reporting agencies or grant recipients in the future related to opioid abatement?

Yes.

24. Are the proposed funding maximums per proposal or per multiyear proposals request the max for each year and the budget.

The proposed maximums are the maximum award for that subdivision, regardless of how many projects or years proposed. The funding will be awarded based.

25. Can a subdivision apply for more than the maximum award for their tier?

Yes, but they must demonstrate extraordinary need in their application.

26. Can a planning period be included in the grant application?

Yes. While the application should detail the projects and goals, an initial planning period can be included. The application should state the intended duration of the planning period. The Board may determine that the project(s) must start within a certain time after the award is granted.