

Rule Impact Statement
Title 75. Attorney General
Chapter 50. Opioid Settlement Payments and Abatement Grants
Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board (“Board”)
Amended Permanent Rules OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 75:50

This Rule Impact Statement has been prepared pursuant to 75 O.S.2021, §303(D)(1).

I. Brief description of the proposed rule(s).

The Board proposes these rules to fulfill the requirements of the Board under the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act, 74 O.S. 2021, §§ 30.1–30.8. The rule changes eliminate the tiered system of eligibility for applicant entities and stated scoring rubrics for evaluating applications. This allows the Board to exercise its judgment and authority under state statutes in the manner it deems to be in the best interests of Oklahoma and the stated goals of the program, and to structure funding rounds in a way that it most efficient and logical. The Board will continue to ensure applicant eligibility and administer funds in compliance with state law. The changes also ensure that notifications from applicants be directed to the authorized Board rather than a director.

II. Description of the persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule(s), including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.

The proposed changes will most likely affect political subdivisions seeking opioid grant awards from the Abatement Board as well as persons suffering opioid use disorder. At this time, the Board cannot foresee any cost impact nor has it received any reports of cost impacts from private or public entities.

III. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule(s).

Oklahoma political subdivision applicants and the general public, including those affected by the opioid epidemic, will benefit from these changes. In short, the State will benefit as a whole.

IV. Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule(s) upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change.

The Board intends that these changes will allow for efficient granting and distribution of grant funds so that they may be used for the improved health and safety of Oklahoma communities. The rules do not include any imposition of fees or fee changes.

V. Description of the probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule(s), and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency.

The Board does not believe that there will be probable costs and risks to the agency nor any other agency as a result of implementing these changes. Moreover, the Board cannot anticipate any effect on state revenues. To the extent that there will be net loss or gain, one cannot be projected at this time.

VI. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule(s).

The Board determines that there will be no economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules. That said, political subdivisions receiving grant awards under the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act will be subject to these rules.

VII. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The Board determines that implement of the rules will not have an adverse economic effect on small business.

VIII. Explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule(s).

Based on the rules as set forth, the Board does not believe that there will compliance costs. Without compliance costs, a finding concerning nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rules is unnecessary.

IX. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule(s) is/are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk.

The Board finds that the proposed rule changes will benefit public health and safety as the rules intend to ensure that political subdivisions will more efficiently receive funds to abate the effects from the opioid epidemic by using the funds for approved purposes as outlined in law.

X. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule(s) is/are not implemented.

If these rule changes are not implemented, the Board will have a restricted ability to administer the funds entrusted to them for distribution to communities across Oklahoma devastated by the opioid epidemic. The Board does not anticipate any detrimental effect on the environment from the implementation of these rules.

XI. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.

This rule impact statement was prepared on December 19, 2024.