



VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY GRANTS COMMITTEE AGENDA

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5:30 pm

Virginia General Assembly Building
Senate Subcommittee Room 600-B
201 North 9th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Virtual Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97361172043?pwd=7Pa5jck1e20TeQbUph0y3KlocAaRFP.1>

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair
2. Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair
3. Update from the Director of Operations Cecil “Charlie” Lintecum,
Director of Operations
 - a) Brief Update on Grant Operations
 - b) Summary of Proposed Amendments and Recommendations to FY2026 City and County
 - c) Summary of Proposed New FY2026 City and County Applications and Recommendations
4. Public Comment Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair
5. New Business Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair
 - a) Consider the block of awards to Cities and Counties for amendments to current year as recommended for approval by staff in Attachment A and as described in the presentation for the FY2026 performance period.
 - b) Consider the block of new awards to Cities and Counties as recommended for approval by staff in Attachment A and as described in the presentation for the FY 2026 performance period.
6. Adjourn Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair

Attachment A-Summary of Recommended Amendments to Current FY 2026 City and County Awards
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The information below for each city and county represents Current Year FY 2026 Individual Distribution Amendment requests and OAA staff recommendations for each project.							
Franklin County					FY 2025 Carryforward=		\$11,505
Total Recommendation=		\$111,080	Total Recommendation Details:		FY 2026 Requested=		\$99,575
					FY 2026 Total=		\$111,080
Project Title	Grant Year	FY 2025 Carryforward Requested	FY 2026 Individual Distribution Requested	FY 2026 Gold Standard Requested	Total FY 2025 Carryforward Recommended	Total FY 2026 OAA Funding Recommended	Total FY 2026 OAA Funding Recommended
Grace House PEARL Program	2	\$11,505	\$79,660	\$19,915	\$11,505	\$99,575	\$111,080
Project Summary: The Grace House is a recovery housing facility for pregnant and postpartum women (PPW) that requires additional funding for the purchase of a new building to expand this program. Initially, Franklin County requested FY 2025 carryforward approval for repairs to operationalize a set of outdoor stairs leading to the second floor of the building for access to the second floor of the Grace House. The initial intent was to facilitate the development of two additional independent living spaces for pregnant and postpartum women in recovery to be located on the second floor of the Grace House. However, upon receipt of the project architect’s estimated cost for the original renovation project, Franklin County has indicated it would be better to purchase a new property, which would be more cost-effective. Through Franklin County’s partnership with the Piedmont Community Services Board, the addition of a new building will allow for three additional apartment units (rooms) for pregnant and postpartum women in recovery. The program is currently a 6–12-month program with five existing living units, and the addition three living units would be made available and yield a 60% increase in the program’s capacity. Franklin County has pledged \$138,920 of Direct Distribution (non-OAA) matching funds to support this effort.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Already established through initial and renewal applications.							
Project Specific Contingencies: Written agreement between the fiscal agent (Franklin County) and subrecipient (Community Piedmont CSB) detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism.							

Norfolk City					
Total Recommendation= \$0.00			Total Recommendation Details:		N/A
Project Title	Original Performance Period Begin	Original Performance Period End	Revised Performance Period End Date	Required OAA Application Due Date	
Norfolk City Individual Planning Grant	2/17/2024	2/16/2026	6/30/2026	4/1/2026	
Project Summary: This project is a no-cost performance period extension for Norfolk City’s Planning Grant to align with other OAA Planning Grant due dates and provide Norfolk time to finish the grant requirements.					
Project Specific Contingencies: All OAA Planning Grants must result in the development of a plan, a copy of which must be provided to OAA and a application to OAA for use of funds based on the results of the plan.					

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The information below represents OAA staff recommendations for New FY 2026 Individual Distribution projects.					
Clarke County					
Total Recommendation= \$14,700		Total Recommendation Details:		FY 2026 Requested=	\$14,700
				FY 2026 Total=	\$14,700
Project Title	Grant Year	Individual Distribution Requested	Gold Standard Distribution Requested	Total Requested	Total Recommended
Substance Use Disorder Intensive Case Manager	1	\$11,700	\$3,000	\$14,700	\$14,700
Project Summary: The substance use disorder intensive case manager will provide intensive case management services to reduce substance abuse/use in families and children. This position will reduce SUD related child abuse/neglect and SUD among children. The program will also strengthen families and increase local and regional collaborations for services. Clarke County has pledged \$31,514 of direct distribution and McKinsey Settlement (non-OAA) combined matching funds to support this effort.					
Evidence-Informed Practice: <i>Nurturing Parent – Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery</i> – this is a program they will implement based on principles of relational development. <i>Families in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery</i> has 17 topic areas presented in the program, in addition to three topics focused on men and fathers. Each topic area represents a group-based session of 90 minutes. However, due to the number of activities and the depth of the information presented in each topic area, more than one session may be helpful to adequately increase parents' knowledge and build their skills.					
Project Specific Contingencies: N/A					

Fairfax City					
Total Recommendation= \$63,709		Total Recommendation Details:		FY 2026 Requested=	\$63,709
				FY 2026 Total=	\$63,709
Project Title	Grant Year	Individual Distribution Requested	Gold Standard Distribution Requested	Total Requested	Total Recommended
Community Opioid Response Enrichment (CORE) Project	1	\$63,709	\$0	\$63,709	\$63,709
Project Summary: This project aims to implement a proof-of-concept initiative through the development of an AI-enabled virtual reality (VR) training platform for multidisciplinary crisis response teams. In partnership with George Mason University's College of Public Health and Immersion Technology Lab, Fairfax City will implement Phase 1 of the Community Opioid Response Enrichment (CORE) project. CORE will enhance core competencies, coordination, and role-specific expertise among crisis responders during opioid-related crisis and post-crisis events through immersive, scenario-based VR training accessible both on-site and remotely. A key component of this project consists of strengthening the integration and effective utilization of certified peer recovery specialists within local crisis response systems, improving outcomes for individuals and communities impacted by opioid use disorder.					
Evidence-Based or Evidence-Informed Practice: GMU College of Public Health – <i>Immersive Technology a proven teaching tool.</i>					
Project Specific Contingencies: Written agreement between the fiscal agent (Fairfax City) and each subrecipient (Chris Atwood Foundation, and George Mason University) detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism.					

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Franklin County					
Total Recommendation= \$73,500		Total Recommendation Details:		FY 2026 Requested=	\$73,500
				FY 2026 Total=	\$73,500
Project Title	Grant Year	Individual Distribution Requested	Gold Standard Distribution Requested	Total Requested	Total Recommended
Community Paramedicine Program	1	\$58,800	\$14,700	\$73,500	\$73,500
Project Summary: This project is a targeted initiative designed to bridge gaps in healthcare access, reduce avoidable emergency department utilization, and improve long-term outcomes for vulnerable populations. Initially launched with funding from the Virginia Department of Health, the program operated for a limited period before being paused due to federal budget reductions. With OAA funding, the program is positioned for relaunch and expansion with a focused emphasis on opioid use disorder (OUD) services while also addressing broader Community Risk Reduction (CRR) priorities. The program will be administered by the Franklin County Public Safety Department and implemented through a phased approach, with expansion to full fiscal-year operations in subsequent phases. The program will directly benefit residents who utilize emergency services for substance-use related incidents, including approximately 150 opioid-related 911 calls received annually, while also providing prevention, treatment linkage, and education for individuals experiencing non-opioid substance use emergencies. Franklin County has pledged \$23,750 of direct distribution (non-OAA) matching funds to support this effort. Only 50% of the personnel costs are part of this OAA project to ensure a separate pay source for time spent on non-abatement activities.					
Evidence-Informed Practice: This project’s design intentionally incorporates key components that have been informed by empirical evidence, state guidance, and demonstrated effectiveness in practice across the Commonwealth and nationally. Community paramedicine, mobile integrated healthcare (MIH), and post-overdose outreach models are actively used by multiple Virginia localities and have informed statewide EMS and public health guidance. Documented outcomes include: reductions in repeat 911 utilization among high-risk individuals, improved engagement with Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), expanded naloxone distribution and overdose education, improved continuity of care for individuals with opioid use disorder (OUD), and reduced strain on EMS and emergency department resources.					
Project Specific Contingencies: N/A					

Henrico County					
Total Recommendation= \$275,000		Total Recommendation Details:		FY 2026 Requested=	\$275,000
			FY 2026 Total=		\$275,000
Project Title	Grant Year	Individual Distribution Requested	Gold Standard Distribution Requested	Total Requested	Total Recommended
Faith Based Project	1	\$275,000	\$0	\$275,000	\$275,000
Project Summary: This project will consist of Henrico County contracting with an organization to provide substance use education for up to 20 faith-based leaders from a cross section of faiths. The contracted provider will work up to a year to ensure that faith leaders have a good understanding of substance use, and ways to address substance use in their communities, as well as link individuals affected to the treatment and supports they need. Faith leaders will have the opportunity to meet prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction providers in their communities. Leaders will work together to develop and implement strategies to reduce substance use and overdoses in their congregations. In-person training will be provided to assist the faith leaders with developing a project for engaging their community on the topic of substance use and recovery. Henrico County expects that 20 faith-based leaders will participate in this effort, benefitting 5,000+ individuals. The faith-based communities may include the following: Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and Christian communities.					
Evidence-Based or Evidence-Informed Practice: Clinton Foundation – Empowering Faith Leaders to Address the Addiction and Overdose Crisis . Data from this program includes a 50% increase in knowledge of specific treatment organizations and other supportive resources, increased skills in connecting individuals to treatment and recovery resources, and an increase in collaboration and partnership with other organizations to expand the reach and impact of work to address the overdose crisis.					
Project Specific Contingencies: Written agreement between the fiscal agent (Henrico County) and the subrecipient (TBD) detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism. The fiscal agent agrees to submit a copy of the finalized Request for Proposal to OAA for review before finalizing and posting.					

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Patrick County					
Total Recommendation= \$18,945		Total Recommendation Details:		FY 2026 Requested=	\$18,945
			FY 2026 Total=		\$18,945
Project Title	Grant Year	Individual Distribution Requested	Gold Standard Distribution Requested	Total Requested	Total Recommended
PCS – Justice Support and Recovery Court Services	1	\$15,156	\$3,789	\$18,945	\$18,945
Project Summary: Following a 2024 needs assessment conducted by the OMNI Institute, Patrick County identified critical gaps in substance use disorder (SUD) services, particularly for justice-involved and incarcerated individuals. In partnership with Piedmont Community Services, the region’s Community Services Board, Patrick County seeks funding to enhance services for the Piedmont Adult Recovery Court and to expand mental health and SUD treatment within the Patrick County Jail. Funds will support a Peer Support Specialist, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, licensed therapist, Justice Support Supervisor, and the purchase of an SUV to address transportation barriers and operating needs. The Peer Support Specialist will provide dedicated services to Adult Recovery Court participants, while the Nurse Practitioner and therapist will deliver psychiatric medication management and individual and group therapy to incarcerated individuals. The Justice Support Supervisor will oversee service delivery within the jail setting. Adult Recovery Court serves up to 25 participants at a time with an anticipated eight graduates annually, while the Nurse Practitioner and therapist will support up to 50 and 60 individuals per year, respectively. Through this coordinated approach, Patrick County aims to expand access to treatment, improve recovery outcomes, and reduce recidivism among justice-involved individuals. Patrick County has pledged \$145,211 of direct distribution (non-OAA) matching funds to support this effort.					
Evidence-Based or Evidence-Informed Practice: All Rise Treatment Court Best Practices Standards represent over two decades of research on treatment courts, criminology, and behavioral health. The standards distill this research into actionable best practices, providing a comprehensive blueprint to enhance outcomes across all treatment court models. All Rise maintains a rigorous peer review process involving treatment court practitioners, researchers, and other subject-matter experts. Adult drug courts are an alternative to incarceration that combine public health and public safety approaches to connect people involved in the justice system with individualized, evidence-based treatment and recovery support services.					
Project Specific Contingencies: Written agreement between the fiscal agent (Patrick County) and subrecipient (Piedmont Community Services) detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer the awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism.					