

# Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Application for Awards for Cooperative Projects Involving Cities and Counties

## 1. Contact Information

This application is for cooperative projects consisting of a cooperative partnership between at least two cities and/or counties within the same [Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services \(DBHDS\) region](#).

Complete this table for all cities and/or counties involved in the cooperative partnership.

Name of City/County	Contact Person	Mailing Address	Phone #	Email
Culpeper County	John Egertson, County Administrator	302 North Main Street, Culpeper, VA 22701	(540) 727-3427	Jegertson@CULPEPERCOUNTY.GOV
Fauquier County	Paul McCulla, County Administrator	10 Hotel St, Warrenton, VA 20186	(540) 422-8001	paul.mcculla@fauquiercounty.gov
Madison County	Jonathon Weakley, County Administrator	414 N. Main Street, Madison County, VA 22727	(540) 948-6700	jweakley@madisonco.virginia.gov
Orange County	Theodore Voorhees, County Administrator	112 W. Main Street Orange, VA 22960	(540) 672-3313	tvoorhees@orangecountyva.gov
Rappahannock County	Garrey Curry, County Administrator	3 Library Rd, Washington, VA 22747	(540) 675-5330	gwcurry@rappahannockcountyva.gov

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**2. Fiscal Agent**

- a. One of the participating cities or counties must serve as the fiscal agent for the cooperative project. The fiscal agent will be responsible to ensuring compliance with both financial and programmatic reporting requirements on behalf of the cooperative partnership.
- b. City/County Serving as Fiscal Agent Culpeper  city  county
- c. Physical address: 302 North Main Street, Culpeper VA 22701
- d. Mailing address: 302 North Main Street, Culpeper VA 22701  
(if different than physical address)
- e. Contact Person for this application
  - i. Name: Laura Loveday
  - ii. Job Title: Culpeper County Special Projects and Grants Administrator
  - iii. Office Phone: 540-727-3410 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. Email: lloveday@culpepercounty.gov

**3. Agreements**

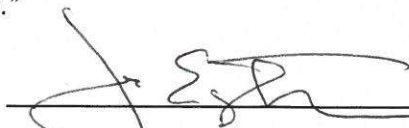
- a. Attach a copy of the cooperative partnership agreement between the participating cities and/or counties for the project. The agreement should also designate the city or county selected as fiscal agent for the cooperative project. A SAMPLE agreement is available [here](#).
  - i. If any participating city and/or county elects to allocate a portion of its Individual Distribution from the OAA to this regional project, the Cooperative Partnership Agreement should clearly document the commitment and amount.

**4. Signature**

Signature section must be completed by a person designated with signatory authority in the MOU/MOA noted in Part 3.a of this application.

*"I swear or affirm that all information contained in and attached to this application is true to the best of my knowledge."*

Signature



Print Name John Egertson

Title County Administrator

Date 5/2/2023

**5. Project Proposal**

Complete the information below for the project the cooperative partnership is requesting to be funded.

a. Is this project:

A new effort for the participating cities/counties.

A proposed supplement or enhancement to a project or effort that is already in place.

How long has the project existed? \_\_\_\_\_

A combination of enhancing an existing project/effort with new components.

How long has the project existed? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Provide a brief narrative description of the proposed project including the requested term (1-5 years).

Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services (RRCS) will develop and expand partnerships with law enforcement, first responders, and emergency departments with a dedicated Overdose Response Unit comprised of Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS) that are dedicated to providing immediate access to peer recovery services, community resources, and supported access to treatment at follow up of the initial interaction with law enforcement, first responders, and/or emergency departments. The CPRS will provide intensive follow up services to support the individual in accessing substance use treatment services at RRCS or private community providers to ensure initial treatment and retention in treatment is increased to enhance opportunities to find, maintain, and strengthen their path of recovery. The requested term is 5 years.

c. Describe the objectives of this project

The goal of the program is to establish first responder and peer partnerships, increase peer engagement with emergency departments, and provide access to peer recovery services at first opportunity following a substance use incident to increase engagement and access to substance use and Medication Assisted Treatment through engagement with peer recovery services.

d. How was the need determined and how does that need relate to abatement?

The overdose rate in the 5 counties (Rappahannock, Fauquier, Culpeper, Orange, Madison) are some of the highest in the state of Virginia with 62 overdoses per 10k in population. Highest OD rates are in Orange and Culpeper County. Then Fauquier, Madison, and Rappahannock. 956 Overdoses in the 5 county area that resulted in an ER visit in 2021 Culpeper 384, Fauquier 492, Rappahannock 12, Madison 68, and Orange 362. This “rapid response” service from certified peers will allow quicker response and more engagement to services which should over time decrease the number of overdose deaths.

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- e. Who are the targeted beneficiaries, and how many persons are expected to participate per year?

Overdose Response services will be available to any Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock community members 18 and older who have experienced challenges with opioids. Peer recovery services offer one-on-one individual support; recovery, resiliency, and wellness planning; transitional support to and from residential treatment; access to community recovery groups, i.e., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Medication Assisted Recovery Anonymous, or Celebrate Recovery; evidenced based recovery models to include, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, SMART Recovery, and Recovery Pathways; additional support during the acquisition of Medication Assisted Recovery Treatment. It is estimated that 111 adults will be connected with services by peer recovery specialists in year 1.

- f. Briefly describe (name or organization, description of role, budget, etc.) the organization(s), including any sub-recipients or contractors (if known) that will be involved in this project. Attach any contracts and/or memoranda of understanding/agreement. If not fully executed, a draft or a narrative describing the scope of services may suffice.

Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services (RRCS) will develop and expand partnerships with law enforcement, first responders, and emergency departments with a dedicated Overdose Response Unit comprised of Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS) that are dedicated to providing immediate access to peer recovery services, community resources, and supported access to treatment at follow up of the initial interaction with law enforcement, first responders, and/or emergency departments. The CPRS will provide intensive follow up services to support the individual in accessing substance use treatment services at RRCS or private community providers to ensure initial treatment and retention in treatment is increased to enhance opportunities to find, maintain, and strengthen their path of recovery.

The year 1 cost to implement this program is \$253,382.

g. Is the project classified as evidence-based?

Yes

No

*If yes, attach supporting information to this application.*

h. Is the project classified as evidence-informed?

Yes

No

*If yes, attach supporting information to this application.*

i. Has this project been certified or credentialed by a state/federal government agency, or other organization/non-profit?

Yes

No

*If yes, attach supporting information to this application.*

j. Has this project received any awards or recognition?

Yes

No

*If yes, attach supporting information to this application.*

k. Does this project have components other than opioid-related treatment as defined?

No, it is 100% related to opioid treatment

Yes, there are other substances involved

*If yes, what is the approximate percentage of the project that covers opioid-related abatement (i.e., 20% of the patients who seek services have opioid-related disorders)?*

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- l. Attach a budget for that minimally includes FY2024 with line-item details for the project. If carry-over of OAA funds from FY2024 into FY2025 is expected, include this in the line-item budget. If there is intention to renew the funding (maximum of 4 renewals), include the projected budget for each subsequent fiscal year.
  - i. If a city or county in the cooperative partnership is allocating any of its Direct Distributions and/or any of its Individual Distributions from the OAA to this cooperative project, include line items for each as funding sources for the project.
- m. Complete and attach the [project timeline workbook](#) for the project minimally for FY2024. If there is intention to renew the funding (maximum of 4 renewals), complete the timeline for each subsequent fiscal year.
- n. Complete and attach the [performance measurement workbook](#) for the project minimally for FY2024. If there is intention to renew the funding (maximum of 4 renewals), include the complete the performance measures for each subsequent fiscal year.
- o. *(Optional)* Attach any additional narrative materials explaining the project, along with any research, data, plans, letters of support, articles, or other items that may assist the OAA Board of Directors in making an award decision for this project.

## **Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Proposal for Overdose Response Unit**

The goal of the program is to establish first responder and peer partnerships, increase peer engagement with emergency departments, and provide access to peer recovery services at first opportunity following a substance use incident to increase engagement and access to substance use and Medication Assisted Treatment through engagement with peer recovery services.

### **Scope of Services**

Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services (RRCS) will develop and expand partnerships with law enforcement, first responders, and emergency departments with a dedicated Overdose Response Unit comprised of Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS) that are dedicated to providing immediate access to peer recovery services, community resources, and supported access to treatment at follow up of the initial interaction with law enforcement, first responders, and/or emergency departments. The CPRS will provide intensive follow up services to support the individual in accessing substance use treatment services at RRCS or private community providers to ensure initial treatment and retention in treatment is increased to enhance opportunities to find, maintain, and strengthen their path of recovery.

### **Population Served**

Peer recovery services will be available to any community members 18 and older who have experienced challenges with opioids.

### **Services Offered**

Peer recovery services offer one-on-one individual support; recovery, resiliency, and wellness planning; transitional support to and from residential treatment; access to community recovery groups, i.e., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Medication Assisted Recovery Anonymous, or Celebrate Recovery; evidenced based recovery models to include, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, SMART Recovery, and Recovery Pathways; additional support during the acquisition of Medication Assisted Recovery Treatment.

### **RRCS Staffing Needs**

To provide the proposed services, RRCS will employ one certified peer recovery specialist team lead, two full time certified peer recovery specialists, peer recovery specialists in mentorship, or peer supporters requiring training and mentorship; maintain a lease on two fleet sedans to facilitate response; and initial equipment startup costs.

### **Financial Support Requested- Year 1**

Support is being requested for needed personnel, and initial program start-up materials as outlined below:



# Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Cooperative Agreement

WHEREAS, the mission of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth through financial support in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance; and

WHEREAS, the OAA operates a financial assistance program to support certain cooperative partnerships of cities and/or counties in Virginia that implement regional efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid use disorder and the misuse of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the cities and/or counties listed below have committed to work together to develop and jointly submit an application for regional cooperative partnership funding from the OAA; and



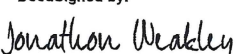
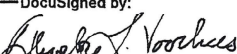
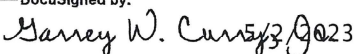
WHEREAS, at least two of the cities and/or counties listed below are located within the same region of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; and

WHEREAS, the cities and/or counties and other organizations listed below agree they will execute a legally binding agreement formalizing the cooperating partnership if the application for financial assistance is approved; and

WHEREAS, the cities and/or counties and other organizations listed below agree that Culpeper County will serve as the fiscal agent for the cooperative partnership if it is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the cities and/or counties and other organizations listed below seek a total of two hundred and fifty-three thousand, three hundred and eighty-two dollars (\$253,382) in grant funding from the OAA for Fiscal Year 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the cities and/or counties and other organizations listed below hereby authorize Culpeper County to execute the cooperative partnership grant application to the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and to execute all documents in connection therewith.

Name of City, County, or Organization	Printed Name of Authorized Signor	Title of Authorized Signor	Signature
Culpeper County	John Egertson	County Administrator	
Fauquier County	Paul McCulla	County Administrator	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  4/26/2023 <small>2F965E0F76AA430...</small>
Madison County	Jonathon Weakley	County Administrator	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  4/26/2023 <small>CE7768C9680F406...</small>
Orange County	Theodore Voorhees	County Administrator	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  4/26/2023 <small>CE41CC374C70496...</small>
Rappahannock County	Garrey Curry	County Administrator	<small>DocuSigned by:</small>  4/26/2023 <small>FC50CE3DA1954A1...</small>

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board**  
**And**  
**Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock Counties**

The parties to this Cooperative Agreement (the "Agreement") are:

Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services (RRCS) and Culpeper County, Fauquier County, Madison County, and Orange County collectively referred to as the Partner Entities.

WHEREAS, RRCS seeks to establish a Peer Response Unit. This program will provide first responder and peer partnerships, increase peer engagement with emergency departments, and provide access to peer recovery services at first opportunity following a substance use incident to increase engagement and access to substance use and Medication Assisted Treatment through engagement with peer recovery services.

WHEREAS, in today's reality law enforcement is often tasked with providing these services to our community, often to the same individuals repeatedly. The Co-Responder model offers a different approach. The Co-Responder forms relationships, develops trust and helps meet individual needs with those members of our community most at risk of overdose. This relationship forms the foundation that opens the door to treatment and other support services. The approach of partnering a non-law enforcement professional into community response has been implemented in a variety of communities around the country to very positive results.

- I. Specifics: RRCS will employ one certified peer recovery specialist team lead, two full time certified peer recovery specialists, peer recovery specialists in mentorship, or peer supporters requiring training and mentorship; maintain a lease on two fleet sedans to facilitate response; and initial equipment startup costs.

RRCS responsibilities Include:

- Peer recovery services offer one-on-one individual support;
- Recovery, resiliency, and wellness planning;
- Transitional support to and from residential treatment;
- Access to community recovery groups, i.e., Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Medication Assisted Recovery Anonymous, or Celebrate Recovery;
- Evidenced based recovery models to include, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, SMART Recovery, and Recovery Pathways;
- Additional support during the acquisition of Medication Assisted Recovery Treatment.

- II. Amendment or Termination: The Partner Entities agree to meet annually to discuss any necessary modifications to this Agreement. No amendment shall become effective unless reduced to writing signed by each of the Partner Entities.

In the event that any Partner Entity desires to terminate its participation in the Peer Response program, that Partner Agency shall provide the other Partner Agencies with 30 days prior to written notice. The remaining Partner Agencies shall meet to determine whether to continue to participation in the Peer Response program or to terminate the program.

- III. Term: This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by all Partner Entities and shall be in effect for an initial term of one year.
- IV. Confidentiality: The Partner Entities and their agents, servants and employees shall comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to confidentiality, particularly the confidentiality of protected health information.
- V. Interpretation: Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner that the interpretation would hinder or impede any Partner Entities in enforcing the laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia or jurisdictions within this region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Partner Entities hereby execute this Agreement.

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John Egertson  
County Administrator  
Culpeper County

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jim LaGrafte  
Executive Director, Rappahannock Rapidan  
Community Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_