



# VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY INDIVIDUAL DISTRIBUTION AND “GOLD STANDARD” INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES INTRODUCTION LETTER

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Greetings to all Cities and Counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is excited to launch its next round of Individual Distribution and “Gold Standard” Incentive grant awards for cities and counties from the Opioid Abatement Fund.

The contents of this package are for cities and counties applying for awards for NEW Individual Distribution and “Gold Standard” Incentive projects from the OAA in compliance with the national settlement agreements, Commonwealth’s memorandum of understanding (MOU), and *Code of Virginia* §2.2-2370. Included are guidance, instructions, application forms, workbook templates, and terms and conditions for the awards.

PLEASE NOTE: There are changes to requirements and processes from the previous cycle including updated application forms and workbook templates, and the removal of the governing body resolution requirement.

If you are a city or county that has received an Individual Distribution award and would like to amend and/or renew the funding for that project(s), please go to the [“Individual City or County Applications – Amend/Renew Current Awards”](#) tab on the grants portal and follow the instructions there.

This application period is open from October 1, 2023, through April 1, 2024.

The [General Guidance](#) document for the Individual Distribution Awards contains the dates by which both draft (optional) and finalized applications must be submitted to the OAA to be considered at the two OAA Grants Committee meetings scheduled during the application period. Submitting during the application period would only be necessary if a city or county wanted to be awarded funds in the current fiscal year (FY2024).

OAA awards to cities and counties shall have a rolling performance period of two years (the current and following fiscal year). Recipients must submit yearly requests that amend the current fiscal year (if necessary) and apply to renew the next fiscal year’s funding. Carryover of unexpended funds from FY2024 to FY2025 will be automatic. In subsequent years, carryover requests will need approval from the OAA or remaining unexpended balances will be repaid to the OAA.

Reporting will be on a yearly basis (frequency may increase in the future) with funds awarded in FY2024 due September 1, 2024, and funds awarded for FY2025 due September 1, 2025, on forms prescribed by the OAA.

For any applications the OAA determines do not meet the established requirements, the OAA will assist the applicant to revise the application to facilitate compliance. For any applications where the OAA Grants Committee recommends denial, the applicant will have the opportunity to present its appeal to the OAA board before a final decision is made.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the application or the award process.

Thanks and Regards,

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