

**GEORGIA
OPIOID CRISIS
ABATEMENT TRUST**



2024 Grant Applications Received



	Requested Funding	Number of Projects	Amount Allocated
State	\$123,220,094.59	99	\$30,000,000
Region 1	\$54,231,291.42	70	\$4,835,205
Region 2	\$20,605,415.89	39	\$2,890,652
Region 3	\$9,601,576.01	24	\$735,020
Region 4	\$9,095,694.42	13	\$914,791
Region 5	\$12,954,411.06	33	\$2,648,376
Region 6	\$18,392,628.94	28	\$2,880,022
Total Regional	\$124,881,017.70	207	\$14,904,066
GRAND TOTAL	\$248,101,112.33	306	

2024 Total Projects Funded



Project Category	Approved Projects	Approved Funding		
		Year 1	Year 2	Total
Regional Projects Total	79	\$14,473,950.79	\$7,132,898.31	\$21,606,849.10
Statewide Projects Total	49	\$28,932,104.86	\$19,783,008.62	\$48,715,113.48
GRAND TOTAL	128	\$43,406,055.66	\$26,915,906.92	\$70,321,962.58

National Manufacturers and Distributors Opioid Settlements



- Total funds to Georgia = ~\$638 million
 - 25% (\$159 million) distributed by the National Administrator directly to the Participating Local Governments in Georgia
 - 75% (\$479 million) sent by the National Administrator to the Trust
- Of the \$479 million to the Trust
 - Manufacturers (Janssen [part of Johnson & Johnson]) = \$91 million over 9 years
 - Distributors (McKesson Corporation, Cencora [formerly AmeriSource Bergen], Cardinal Health) = \$387.9 million over 18 years

Settlement Document

State of Georgia and Local Governments: Memorandum of Understanding Concerning National Distributor and Johnson & Johnson Opioid Settlements

Foreword

This Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Georgia *ex. Rel* Chris Carr, Attorney General and certain Georgia Local Government (“LGs”) entities concerns the harms visited upon Georgia’s citizens and the State itself by certain manufacturers and distributors (“Opioid Defendants”) of prescription opioids.

To address these harms, the State and certain of its local government entities separately initiated litigation meant to hold the Opioid Defendants accountable.

Some Distributor Opioid Defendants, namely McKesson Corporation, AmerisourceBergen Corporation, and Cardinal Health, Inc. (each a “Settling Distributor”) and Janssen (“J&J”)¹ have separately reached settlement frameworks (referenced as “National Distributor Settlement” and “J&J Settlement”) with certain states and local government entities that the State of Georgia and LGs have the option to join.

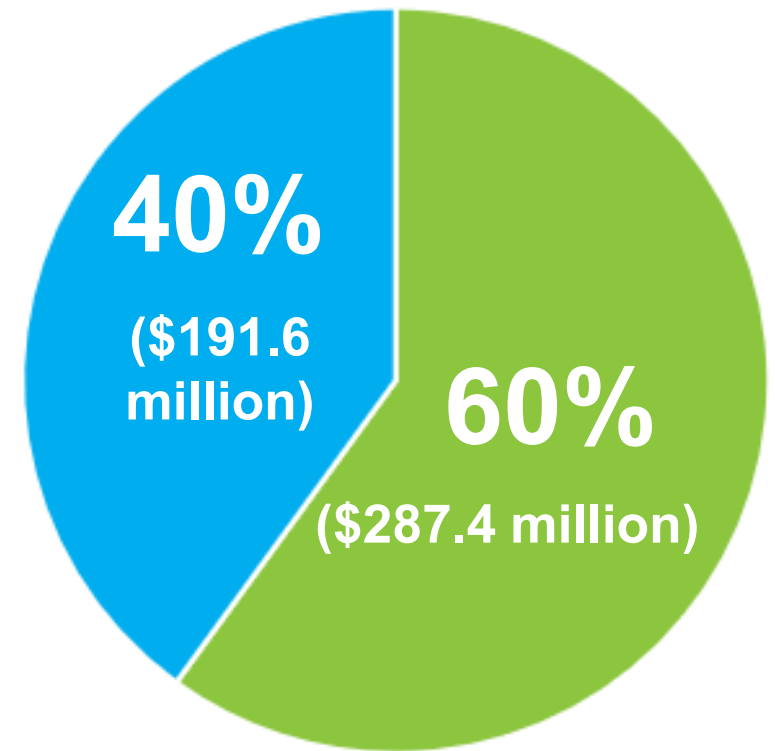
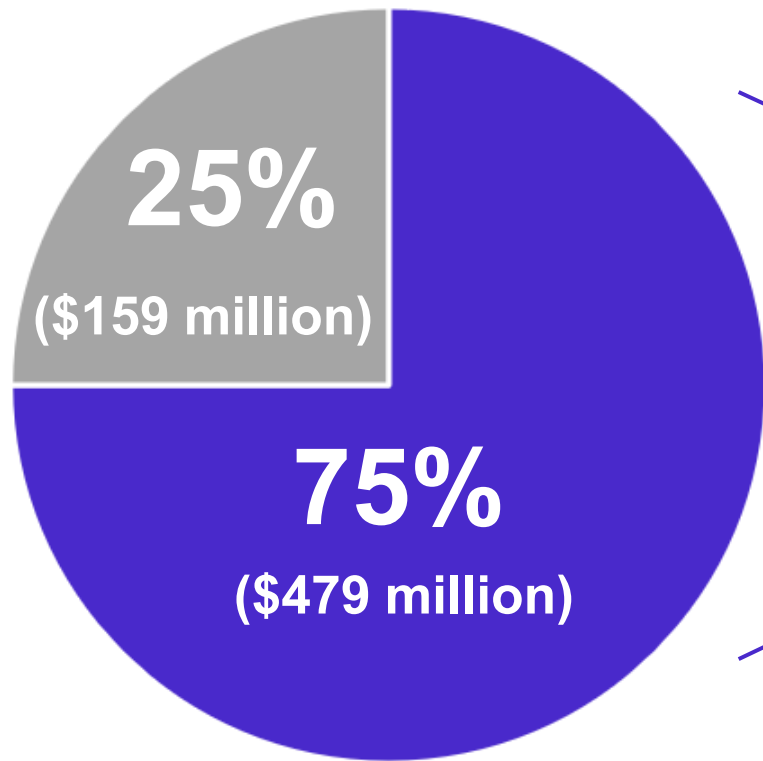
This Memorandum aims to memorialize an agreement between the State and certain LGs that would enable the State and certain LGs to join the National Distributor and J&J Settlements and maximize the monetary help that the State and its LGs receive.

I. Definitions

- “Approved Purposes” shall mean those uses identified in the List of Opioid Remediation Uses, attached as Exhibit E to the National Distributor Settlement, and those uses identified as “Approved Opioid Abatement Uses” in Schedules A and B to Exhibit G to the Notice of Filing of Eighth Plan Supplement Pursuant to the Fifth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma L.P. and its Affiliated Debtors, In re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Case No. 19-23649-RDD, Dkt. 3121 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 8, 2021).
- “Government Participation Mechanism” means the mechanism formed to make recommendations regarding the allocation of State Opioid

¹ “Janssen” means Johnson & Johnson, JanssenPharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-JanssenPharmaceuticals, Inc., and JanssenPharmaceuticals, Inc.

National Manufacturers and Distributors Opioid Settlements



■ State ■ Participating Local Governments

■ Statewide Projects ■ Regional Projects

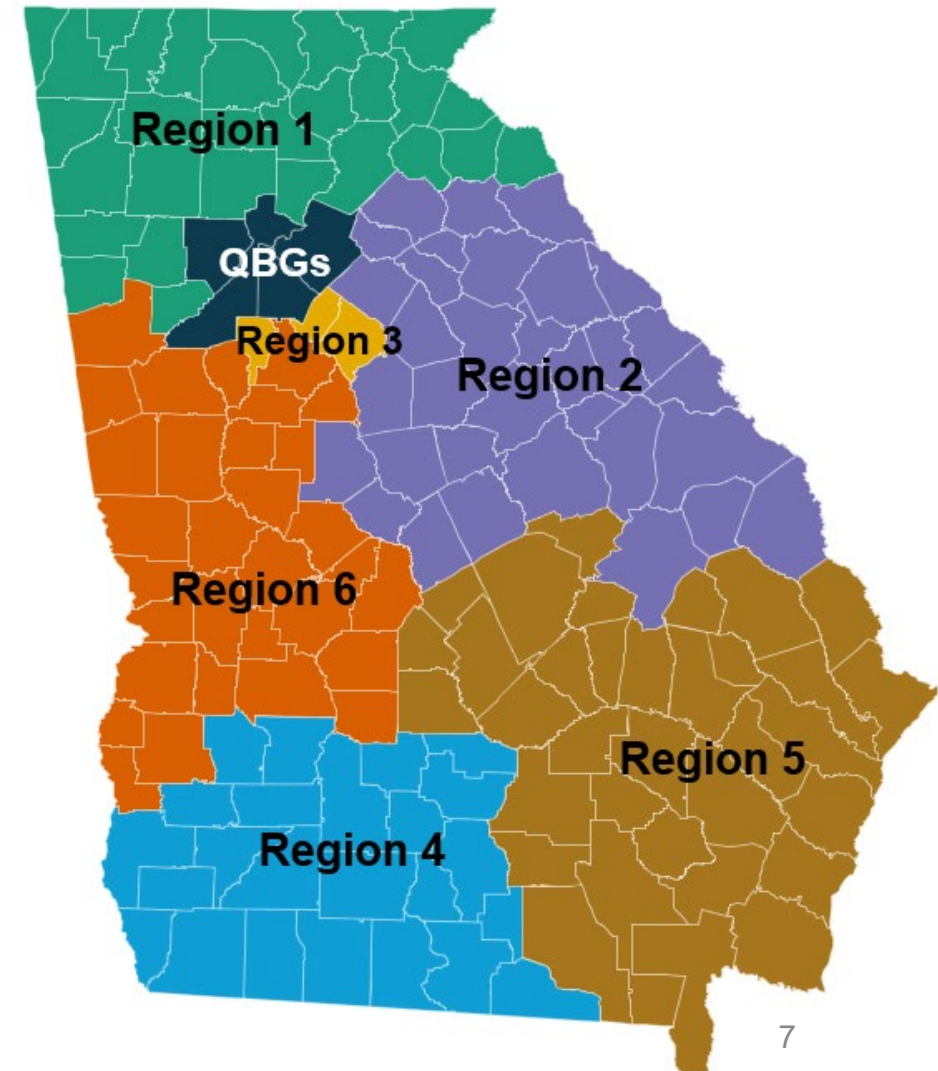
Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission



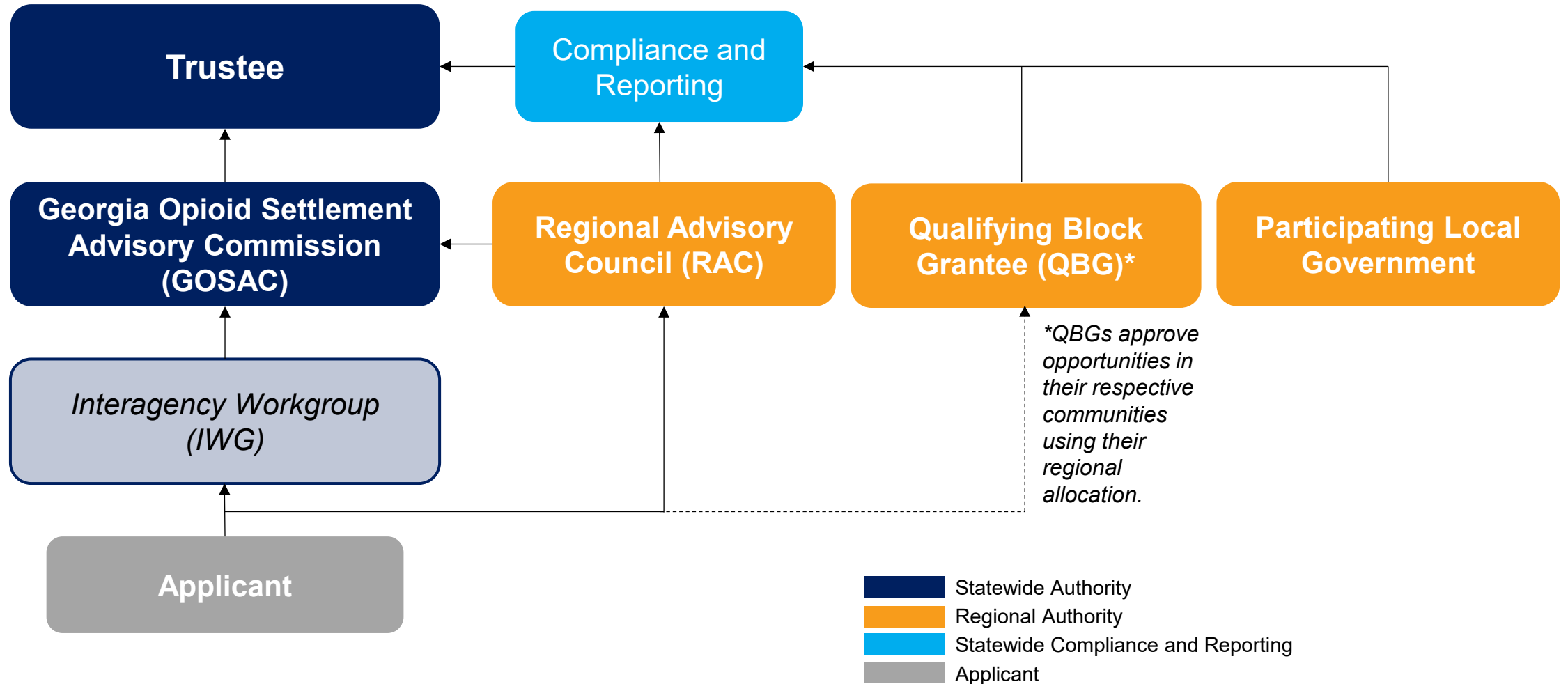
- Government Participation Mechanism
- All must have background in opioid use disorder, addiction treatment or policy, public health policy, mental health treatment or policy, or opioid-related law enforcement
- Sam Hatcher, Governor's Executive Counsel, non-voting Chair
- 4 members appointed by Gov. Kemp
 - Cassandra Price, DBHDD
 - Dr. Chris Rustin, DPH
 - Sheriff Gary Sisk, Catoosa County
 - Grant Thomas, DCH
- 4 local members
 - Betty Cason, Mayor of Carrollton
 - Clay Davis, Chair, Spalding County Board of Commissioners
 - David A. Kidd, appointed by Georgia Association of Community Service Boards
 - Edward Reynolds, Mayor of Bainbridge

Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)

- Regions 1–6 mimic DBHDD regions for administrative efficiency
- 7 members
 - County Board of Health*
 - Community Service Board*
 - Sheriff*
 - Academic member (TCSG or USG)
 - Treatment Provider
 - Person with Lived Experience
 - Judiciary
- Regions 7–11 are QBGs, each of which is its own region

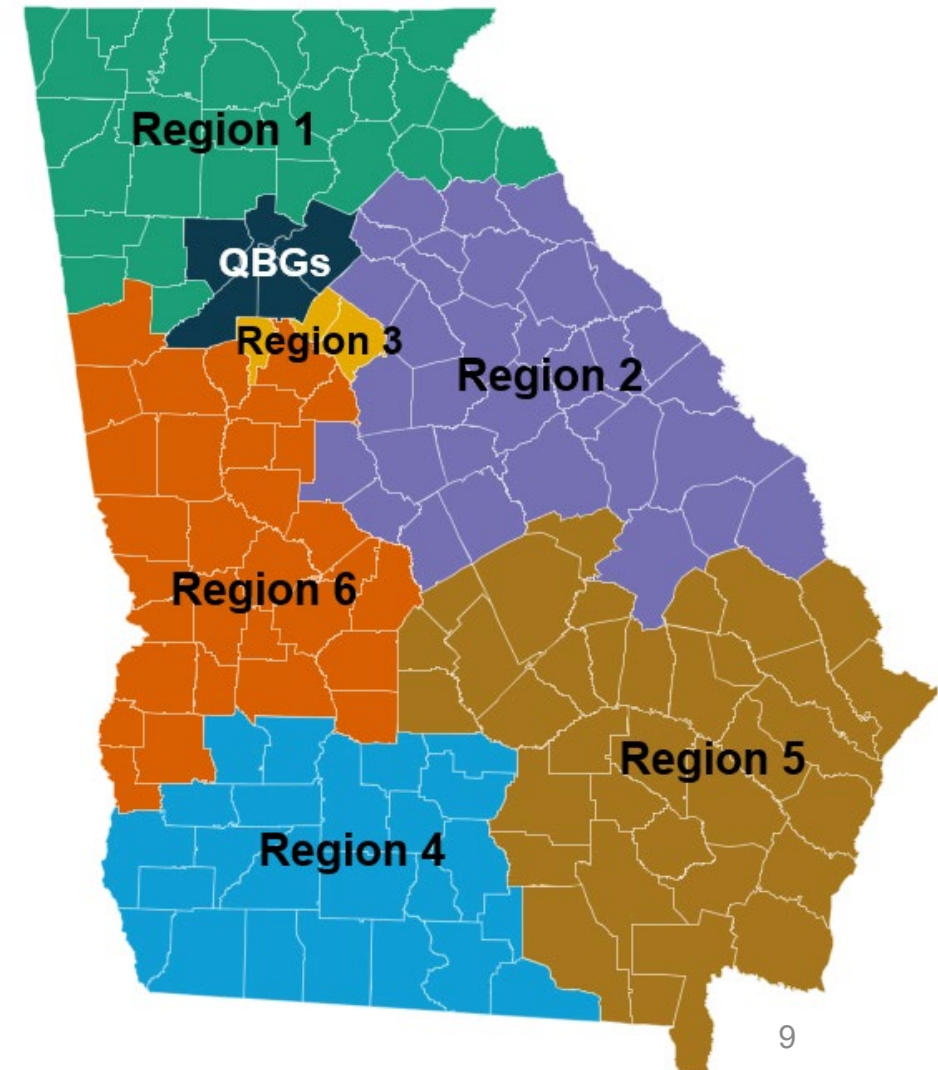


Trust Governance Structure



2025 Regional Funding Allocation

Total Grant Funds Allocated	\$30,000,000	
Percent of Funds to State / Regions	60% / 40%	
Total Amount to State / Regions	\$18M / \$12M	
Region	Percent	Total Funds
Region 1	24.18%	\$2,964,698.21
Region 2	14.45%	\$2,044,839.52
Region 3	3.68%	\$506,641.26
Region 4	4.57%	\$548,874.38
Region 5	13.24%	\$1,601,988.29
Region 6	14.40%	\$1,977,853.65
Region 7 (Cobb County)	7.17%	\$859,914.77
Region 8 (Gwinnett County)	5.98%	\$717,008.66
Region 9 (DeKalb County)	4.17%	\$500,041.51
Region 10 (Fulton County)	3.22%	\$386,400.97
Region 11 (City of Atlanta)	4.95%	\$594,195.02



Core Strategies and Approved Uses

- Funds must be spent in accordance with the Core Strategies and Approved Uses outlined in Exhibit E of the Opioid Settlement
- Core Strategies
 - Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
 - Medication-assisted and other opioid-related treatment
 - Pregnant & postpartum women
 - Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
 - Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
 - Treatment for people who are incarcerated
 - Prevention programs
 - Expansion of syringe services programs
 - Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of abatement strategies within the state

Approved Uses

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Recovery
- Harm Reduction
- Research & Evaluation
- Education
- Other

Application Fundamentals

- Any funds requested may not be used to supplant current funding
- Types of programs
 - New
 - Expansion
 - Continuation of existing grant funding
- Target populations
 - At-risk of opioid use disorder (OUD)
 - Diagnosed with OUD
 - OUD with polysubstance use
 - OUD with co-occurring mental illness
 - Co-morbid polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health condition

Application Sections

- Core Strategy
- Project Approach
 - Proposed Approach
 - Demonstrated Need
 - Collaboration
 - Workplan and Deliverables
- Project Length: up to 2 years
- Organization Background and Qualifications
 - Organization Mission and Background
- Potential Impact
 - Goals and Objectives
- Project Budget
 - Budget Narrative
 - Risk Assessment for applications > \$500,000

Application Sections

- Disclosures
 - Current DBHDD provider
 - Pending or awarded application(s) for similar project
 - Prior applications for settlement funds
 - Corrective Action Plan related to opioid funds
 - Excluded provider list
 - Conflicts of interest with manufacturer or distributor
- Supporting Documentation
 - Audited Financials, Profit & Loss, or Business Plan*
 - Key Personnel and Qualifications*
 - Organization Incorporation Documents*
 - Construction/Engineering docs
 - Org License(s)/Certification(s)
- Attestation

Application Process

Intake

1. Applicant submits funding request via grant portal.
2. Portal routes request to Trust staff for completeness review.
3. Trust staff route complete applications to the appropriate RAC or IWG for grading.

Review

1. Trust staff assists RACs and IWG with administrative elements of review and quality assurance.
2. RACs and IWG grade applications and forward recommendations to Trust staff. Trust staff forward recommendations to GOSAC.
3. GOSAC votes on funding requests. Requests recommended for approval are forwarded to the Trustee for final review and approval.
4. Trustee reviews GOSAC recommendations and makes final decisions on funding applications.

Award Decision

1. Applicant is notified of award or denial via the portal.
2. Letter of award signed within 2 weeks.
3. Contracts sent to awarded applications.
4. Project can begin once contract is signed.

Evaluation Criteria	Total Section Points	Maximum Score
Organization Background and Qualifications		20
Organization Mission	5	
Organization Qualifications	10	
Key Personnel	5	
Project Approach		60
Demonstrated Need	20	
Proposed Approach	20	
Collaboration	10	
Timeline	10	
Potential Impact		30
Goals and Objectives	15	
Outcomes and Benefits	10	
Budget		20
Line-item Budget	10	
Budget Narrative	10	
Total Maximum Score		130

Application Tips: Make sure you ...

- Submit a detailed budget request
- Match your words and numbers
- Ask for what you need
- Complete the risk assessment if you are asking for a total of \$500,000 or more
- Include documentation for any construction or renovation requests
- Are concise
- Follow all directions in the NOFO
- Check over your work before submitting your application

Application Tips

1

Review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) carefully and follow all the directions.

2

Review the Gap Analysis Continuum of Care report for your region or the state, and the 2024 grant recipients.

3

Fill out each section of the application, including uploading necessary supporting documents and sign the attestation.

4

Make sure your request is reasonable, both the amount you are seeking and the project you are proposing.

5

Ensure that the person who can sign a Letter of Award is listed as the contact, and that the information is current and correct.

Dispelling Common Myths and Misconceptions

- You do not need to ask for a large amount of funding
- You do not need to be a large or established organization
- You do not need to hire a grant writer
- Longer does not equal better
- We will fund innovative, creative, and outside-the-box projects
 - Emerging new ideas, initiatives, practices
- Contracting with the Trust is not the same as contracting with DBHDD

Difference Between Trust & DBHDD

- DHBDD and Trust are separate legal entities
 - Trust is administratively attached to DBHDD
- DBHDD and Trust have operational Memorandum of Agreement
 - Some DBHDD employees provide services for the Trust, such as communications, and are compensated by the Trust for that portion of their time
- Grant awards are with the Trust, not DBHDD

If you are awarded funding

- Minor adjustments can be made to your budget and deliverables
 - With appropriate justification
- Monthly reimbursement basis
 - Vehicle purchases and construction can be advanced
- Monthly reporting
 - Based on workplan and deliverables
 - Pre-determined questions

Timeline

- Monday, May 5: NOFO posted on website
- Monday, May 19 at 8am: Grant portal opens
- Wednesday, June 18 at 7:59pm: Grant portal closes
- November 2025: All applicants will be notified of their funding decision
- January or February 2026: Funded projects will begin

Contact



gaopioidtrust.org

gaopioidtrust@dbhdd.ga.gov