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# **Notice of Funding Opportunity**

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**GEORGIA  
OPIOID CRISIS  
ABATEMENT TRUST**



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# Section 1. General Overview and Applicant Criteria

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The State of Georgia is actively responding to the opioid crisis, a public health emergency that has caused widespread harm across communities. As part of a national effort to address the impact of opioid misuse, Georgia has entered into settlements resulting from litigation against major pharmaceutical companies and distributors. These settlements are a critical step towards remediation and provide significant financial resources for opioid epidemic abatement efforts within the state.

Georgia is anticipated to receive approximately \$638 million from the initial manufacturers and distributors settlements, with additional funds coming from settlements with Abbvie (formerly Allergan), Teva Pharmaceuticals, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, and Kroger. These funds are earmarked for initiatives aimed at curbing the opioid crisis and bolstering future abatement projects. A [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#), agreed upon by the State of Georgia and Participating Local Governments, outlines the guidelines for utilizing the manufacturers and distributors settlement funds. Two additional MOUs govern the utilization of the other settlement funds to be received. The Trustee of the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust (“Trust”) is tasked with the oversight and implementation of the settlement allocation, in collaboration with the Office of Health Strategy and Coordination (OHSC) within Georgia’s Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). The Trustee is the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

The governance structure for the Trust includes the Trustee, the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC), the Qualifying Block Grantees (QBGs), and the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). This structure facilitates the distribution and oversight of the state’s opioid funds, ensuring that the funds are used effectively to combat the opioid crisis at both the state and local levels.

QBGs are designated entities that receive funds directly from the settlement and include the City of Atlanta and counties with a population of at least 400,000, which are Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties. RACs are established in DBHDD-aligned regions consisting of multiple Participating Local Governments to advise on the optimal use of funds for opioid remediation and abatement. For a list of the members of each RAC and for contact information for each QBG, visit [gaopioidtrust.org](http://gaopioidtrust.org).

In 2024, the Trustee released the first \$50,000,000 in opioid funds via a competitive grant process. Of the initial funding released, 60%, or \$30,000,000, was available for statewide projects and 40%, or \$20,000,000, was available for regional projects. The Trustee received more than 300 applications totaling nearly \$250 million in funding requests. The Trustee awarded approximately \$70 million to fund 49 statewide projects and 79 regional projects over 2 years.

The Trustee is announcing the latest release of \$30,000,000 in opioid trust funding. Of this amount, 60%, or \$18,000,000, is available for state-wide projects and 40%, or \$12,000,000, is available for regional projects. Qualified entities are invited to apply for funding via this second Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Once again, funding awards will support programs and efforts aligned with the Trust’s core strategies for opioid crisis abatement, including prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support services. The Trustee invites eligible entities and organizations to participate in this significant effort to address and mitigate the opioid crisis in Georgia.

## 1.2 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant, for the purposes of this Notification of Funding, must:

- Propose projects within the State of Georgia
- Be willing to become registered as a vendor within the State of Georgia
- Be licensed/certified by the applicable agency or demonstrate the ability to obtain license/certification in a timely fashion if applying for funding for services requiring licensure/certification
- Be in any IRS recognized tax-category (profit, non-profit/not-for-profit, etc.)

An applicant (with the exception of Georgia State Departments) must not be:

- A subject of debarment
- On the Excluded Provider list

## 1.3 SCOPE OF PROJECTS AND USE OF FUNDS

Funding from the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust aims to alleviate the opioid crisis's effects in Georgia. Prospective applicants should consult the Trust's [Continuum of Care Reports](#) when proposing projects. This is to ensure efforts complement existing services by addressing unmet needs, avoiding redundancy, and fostering partnerships. Additionally, applicants should review the list of projects funded in 2024, which is available at [gaopioidtrust.org/ListOfGrantees](http://gaopioidtrust.org/ListOfGrantees).

Project proposals must adhere to the project categories set forth in Attachment A: Project Categories and Approved Uses for Georgia, consistent with the terms of the National Distributors and Manufacturers Opioid Settlement.

## 1.4 TARGET POPULATIONS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICE

Funds are dedicated to supporting a range of services related to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), including prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery supports. These services target at-risk populations for OUD, individuals diagnosed with OUD, OUD with additional polysubstance use, OUD with a co-occurring mental illness, and co-morbid polysubstance use and co-occurring mental health conditions. Applicants who serve populations with OUD with funding independent of the Trust should address how Trust funds will be utilized for the target populations only.

## Section 2. Funding Types and Amounts

### 2.1 STATE FUNDING

State funding refers to the portion of the opioid settlement funds that are managed by the state government, specifically by the Trustee of the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust. This funding is part of the 75% share of the total opioid settlement funds allocated to the state. Of this, 40% is earmarked to be spent on a regional basis, focusing on regional initiatives to combat the opioid crisis. The Trustee, appointed by the Governor and serving as the DBHDD Commissioner, oversees the implementation,

compliance, and reporting requirements of the settlement funds, ensuring that expenditures align with the core strategies and approved uses set forth in the settlement agreements.

## **2.2 RAC FUNDING**

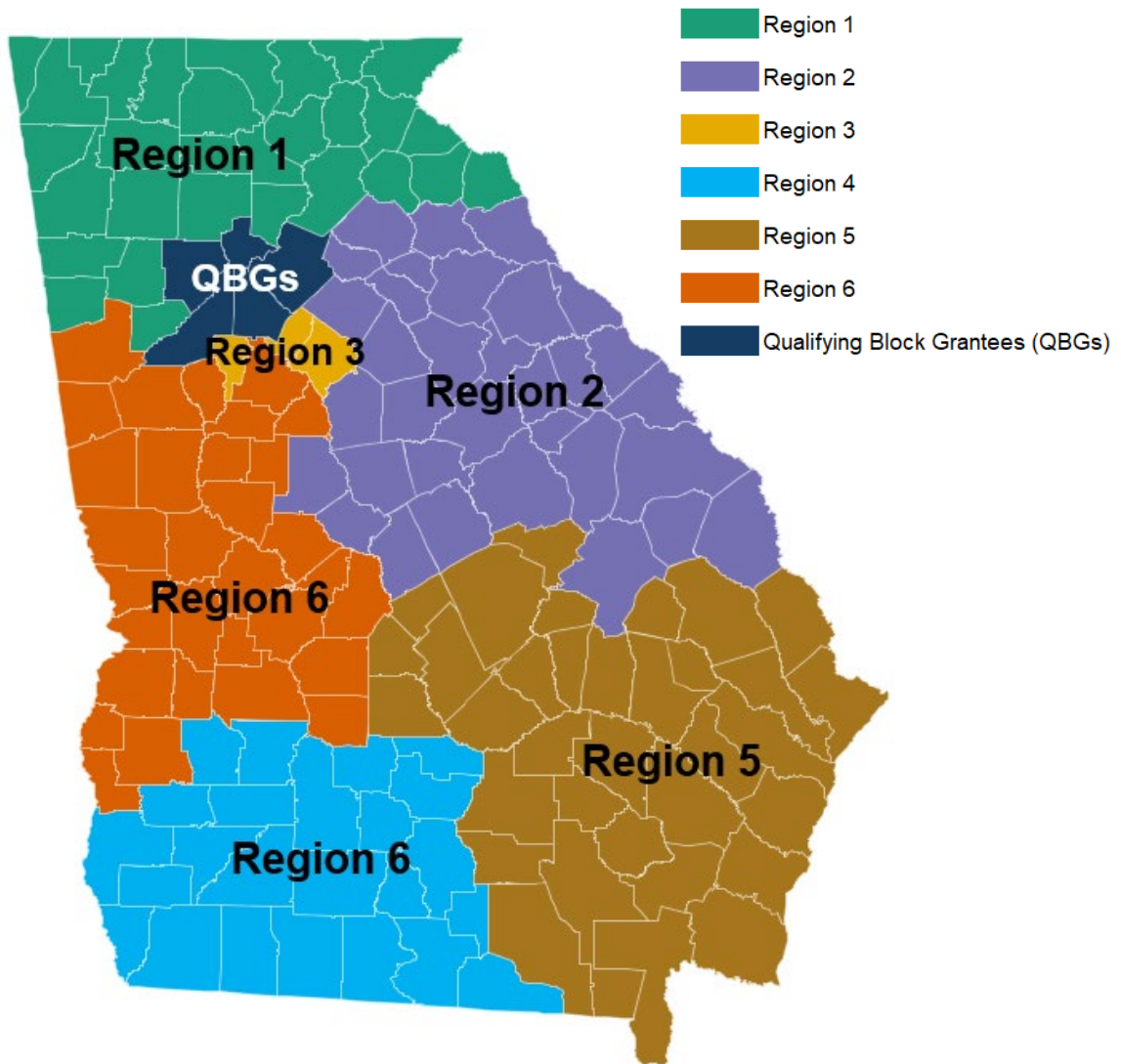
The Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) play a consultative role in determining how funds are allocated within specific regions. Each region has a RAC that works to best determine the allocation of funds for opioid remediation and/or abatement efforts within their established regions. The RACs consult with the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and the Participating Local Governments, providing recommendations that reflect regional needs and priorities. The funding recommended by the RACs is part of the broader state allocation, specifically from the portion dedicated to regional funding.

## **2.3 QBG FUNDING**

Qualifying Block Grantees (QBGs) are regions that receive their funding allocation directly from the Trust, provided they certify sufficient infrastructure to offer opioid abatement services. This direct allocation allows the QBGs—Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties, and the City of Atlanta—to implement opioid abatement and remediation opportunities within their communities. QBGs have a level of autonomy in approving and overseeing the expenditure of their allocated funds within the guidelines and core strategies approved in the manufacturers and distributors settlement.

If your project area is within a QBG, please contact the appropriate county or city for further information regarding the specific application requirements. Applicants seeking funding through this NOFO within a QBG area will be redirected to the appropriate QBG.

## Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust Regional Map



Note: Regions 1–6 of the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust mirror the DBHDD regions. Regions 7–11 are QBGs, each of which is its own region.

### 2.4 FUNDING AMOUNTS

There is no predefined minimum or maximum funding amount that can be requested for each application; however, applicants are encouraged to request funding amounts that are justifiable and reasonable based on the scale and expected outcomes of the proposed project. When applying for regional funding, proposals should take into consideration the amount of funding that each region has available to fund proposals. If the applicant is seeking state funding, the applicant should consider the amount of funding available for state proposals.

A proposal is eligible for RAC funding if the proposed project falls entirely within the geographical boundaries of that region. A proposal is eligible for state funding if the project covers at least two RACs

or QBGs. The Trust does not accept proposals that fall within the jurisdiction of any single QBG. Any request for funding from a QBG should be directed to that QBG.

**Any funds requested may not be used to supplant current funding; only new programs, expansion of existing programs, or continuation of existing grant-funded programs will be considered for funding.**

The Trust reserves the right to adjust proposed funding amounts based on the total availability of funds and the number of proposals selected for funding.

Any application that requests total funding of \$500,000 or more is required to complete a [risk assessment](#) (see Section 3.2 Proposal Submission).

Below are the amounts available to fund state-wide projects and within each region. The available funds for regional projects include both the 2025 allocation as well as any unallocated funding from 2024.

<b>Total Settlement Funds to be Distributed in 2025</b>		<b>\$30,000,000</b>
State Portion	60%	\$18,000,000
Total Regional Portion	40%	\$12,000,000
Region 1	24.18%	
2025 Allocation		\$2,901,122.85
2024 Unspent Funds		\$63,575.35
Total Region 1 2025 Funds Available		\$2,964,698.21
Region 2	14.45%	
2025 Allocation		\$1,734,391.34
2024 Unspent Funds		\$310,448.17
Total Region 2 2025 Funds Available		\$2,044,839.52
Region 3	3.68%	
2025 Allocation		\$441,011.76
2024 Unspent Funds		\$65,629.50
Total Region 3 2025 Funds Available		\$506,641.26
Region 4	4.57%	
2025 Allocation		\$548,874.38
2024 Unspent Funds		\$0
Total Region 4 2025 Funds Available		\$548,874.38

Region 5	13.24%	
2025 Allocation		\$1,589,025.69
2024 Unspent Funds		\$129,62.60
Total Region 5 2025 Funds Available		\$1,601,988.29
Region 6	14.40%	
2025 Allocation		\$1,728,013.04
2024 Unspent Funds		\$249,840.61
Total Region 6 2025 Funds Available		\$1,977,853.65
Region 7 (Fulton 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

Notes: Any funds not used by a region are rolled over into the next year.

Regions 7–11 are QBGs, which receive their funding from the Trust, but make their decisions and distribute their funding independently. Any application that requests funding from the Trust for a project within the geographical boundaries of any single QBG will be denied.

**2.5 FUNDING AWARDS**

Funding awards are determined based on the proposal’s alignment with the goals of the opioid abatement effort, the demonstrated need, and the potential impact of the project. Priority may be given to projects that address underserved populations or regions with high rates of opioid-related challenges.

**2.6 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

Grant contracts awarded as a result of this Notice of Funding Opportunity are subject to the availability of funds. In the event funds are not available, the Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust reserves the right to terminate grant contracts upon written notice to the Grantee.

**Section 3. Application Process**

**3.1 PROPOSAL PREPARATION**

The applicant accepts full responsibility for all costs incurred in the preparation, submission, and other activities undertaken by the applicant associated with the proposal.

**3.2 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

The Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust is committed to thoroughly reviewing every complete, submitted proposal, while also ensuring each one is evaluated fairly. To achieve this balance, specific requirements regarding the format and content of proposals have been developed. Proposals must be





submitted via the [Trust’s Grants Management Portal](#). To submit a proposal, each applicant must register for an account at [gaopioidthrust.org](http://gaopioidthrust.org)

**Proposals that do not include all the required information will not be considered. Proposals not submitted by the close of the application window will not be considered.**

The following lists each section and required information in the grant application:

<b>Application Information</b>	
	Organization Contact Name and Email Address <sup>1</sup>
	Organization Name
	Organization Address
	Organization Phone Number
	Organization Website (if applicable)
	Organization TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number)
	Organization Business Type
<b>Core Strategy</b>	
	<b>Project Category and Subcategory</b> (See Attachment A: Project Categories and Approved Uses)
<b>Project Approach</b>	
<b>Proposed Approach</b>	Provide a detailed description of the proposed project, including activities and/or services to be delivered, population to be served, partners to be engaged, and other information that clearly explains how the proposed project will address the opioid crisis.
<b>Demonstrated Need</b>	Provide any relevant data or information that demonstrates the opioid crisis’ effects in the specific geographic region or population that your application proposes to address. Additionally, provide information on any gaps in resources or limitations in capacity that exist within the targeted region or population. Provide a description of the primary population to be served, any additional populations to be served, and the proposed project’s estimated reach.
<b>Collaboration</b>	Provide detailed information about current and proposed collaborations with other entities in addressing the opioid crisis, including the nature of the collaboration and the names and types of entities involved.
<b>Project Timeline</b>	Indicate the general timeline for the proposed project or program execution.

<sup>1</sup> Please note that the Organization Contact Name and their associated email address should be that of the organization’s authorized representative. The organization’s authorized representative should be the person to generate the application, and must be able to sign the attestation and letter of award, if a grant is awarded.

<b>Project Approach, cont.</b>	
<b>Workplan and Deliverables</b>	Include the major activities and/or services outlined in the proposed project or program’s workplan, and how they will be accomplished and measured.
<b>Construction and Qualified Engineer Questions</b>	If your application includes the need for construction or a qualified engineer, you will be required to submit supplemental documentation (see below).
<b>Organization Background and Qualifications</b>	
<b>Organization Mission and Background</b>	Provide a brief description of your organization’s mission, as well as qualifications for executing the proposed project or program.
<b>Licensure and Certification Questions</b>	If your application includes the need for specific licensure or certification(s), you will be required to submit supplemental documentation (see below).
<b>Potential Impact</b>	
<b>Goals and Objectives</b>	Provide program specific goals and objectives as well as their outcomes and benefits. Clearly describe how success will be achieved and measured. Please specifically state the goal(s) and the associated objective.
<b>Project Budget</b>	
<b>Budget Narrative and Template</b>	<p>An appropriate and realistic budget must be submitted along with a narrative justifying each budget line item.</p> <p>You must enter a description for each budget item that explains the estimated costs by line item or category in the budget. Budget narratives should explain how the costs associated with each line item or category relate to the implementation of the project as outlined in the proposal being submitted.</p> <p>Budgets should be as specific as possible, including, for example, the percentage of time personnel will work on a project and the person’s salary/wages and benefits; specific estimates for each item contained within the budget line item, such as medical or office supplies; and the specific percentage requested for administrative operating costs.</p> <p>Applicants are reminded budgets should maximize alignment with the goals of the opioid abatement effort as opposed to administrative expenses not closely related to abatement services.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If you are applying for two years of funding, enter the sum of both years of funding in the amount requested and detail how much is requested in each year in the budget narrative.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Any application that requests total funding of \$500,000 or more is required to complete a <a href="#">risk assessment</a>.</p>

<b>Project Budget, cont.</b>	
<b>Budget Categories</b>	<p><u>Administrative Operating Costs:</u> Also known as indirect costs or indirect rate. This should include costs associated with the general day-to-day administration and management of the applicant’s organization, specifically related to the proposed project. This can include the organization’s expenses for use of facilities (rent), maintenance, electric bills, other utilities, and similar expenses related to the grant project.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> A general indirect rate is limited to 10%.</p>
	<p><u>Construction:</u> This should include any requests for construction, renovation, and/or design capital costs to implement the proposed project.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If funding is requested in this category, additional documentation is required. These costs will not be funded without the necessary documentation.</p>
	<p><i>Equipment</i></p>
	<p><u>IT Hardware:</u> This should include requests for any computers, phones, printers, etc. that are necessary for your organization to implement the proposed project. Requests for specific software packages should also be included here.</p>
	<p><u>Medical Equipment:</u> This category should include expenses related to purchasing, maintaining, and replacing essential medical tools and devices necessary to implement the proposed project. Any medical equipment must be related to OUD and consistent with approved uses and services within the application.</p>
	<p><u>Transportation Vehicle:</u> Funding requests to purchase or lease a vehicle necessary to implement the proposed project should be included in this category.</p>
	<p><u>Other:</u> Include any other equipment needs necessary to implement the proposed project that do not fall into the above categories.</p>
	<p><i>Marketing</i></p>
	<p><u>Ad Placement:</u> This category should include expenses related to purchasing ad space or airtime to distribute your proposed campaign, such as ads on digital platforms (social media, websites, etc.), traditional media (TV, radio, print), and/or out-of-home advertising (bus stops, billboards, transit, etc.). Examples include Facebook or Instagram ad buys, billboard rentals, sponsored radio segments or PSAs, or streaming platform ad insertions.</p>

<b>Project Budget, cont.</b>	
<b>Budget Categories, cont.</b>	
	<i>Marketing, cont.</i>
	<p><u>Content Development:</u> This category should include expenses for creating the messaging, design, and educational content for your campaign. This includes costs to strategize and create original campaign materials, whether written, visual, or conceptual. This can cover hiring consultants or creative professionals to develop slogans, visuals, or training content. Examples include copywriting for slogans or scripts, graphic design or branding concepts, research or focus groups to inform campaign messaging, or curriculum or toolkit development for prevention education.</p> <p><u>Production:</u> This category should encompass costs for turning developed content into final, shareable materials. This covers the technical and logistical costs of producing and finalizing materials for distribution. This may include filming, editing, printing, formatting, or converting content into videos, flyers, audio files, or digital assets. Examples include video shoots and post-production editing; audio recording and mixing for audio ads; printing flyers, posters, or brochures; and formatting digital content into social media-ready graphics or HTML files.</p>
	<i>Personnel</i>
	<p><u>Hiring Cost:</u> This category should include expenses associated with recruiting and onboarding new employees to implement the proposed project. These may include the costs to advertise a job, recruitment agency fees, onboarding costs, costs for background checks and testing, and others.</p> <p><u>Program/Project Staff:</u> This category should encompass the full or portion of salaries, wages, and benefits of staff specifically to implement the proposed project.</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Any other personnel costs necessary to implement the proposed project not included in the above categories.</p>
	<i>Supplies</i>
	<p><u>Medical Supplies:</u> Funding for medical supplies such as naloxone, fentanyl test strips, harm reduction supplies, HIV/HEP-C testing materials, etc. necessary to implement the proposed project should be included in this category.</p> <p><u>Office Supplies:</u> This category should include costs for general office supplies that are necessary for your organization to implement the proposed project. This may include paper, pens, toner, etc.</p> <p><u>Other:</u> Any other supplies costs not included in the above categories.</p>

<b>Project Budget, cont.</b>	
<b>Budget Categories, cont.</b>	
	<p><u>Training:</u> Costs to register for trainings and/or conferences, costs to obtain appropriate licenses and/or certifications, etc. necessary to implement the proposed project should be included in this category.</p>
	<p><u>Travel:</u> Use this category to request travel expenses (e.g., mileage, flight, per diem meals and expenses, etc.) for organization personnel to conduct site visits throughout Georgia, to attend relevant conferences, or other travel necessary to implement or promote the proposed project or its results.</p>
	<p><u>Other:</u> This category should include items not contained with any other budget category but that are needed to successfully implement the proposed project. Define the request in detail.</p>
<b>Disclosures</b>	
	<p>Applicants must disclose the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm if the applicant is/not an existing provider with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD).</li> <li>• Disclose any pending or awarded applications for similar projects.</li> <li>• Reveal if there have been any previous applications for opioid settlement funds.</li> <li>• Indicate if the applicant is on the Excluded Provider List or has been debarred, with an explanation if applicable.</li> <li>• State whether there is an ongoing Corrective Action Plan (CAP) related to opioid funds, including a summary and status.</li> <li>• Ensure all personal health information (PHI) and private personal information (PPI) have been redacted or removed from submissions.</li> <li>• Disclose any conflicts of interest with major pharmaceutical distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, Cencora [formerly AmerisourceBergen]) and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and its parent company Johnson &amp; Johnson (J&amp;J).</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting Documentation</b>	
<b>Audited Financials, P&amp;L, or Business Plan (Start Ups)</b>	<p>If the proposal is from an established organization, audited financials are required to be submitted. As an alternative, organizations should submit profit and loss (P&amp;L) documents. If your organization is a start-up, a business plan as an alternative to audited financials or P&amp;L is acceptable.</p>

<b>Supporting Documentation, cont.</b>	
<b>Construction-Related Documentation (if applicable)</b>	If funding for construction, renovations, and/or design capital costs is requested, documentation that justifies the requested funding must be provided. These documents can include, but are not limited to, estimates from a licensed Georgia contractor, photos, engineering plans, architectural drawings, etc. <i>Note:</i> Construction, renovations, and/or design capital costs will not be funded without the necessary documentation.
<b>Financial Calculator (if applicable)</b>	The data provided will be used to calculate the financial ratios necessary to complete the risk assessment.
<b>Key Personnel and Qualifications</b>	Provide a list of key personnel and their qualifications, including key staff descriptions and an organizational chart.
<b>Organization Certifications (if applicable)</b>	Provide a copy of any relevant certification(s) and ensure the documentation reflects the status of the certification(s). If you are applying for a program that requires a certification without having completed it, provide a narrative demonstrating your understanding of any certification requirement(s) and a plan for obtaining the certification(s), including an approximate timeline.
<b>Organization Incorporation Documents</b>	Provide your organization’s incorporation documents from the Georgia Secretary of State, if your organization was incorporated in the State of Georgia. If your organization was incorporated in a different state, provide incorporation documents from that state.
<b>Organization Licenses (if applicable)</b>	Provide a copy of any relevant license(s) and ensure the documentation reflects the status of the license(s). If you are applying for a program that requires a license without having obtained it, provide a narrative demonstrating the applicant’s understanding of any licensing requirement(s) and a plan for obtaining the license(s), including an approximate timeline.
<b>Qualified Engineer Supporting Documentation (if applicable)</b>	If funding for construction, renovations, or design capital costs is requested, provide documentation that identifies the qualified engineering and/or architectural firm(s) the applicant intends to use, if known, has used in the past, or has partnered with for the project. Examples include general contractors, maintenance contractors, fixture and equipment suppliers or firms, design and engineering firms, etc. <i>Note:</i> Construction, renovations, and/or design capital costs will not be funded without the necessary documentation.
<b>Risk Assessment (if applicable)</b>	This questionnaire is used to help determine a potential recipient’s financial and management strength, which helps assess risk and dictates the monitoring plan for recipients of awards under this program. Each question within the assessment must be completed. Risk assessment instructions can be found at <a href="https://gaopioidtrust.org/for-applicants/GoCatsSystemRiskAssessmentInstructions.pdf">gaopioidtrust.org/for-applicants/GoCatsSystemRiskAssessmentInstructions.pdf</a> <i>Note:</i> The risk assessment is required only for applications requesting \$500,000 or greater. Projects applying for \$500,000 or greater will not be funded without completing the risk assessment.

<b>Attestation</b>	
	<p>By signing the attestation, you confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• you have personal knowledge of the submitted funding application and the authority to submit it on behalf of your organization,</li> <li>• any funds received will be used in compliance with grant requirements and applicable laws, with any misuse subject to repayment, and</li> <li>• you acknowledge that all provided information is accurate, and any false statements may result in personal liability under the law.</li> </ul>

### 3.3 PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Proposals submitted prior to the due date may be withdrawn only by the applicant. The applicant may withdraw the proposal in the [Trust’s Grants Management Portal](#).

### 3.4 PROPOSAL REJECTION

The Trust reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals; to advertise new proposals; to arrange to perform the services herein, to abandon the need for such services, and to cancel this Announcement of Funding if it is in the best interest of the Trust as determined in the Georgia Opioid Settlement Abatement Trust’s sole discretion. In the event such action is taken, notice of such action will be posted on the [Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust website](#).

### 3.5 PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Proposals will be screened to ensure that minimum eligibility requirements have been met, that all required documentation has been submitted, and that all required portions of the application have been completed. Complete proposals for regional funding that meet minimum eligibility requirements will be reviewed and scored by the respective RAC. Complete proposals for state funding that meet minimum eligibility requirements will be scored by a team of subject matter experts with the Interagency Working Group and reviewed by the GOSAC.

Incomplete applications will receive a denial, and applicants will be advised to apply during the next round. QBGs or applicants applying for QBG specific funds are not eligible to apply within this portal. Applicants should contact their respective QBGs and follow their process.

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Total Possible Section Points</b>	<b>Maximum Score</b>
Organizational 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	

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Total Possible Section Points</b>	<b>Maximum Score</b>
Potential Impact		30
Goals and Objectives	15	
Outcomes and Benefits	15	
Budget		20
Line-Item Budget	10	
Budget Narrative	10	
<b>Total Maximum Score</b>		<b>130</b>

Additional information on the scoring rubric can be found at [gaopioidtrust.org/for-applicants/ScoringRubric.pdf](https://gaopioidtrust.org/for-applicants/ScoringRubric.pdf).

## Section 4. Grant Information and Requirements

### 4.1 PROJECT PERIOD

Funding term for selected proposals is expected to start in January or February 2026. Duration is up to two years based on the applicant’s demonstrated need, timing of the program, and Trustee approval.

### 4.2 GRANT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Awarded projects must comply with all applicable state regulations and grant management practices. Grantees will be required to enter a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the funding, including reporting requirements, performance metrics, and financial accountability standards. Funds spent by awardees before the contract effective date will not be reimbursed.

### 4.3 PAYMENTS AND REPORTS

Grantees are required to submit monthly programmatic reports detailing the implementation of the project, expenditures, outcomes achieved, and any challenges encountered.

Reporting templates and guidelines will be provided to ensure consistency and facilitate the monitoring of project impacts.

Payments under the terms of the contract are monthly and on a reimbursement basis, except for certain items.

### 4.4 SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES

The timeline outlined below reflects the Trust’s current projection for the funding process. However, the Trust retains the authority to modify this schedule based on operational requirements or unforeseen circumstances. Should any changes occur, updates will be promptly communicated through the [Trust’s website](#).

Please be aware that for this cycle of funding, submissions will be welcomed from Monday, May 19, 2025 – Wednesday, June 18, 2025. The Trustee’s intention is to announce opportunities for grants on an annual basis, contingent upon the availability of funds within the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund.



- Monday, May 5, 2025: Notice of Funding Opportunity released
- Monday, May 19, 2025, at 8:00 am: Grant portal opens
- Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 7:59 pm: Grant portal closes
- November 2025: All applicants will be notified of their funding decision
- January or February 2026: Funded projects are expected to begin

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Any questions about this Notice of Funding Opportunity should be sent to [gaopiodtrust@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:gaopiodtrust@dbhdd.ga.gov).

## Attachment A: Project Categories and Approved Uses

CATEGORY	APPROVED USE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Prevention</b>	Funding and Resource Tracking	<i>Track, encourage, and support the effective utilization of new substance misuse prevention funding and resources in Georgia</i>
	Public Outreach & Education – Youth Substance Abuse Prevention	<i>Implement awareness and education to prevent youth initiation of substance use</i>
	Public Outreach & Education – Statewide Awareness	<i>Increase statewide public awareness of substance misuse, prevention, and the opioid epidemic</i>
	Public Outreach & Education – Overdose Risk Prevention	<i>Implement education and awareness to help prevent the risk of a drug overdose</i>
	Prevent Over-Prescribing/ Ensure Appropriate Prescribing and Dispensing	<i>Evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies to prevent over-prescribing and ensure appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids</i>
	Prevent Misuse of Opioids	<i>Evidence-based or evidence-informed programs or strategies to discourage or prevent misuse of opioids</i>
	Drug Disposal Programs & Education	<i>Community drug disposal and safe storage programs</i>
	Primary Substance Misuse Prevention Services	<i>Primary Substance Misuse Prevention Services</i>
<b>Treatment</b>	Treatment Expansion, Including Medication Assisted Treatment	<i>Treatment services for individuals with OUD with a specific focus on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other evidenced-based practices</i>
	Treatment for Criminal-Justice-Involved Individuals	<i>Treatment services and strategies for early diversion for individuals with OUD who are incarcerated or have criminal justice involvement</i>
	Treatment for Pregnant or Parenting Women and Babies	<i>Treatment services for pregnant or parenting women and their families, including babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome</i>
	Standalone Detoxification/Residential Detoxification/Inpatient	<i>Standalone Detoxification/Residential Detoxification/Inpatient</i>
	Addictive Diseases Residential Service	<i>Addictive Diseases Residential Service (varying levels, gender-specific, transition-aged youth)</i>

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	MAT / Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Programs (SAIOP)	<i>Medication Assisted Treatment Programs &amp; Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Programs</i>
	Transitional Housing	<i>Transitional Housing (Gender specific)</i>
<b>Recovery</b>	Recovery Support Services - Increase Access	<i>Increase access to recovery support services for individuals with OUD</i>
	Recovery Support Services - Broaden Services	<i>Broaden scope of recovering services to include substance use disorder (SUD), opioid use disorder (OUD), other related mental health conditions</i>
	Employment Support	<i>Encourage employer policies and hiring practices that will support individuals in recovery obtaining and maintaining employment</i>
	Safe and Stable Housing	<i>Increase access to safe and stable housing in addition to community-based support</i>
	Support Individuals in Treatment and Recovery	<i>Reduce barriers to accessing and using insurance for individuals in recovery</i>
	Expansion of Warm Hand-off Programs	<i>Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services</i>
	Wrap-Around Services	<i>Comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare</i>
	Addiction Recovery Support Centers	<i>Expand addiction recovery support centers</i>
<b>Harm Reduction</b>	Naloxone Access	<i>Expand availability of Naloxone or other FDA-Approved Drug to reverse opioid overdoses</i>
	Syringe Exchange/Fentanyl Test Strips	<i>Expand syringe exchange and Fentanyl test strip distribution programs</i>
	Harm Reduction Services (HIV & Hepatitis-C)	<i>Harm Reduction Services (HIV &amp; Hepatitis-C)</i>
<b>Research &amp; Evaluation</b>	Best Practice Development	<i>Convene policy leaders, and multidisciplinary partners, including law enforcement and researchers, to identify promising practices and to inform a research and program evaluation agenda</i>

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	Strategy Analysis	<i>Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state</i>
	Monitoring, Surveillance, and Evaluation	<i>Monitoring, surveillance, data collection and evaluation of programs and strategies</i>
	Supply-Side Enforcement	<i>Research on innovative supply-side enforcement efforts such as improved detection of mail-based delivery of synthetic opioids</i>
	Qualitative and Quantitative Research	<i>Qualitative and quantitative research regarding public health risks and harm reduction opportunities within illicit drug markets, including surveys of market participants who sell or distribute illicit opioids</i>
<b>Other – First Responders</b>	First Responder Education	<i>Education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs</i>
	First Responder Wellness Services	<i>Wellness and support services for first responders and others who experience secondary trauma associated with opioid-related emergency events</i>
	First Responder Pre-Arrest and Post-Overdose Programs	<i>Pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports</i>
<b>Other – Training</b>	Training for First Responders, Schools, Community Support Groups and Families	<i>Training for first responders, schools, community support groups and families</i>
	Awareness Training for Healthcare Providers	<i>Provide MAT education and awareness training to healthcare providers, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement, and other first responders</i>
	Training and Incentives for Providers in Underserved Areas	<i>Offer scholarships and supports for behavioral health practitioners or workers involved in addressing OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH or mental health conditions, including, but not limited to, training, scholarships, fellowships, loan</i>

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		<i>repayment programs, or other incentives for providers to work in rural or underserved areas</i>
<b>Other – Leadership Planning &amp; Coordination</b>	State, Regional, or Local Planning Efforts	<i>State, regional, or local planning to identify goals for opioid reduction and support efforts or to identify areas and populations with the greatest needs for treatment intervention services</i>
	Data and Dashboards	<i>Government dashboard to track key opioid-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative community processes</i>
	Collaborative Cross-Systems Coordination – Staffing and Infrastructure	<i>Support infrastructure and staffing for collaborative cross-systems coordination to prevent opioid misuse, prevent overdoses, and treat those with OUD (e.g., health care, primary care, pharmacies, prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMP), etc.)</i>