



# **2026 Grant Application Workshop**

# Agenda

- Opioid Settlements Overview
- Allowable Uses of Funds
- Trust Governing Entities
- 2026 Available Funding
- Application Fundamentals
- What's New in the 2026 Application Portal

# National Manufacturers & Distributors Opioid Settlement



- Total funds to Georgia = ~\$638 million
  - › 25% (\$159.5 million) distributed by the National Administrator directly to the Participating Local Governments in Georgia
  - › 75% (\$478.5 million) sent by the National Administrator to the Trust
- Of the \$479 million to the Trust
  - › Manufacturers (Janssen/Johnson & Johnson) = ~\$91 million paid through 2031
  - › Distributors (McKesson Corporation, Cencora [formerly AmeriSource Bergen], Cardinal Health) = ~\$388 million paid through 2038

## 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”)<sup>1</sup> 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.

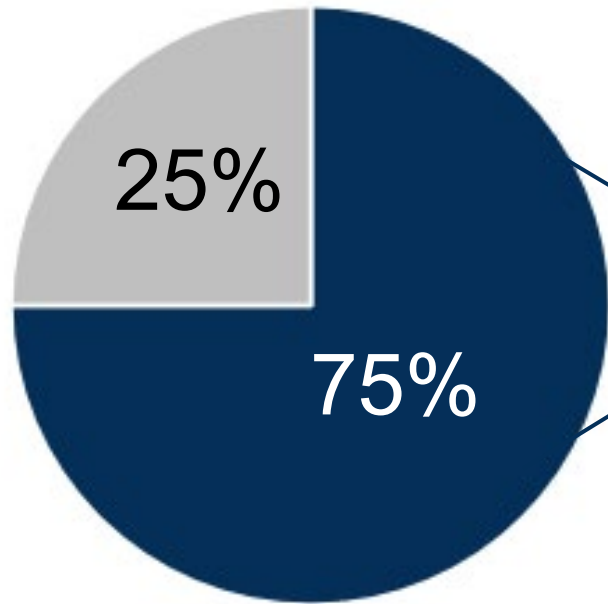
#### I. Definitions

a. “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).

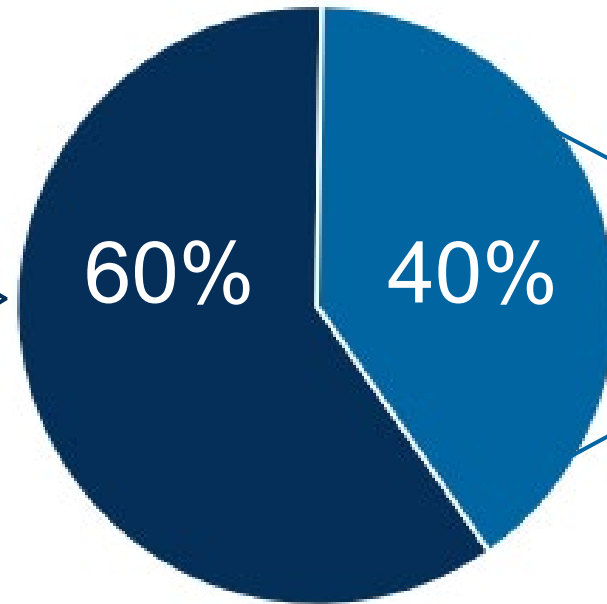
b. “Government Participation Mechanism” means the mechanism formed to make recommendations regarding the allocation of State Opioid

<sup>1</sup> “Janssen” means Johnson & Johnson, JanssenPharmaceuticals, Inc., OrthoMcNeil-JanssenPharmaceuticals, Inc., and JanssenPharmaceuticals, Inc.

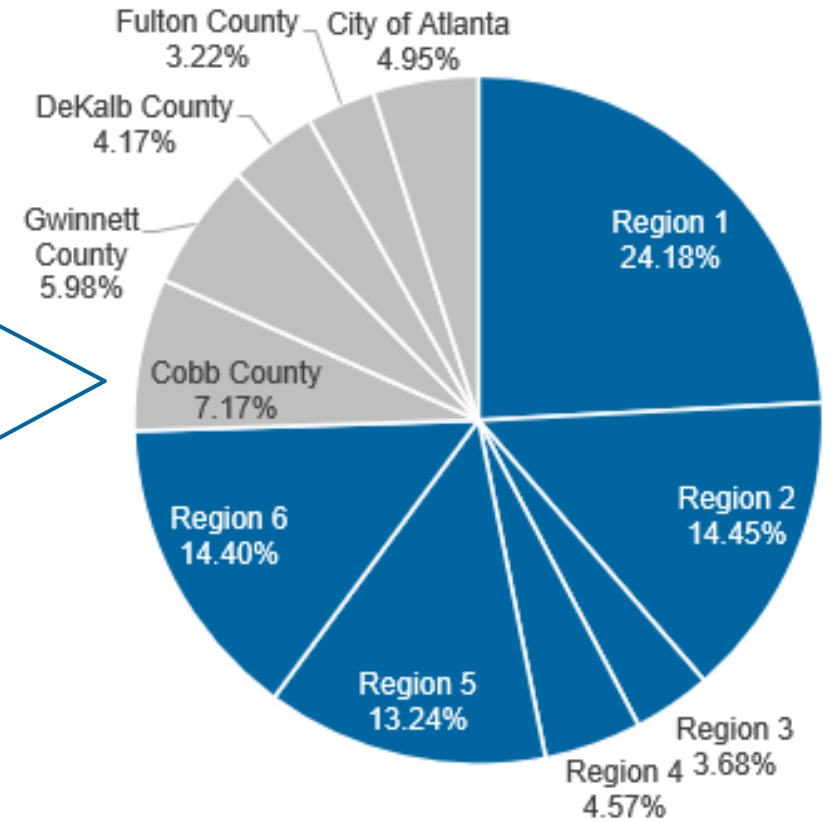
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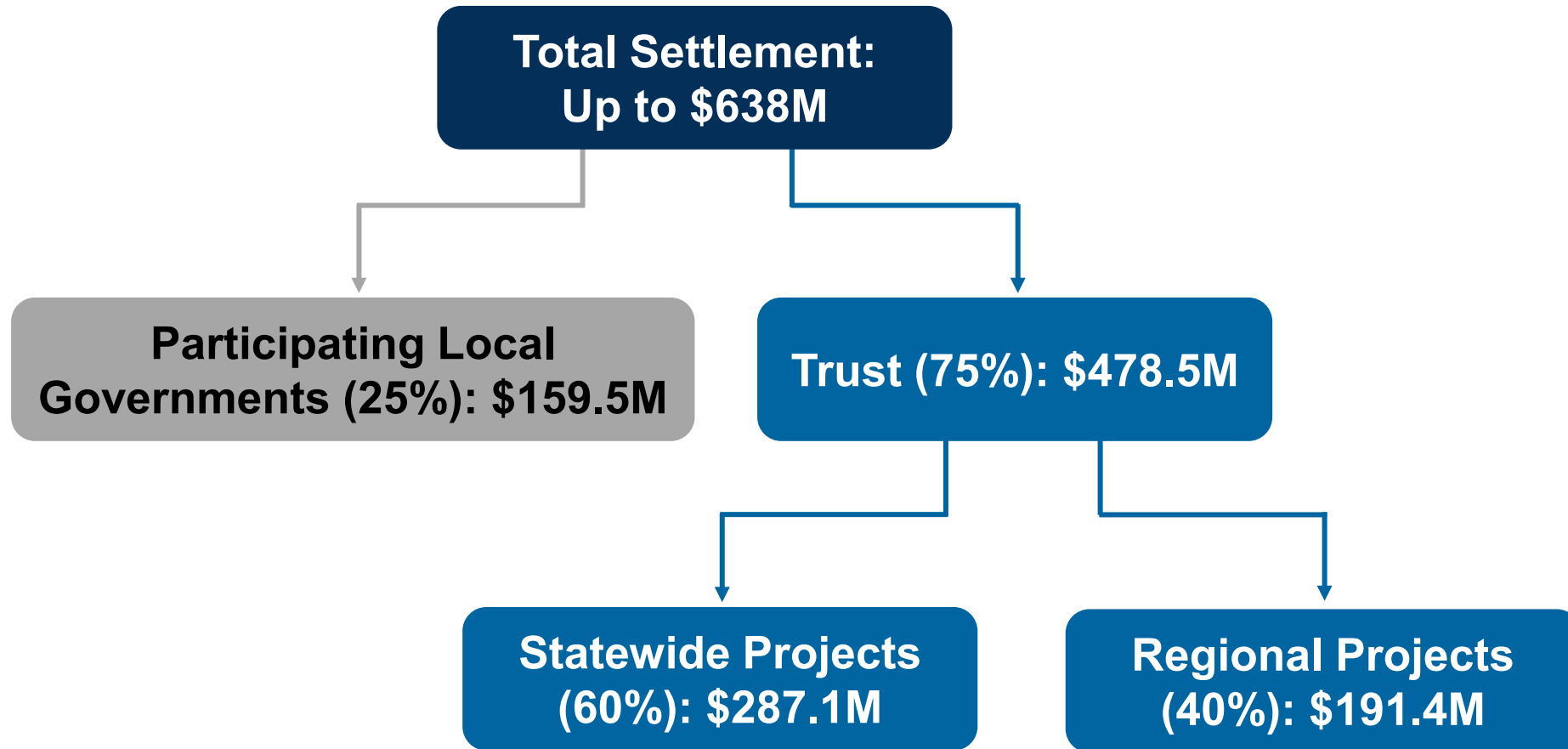
- State Opioid Funds
- Participating Local Governments



- Statewide projects
- Regional projects



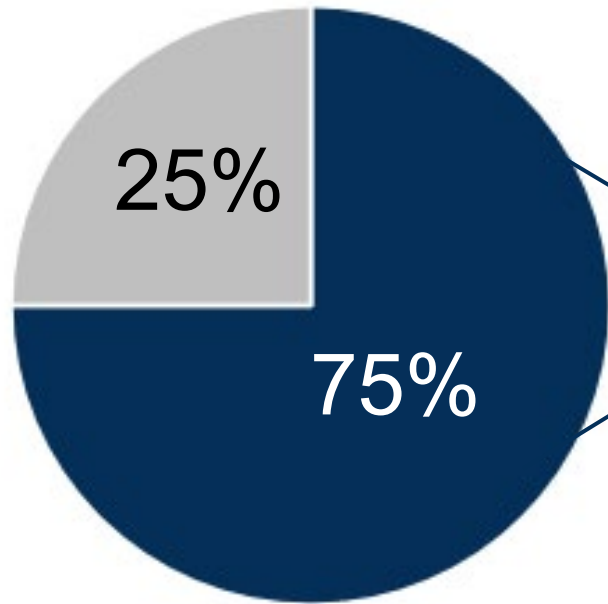
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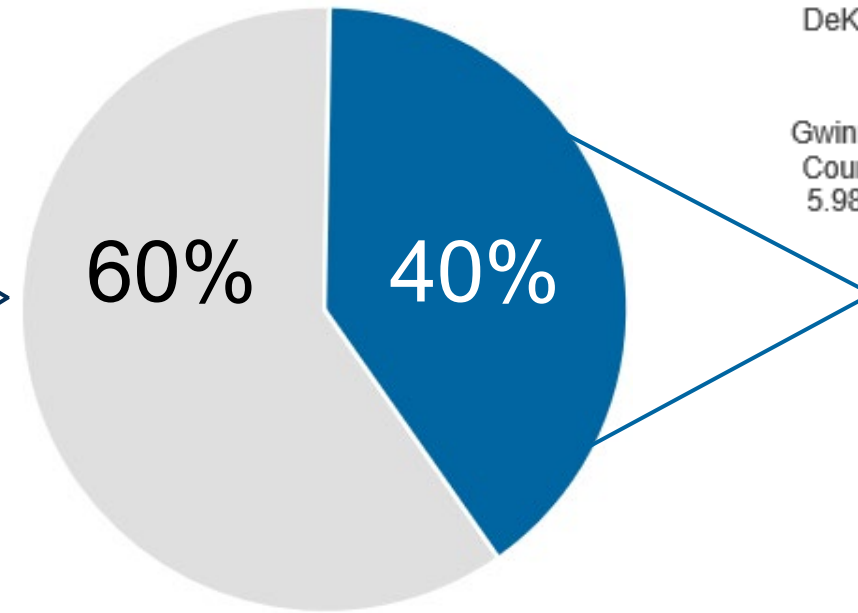
# “Big 5” and Kroger Settlements

- “Big 5” Settlement
  - › ~\$511 million
  - › Teva Pharmaceuticals, Abbvie (formerly Allergan), CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens, Walmart
  - › Paid out through 2037 (depending on company)
- Kroger Settlement
  - › ~\$55 million
  - › Paid out through 2034
- 25% will be sent by the National Administrator directly to the Participating Local Governments in Georgia
- 75% will be sent by the National Administrator to the State
  - › 40% for regional projects to be distributed by the Trust
  - › 60% for statewide projects to be appropriated by General Assembly

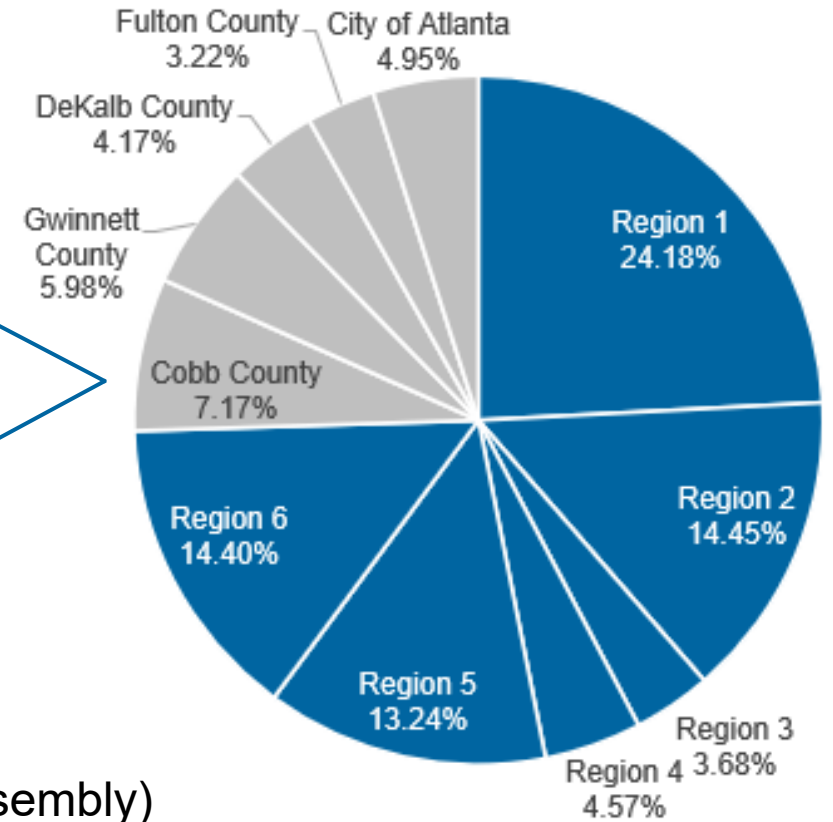
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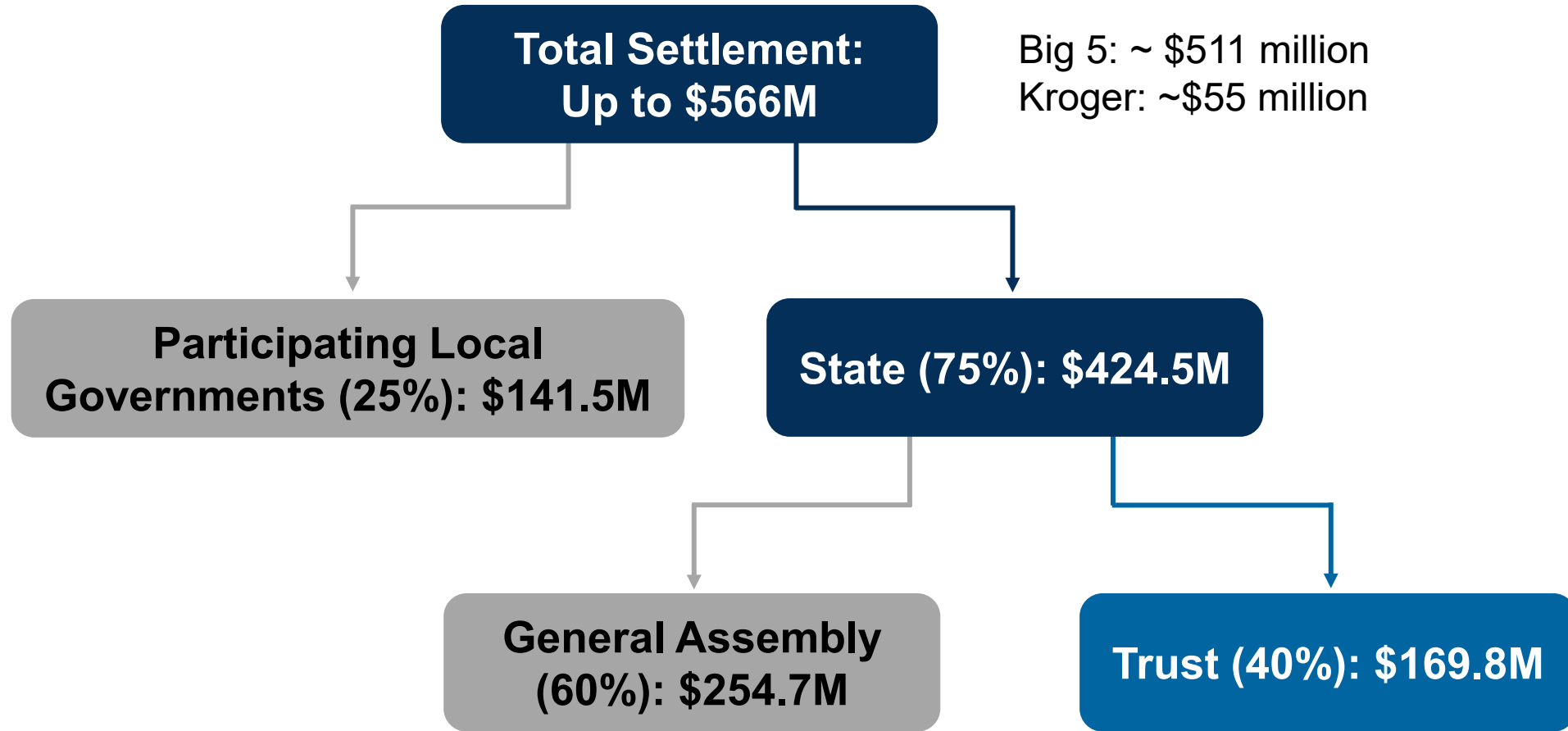
- State Opioid Funds
- Participating Local Governments



- Statewide projects (General Assembly)
- Regional projects (Trust)



# “Big 5” and Kroger Funding Distribution



# 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 include:
  - › Naloxone or other FDA-approved drug to reverse opioid overdoses
  - › Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other opioid treatment
  - › Treatment and interventions for pregnant and postpartum women
  - › Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
  - › Expanding warm hand-off programs and recovery services
  - › Treatment for the incarcerated population
  - › Creation or expansion of prevention programs
  - › Expansion of syringe exchange 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

# Difference Between DBHDD and Trust

- DBHDD and Trust are separate legal entities
  - › Trust is administratively attached to DBHDD
  - › Payment policies, standard operating procedures are different
- DBHDD provides some administrative services for the Trust
  - › Accounts Payable, Human Resources, IT, etc.
- Grant awards are from the Trust, NOT DBHDD
  - › Accounting for current DBHDD providers/grants and other funding streams must be separate from Trust grant funding
- Contracts for grant funds are with the Trust, NOT DBHDD
  - › Grant award funds (contracts) are on a *reimbursement* basis, with some exceptions listed in the contract
- Trust funds are not taxpayer dollars
  - › Specific legal requirements around use of funds

# Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC)

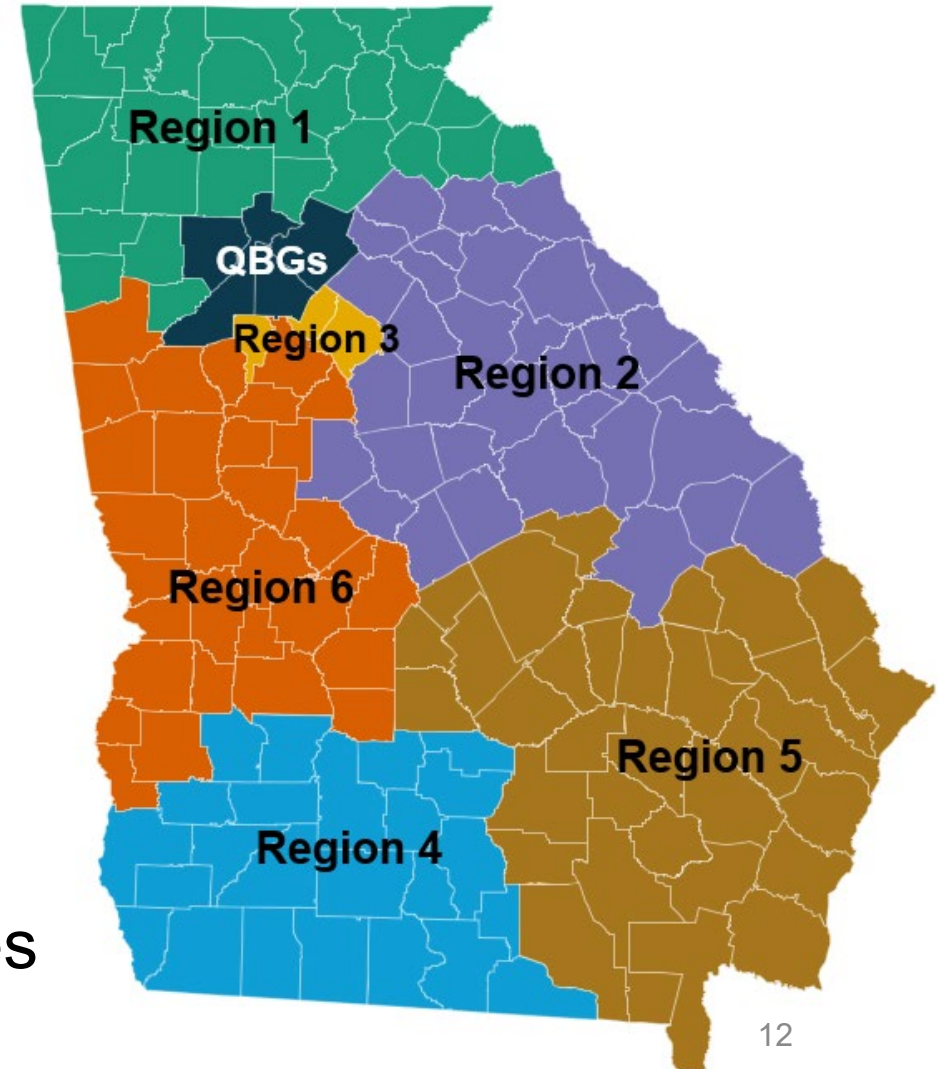


- Government Participation Mechanism
- All must have background in opioid use disorder, addiction treatment or policy, public health policy, mental health treatment or policy, or opioid-related law enforcement
- Meet quarterly
- Non-voting Chair
  - › Sam Hatcher, Governor's Executive Counsel
- 4 members appointed by Gov. Kemp
  - › Cassandra Price, DBHDD
  - › Dr. Chris Rustin, DPH
  - › Sheriff Gary Sisk, Catoosa County
  - › Emily Yona, 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
  - › New member TBD

# Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)



- Regions 1–6 mimic DBHDD regions for administrative efficiency
- 7 members
  - County Board of Health\*
  - Community Service Board\*
  - Sheriff\*
  - University System
  - Treatment Provider
  - Person with Lived Experience
  - Judiciary
- Regions 7–11 are Qualifying Block Grantees



# Regional Funding Allocations

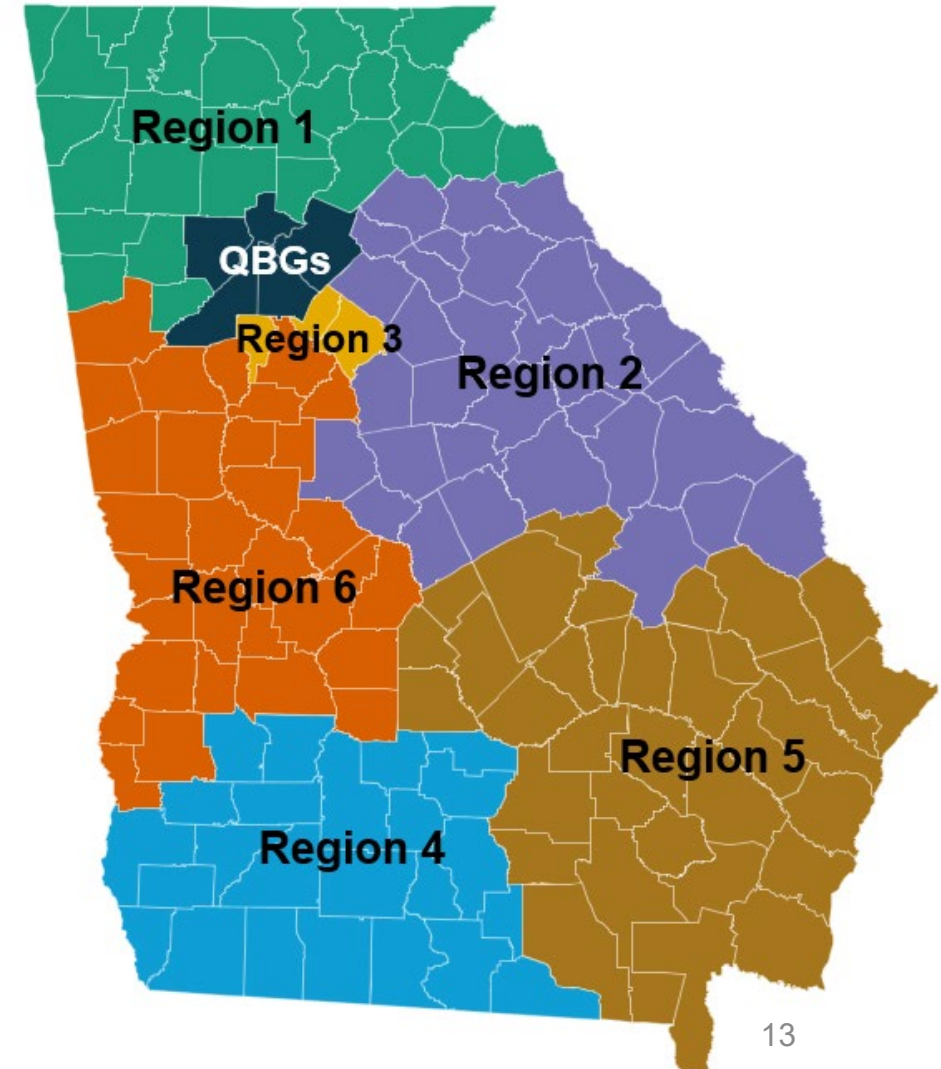


Of the state's  
75% share:

# 40%

is designated for  
regional projects

Region	Percent
Region 1	24.18%
Region 2	14.45%
Region 3	3.68%
Region 4	4.57%
Region 5	13.24%
Region 6	14.40%
Region 7 (Cobb County)	7.17%
Region 8 (Gwinnett County)	5.98%
Region 9 (DeKalb County)	4.14%
Region 10 (Fulton County)	3.22%
Region 11 (City of Atlanta)	4.95%



# 2026 Funding Allocation



		Manufacturers & Distributors	Big 5	2025 Rollover	2026 Total Allocation
<b>Total Allocation</b>		<b>\$10,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000,000.00</b>	<b>NA</b>	
State		\$6,000,000.00	NA	NA	<b>\$6,000,000.00</b>
Region 1	24.18%	\$967,040.95	\$2,417,602.38	\$11,719.20	<b>\$3,396,362.53</b>
Region 2	14.45%	\$578,130.45	\$1,445,326.12	\$39,165.51	<b>\$2,062,622.08</b>
Region 3	3.68%	\$147,003.92	\$367,509.80	\$807.26	<b>\$515,320.98</b>
Region 4	4.57%	\$182,958.13	\$457,395.32	\$17,342.36	<b>\$657,695.81</b>
Region 5	13.24%	\$529,675.23	\$1,324,188.07	\$89,244.87	<b>\$1,943,108.17</b>
Region 6	14.40%	\$576,004.35	\$1,440,010.87	\$205,325.49	<b>\$2,221,340.71</b>
Region 7 (Cobb County)	7.17%	\$286,638.26	\$716,595.67	NA	<b>\$1,003,233.89</b>
Region 8 (Gwinnett County)	5.98%	\$239,002.89	\$597,507.22	NA	<b>\$836,510.11</b>
Region 9 (DeKalb County)	4.14%	\$166,680.50	\$416,701.26	NA	<b>\$583,381.77</b>
Region 10 (Fulton County)	3.22%	\$128,800.32	\$322,000.81	NA	<b>\$450,801.13</b>
Region 11 (City of Atlanta)	4.95%	\$198,065.01	\$495,162.52	NA	<b>\$693,227.52</b>

# Application Fundamentals

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

# Application Sections

- Origin and Service Counties
- Core Strategy
  - › Project Category, Subcategory
- Project Approach
  - › Executive Summary
  - › Proposed Approach
  - › Demonstrated Need
  - › Collaboration
  - › Workplan and Deliverables
- Project Timeline: up to 2 years
- Organization Background and Qualifications
  - › Organization Mission and Background
  - › License/certification/accreditation
  - › Subcontractors
- Potential Impact
  - › Goals and Objectives
- Project Budget
  - › Budget Narrative
  - › Financial Calculator, Risk Assessment for applications  $\geq$  \$500,000.00

# Application Sections, cont.

- 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 settlement companies
- Supporting Documentation
  - › Audited Financials, Profit & Loss, or Business Plan\*
  - › Key Personnel and Qualifications\*
  - › Organization Incorporation Documents\*
  - › Construction/Engineering docs
  - › License/Certification/Accreditation Documents
  - › Letters of Support
- Attestation

# New in the 2026 Application Portal

- All application questions are required
  - › Must enter some information (or complete) each tab before moving to the next tab (can then go back and forth between tabs)
- Select County of Organization and County/ies Served
  - › County of Organization: Where is your organization located?
  - › County/ies Served: What county/ies will be served by your grant proposal?
- Character/word limits
  - › Executive Summary = 1,500 characters (~250 words)
  - › All other large sections = 6,000 characters (~1,000 words/2.5 pages)
- Two separate budget years

# New in the 2026 Application Portal, cont.



- Do you plan to subcontract?
  - › List subcontractors, if known, OR describe what you plan to subcontract for
- Big 5 companies added to disclosures
- Idle time log out after 30 minutes
  - › Make sure you are saving your work
  - › Save button is at the bottom of each tab

# Government Entity Exemptions

- Financial Calculator
  - › State agencies enter \$0 if requesting  $\geq$  \$500,000.00
  - › Cities, counties, other government entities must complete
- Risk Assessment
  - › All entities must complete
- Audited Financials
  - › State agencies exempt BUT must upload blank document
  - › Cities, counties, other government entities must complete
- Organization Incorporation Documents
  - › State agencies, cities, counties exempt BUT must upload blank document
  - › Other government entities must complete

# 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.

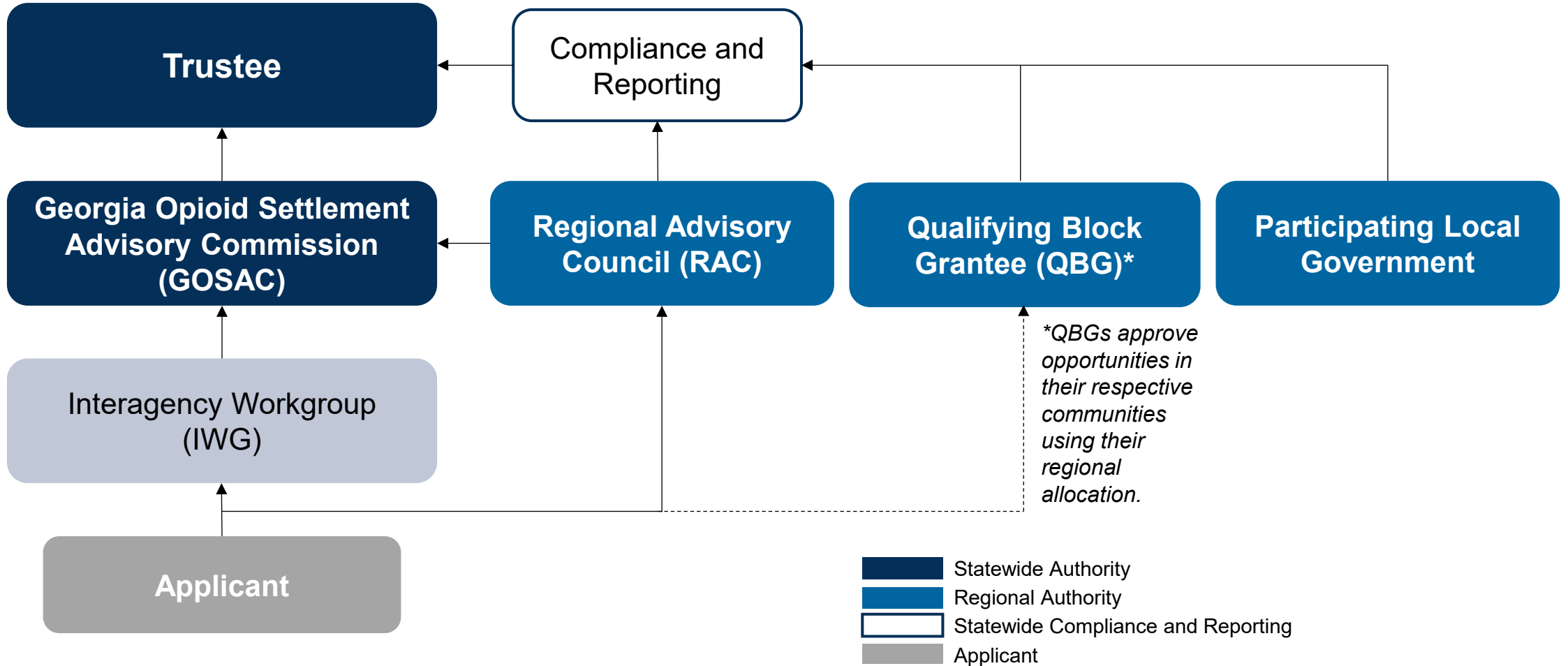
## Review

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.

# Application Process



<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Total Section Points</b>	<b>Maximum Score</b>
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	
<b>Total Maximum Score</b>		<b>130</b>

# Application Tips: Make sure you...

- Make sure your application focuses on the portion of your project related to Opioid Use Disorder
- Submit a detailed budget request
- Ask for what you need
- Match your words and numbers
  - › Do your start and end dates, workplan & deliverables match your budget narrative? Your start date should be January 1, 2027.
- Are concise
- Create an application title that is not someone's name

# Application Tips: Make sure you...

- Include documentation for any construction or renovation requests
  - › Cost estimate from a licensed contractor
- Include licensure/certification/accreditation documentation for clinical services and/or medications
- Check over your work before submitting your application
  - › Is your email address spelled correctly?
  - › Did you fill out every section?
  - › Does the name of the applicant match the name on the financials and the incorporation documents?
  - › Is your project timeline two years or less?

## Example of Insufficient Budget Narrative

Budget Category	Description	Budget Amount
Hiring Cost	Salaries for all needed positions. -Psychiatric oversight .06 FTE -RN MAT Manager 1 FTE -APRN-PMHNP .6 FTE -Case Manager .6 FTE -Certified Peer Specialist .8 FTE -CAC or Licensed Therapist 1 FTE	\$451,462.00
Travel	Mileage cost associated with required training.	\$823.00
Training	Training for 5 employees on MAT required training and education.	\$4,500.00
IT Hardware	2 computers	\$3,300.00
Other - Equipment	Copier/Scanner	\$2,500.00
Other - Other	Government Performance and Results Act incentives and License	\$3,000.00
Medical Supplies	Urine drug screens and associated lab fees	\$8,000.00
Office Supplies	general office supplies	\$1,970.00
Other - Supplies	Lobby office furniture	\$1,900.00
Ad Placement	Purchasing promotional material to advertise the new MAT Program	\$1,500.00

## Example of Sufficient Budget Narrative

Budget Category	Description	Budget Amount
Program/Project Staff	D. Peer Support Needs: \$52,000 x 2-year grant term = \$104,000 a. 1 support specialist as shared resource between MHC and Veterans track b. MHC Participants: 15 participants/week = Flat salary \$1,000/week; \$52,000/year c. Veteran's Track: 15 participants/week = Flat salary \$1,000/week; \$52,000/year	\$104,000.00
Other - Other	A. Housing Needs: \$22,400 x 2-year grant term = \$44,800 a. MHC Participants: 6 female, 10 males @ \$700/person = 16 x 700 = \$11,200 b. Veteran's Track: 6 female, 10 males @ \$700/person = 16 x 700 = \$11,200	\$44,800.00
Other - Other	B. Rehab Intake Needs: \$12,000 x 2-year grant term = \$24,000 a. MHC Participants: 16 total @ \$500/person = 16 x 500 = \$8,000 b. Veteran's Track: 8 total @ \$500/person = 8 x 500 = \$4,000	\$24,000.00
Other - Other	C. Treatment Needs: a. MHC Participants \$10,279.15 x 2-year grant term = \$ 20,558.30 b. Veterans Track \$10,279.15 x 2-year grant term = \$ 20,558.30 c. Total for both: \$41,116.60 i. MHC Participants Growth 1. Assessments: 40 total @ \$183.40 avg x 40 = \$7,336 2. Individuals: 15 total @ \$146.71 x 15 = \$2,200.65 3. Group: 15 total @ \$49.50 avg x 15 = \$742.50 4. Total MHC Treatment Needs: \$10,279.15 ii. Veterans Track 1. Assessments: 40 total @ \$183.40 avg x 40 = \$7,336 2. Individuals: 15 total @ \$146.71 x 15 = \$2,200.65 3. Group: 15 total @ \$49.50 avg x 15 = \$742.50 4. Total Veterans Treatment Needs: \$10,279.15	\$41,116.60

# Examples of Numbers and Words Not Matching

**4. Project Timeline**

Project Start Date: 8/1/2025

Project End Date: [ ]

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**5. Workplan & Deliverables**

Name	Start Date	End Date
[ ]	8/1/2025	7/14/2025
[ ]	6/16/2025	8/1/2025
[ ]	6/16/2025	

**4. Project Timeline**

Project Start Date: 1/1/2026

Project End Date: 12/31/2026

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**5. Workplan & Deliverables**

Name	Start Date	End Date
[ ] scholarship expansion	1/1/2026	1/31/2026

**Description**

Housing Costs / Administrative Operating Costs -- Total Request: \$44,000 (Over 2 Years)

Content Development -- Total Request: \$18,000 (over 2 years) (\$9,000 annually) This funding will support the development of hig...

Medical Supplies	supplies (set-up then quarterly) Alcohol pads 4 @ \$7.90/200 = \$31.60 * 4 = 126.40 Syringes (with needles) 1,000 @ \$.25 each = \$250.00 * 4 = \$1,000.00 Sharps containers 6 @ \$11.69 (3 pack) = \$70.14 * 4 = \$280.56 Disposable gloves 8 @ \$8.50/100 each = \$68.00 * 4 = \$272.00 First Aid Kit 2 @ \$45.99 = \$91.98 * 4 = \$367.92 Hand sanitizer (travel size) 4 boxes @ 78.99/100 = \$315.96 * 4 = \$1,263.84 Condoms 500 @ \$.60 each = \$300 * 4 = \$1,200.00	\$5,130.00
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**Total = \$4,510.72 not \$5,130.00**

Program/Project Staff	\$22,400 (20%) level of effort for 2 years from Executive Director \$90,000 @ \$45,000 per year/2 years Program manager \$66,325 @ \$37,900 per year/18 months FT Peer Recovery Coach \$31,162 @ \$18,950 per year/18 months PT Peer Recovery coach	\$241,370.00
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**\$22,400 + \$90,000 + \$66,325 + \$31,162 = \$209,887 not \$241,370**

# Incomplete Applications: Did you ...

- Submit the appropriate financial document(s)?
- Submit the appropriate organization incorporation document?
- Match the name of the applicant with the financial documentation and organization incorporation documentation?
  - › Or provide a letter from the fiscal agent
- Submit BOTH an organization chart and a list of key personnel and their qualifications?
- Submit any required license, certification, and/or accreditation documents?
- Fill out the Financial Calculator accurately if requesting \$500,000.00 or more?

# Application Resources

- Current Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Application Checklist
  - › More information about each application question/category
  - › Types of documentation accepted
- Resource Toolkit
- Continuum of Care for your region and/or the State
- Exhibit E: Core Strategies and Approved Uses
- Scoring Rubric

# Application Timeline

- Thursday, April 9, 2026: NOFO posted
- Friday, April 24, 2026 at 8:00am: Application portal opens
- Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 7:59pm: Application portal closes
- October 2026: All applicants will be notified of their funding decision
- January 1, 2027: Executed contracts for 2026 grant recipients begin

# Additional, In-person Workshops

- Thursday, April 16 at 1pm
  - › Southwestern State University in the Storm Dome
  - › 800 GSW State University Drive, Americus
- Friday, April 24 at 2pm
  - › University of North Georgia, Cumming Campus
  - › 300 Aquatic Circle, Room 1204, Cumming
- Tuesday, April 28
  - › Georgia Southern University, Nessmith-Lane Conference Center
  - › 847 Plant Drive, Statesboro

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**\*\*Trust staff will not answer any questions related to the quality of an application question response, give opinions regarding an application, or review an entire application or portion(s) of an application.\*\***



# **2026 Grant Application Workshop Questions**