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Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust Announces $30.3 Million in Grant Awards for Prevention, Treatment, Recovery Programs

ATLANTA - The Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust today announced $30.3 million in grant awards supporting 88 projects across the state as part of its 2026 funding cycle.

The awards represent the Trust's continued investment in programs and services designed to address the impact of the opioid crisis in Georgia communities, with a focus on prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction.

"Georgia continues to see the devastating impact of the opioid crisis in communities across our state, and these settlement dollars give us an opportunity to invest directly in solutions that can make a difference," said Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Kevin Tanner, Trustee of the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust. "Our responsibility is to ensure these funds are used strategically, transparently and in ways that produce measurable results for Georgians. These awards support organizations that are doing the work in our communities and strengthen our ability to respond to this crisis at the local and regional level."

2026 Grant Awards

The 2026 grant cycle places an increased emphasis on regional impact and community-specific solutions, directing resources toward programs designed to address the needs of communities across Georgia.

Funding for the 2026 awards is supported through opioid settlement funds available to the Trust, including funding from the Manufacturers and Distributors Settlement and the Big 5 Settlement.

Award Area	Amount Awarded	Projects Funded
Statewide	$11,709,109.90	19
Regional	$18,667,169.49	69
Total	**$30.3 million**	**88**

The projects selected for funding represent a range of opioid abatement strategies and services, including prevention and education, treatment, harm reduction, recovery support, research, training and other efforts designed to reduce the impact of opioid misuse and opioid use disorder in Georgia.

Regional Awards

Region	Complete Applications	Dollars Requested	Dollars Awarded	Projects Funded
Region 1	68	$26,566,994.72	$5,619,967.64	22
Region 2	53	$22,829,269.85	$3,480,674.09	14
Region 3	5	$1,796,887.48	$1,060,042.74	3

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Region 4	20	$6,591,652.47	$893,803.34	3
Region 5	41	$15,201,177.05	$3,058,753.27	17
Region 6	31	$13,265,088.79	$4,553,928.41	10
Total	**218**	**$86,251,070.36**	**$18,667,169.49**	**69**

Since its first grant cycle in 2024, the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust has invested settlement funds in programs and organizations working to address the opioid crisis throughout the state. The Trust awarded $70.3 million to 127 Georgia-based projects in 2024 and approximately $42.5 million across 109 projects in 2025.

The Trust continues to emphasize accountability and measurable outcomes as settlement dollars are distributed. Through its partnership with the University of Georgia's David Ralston Institute for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the Trust is working to evaluate funded programs and better understand the impact of opioid abatement investments across Georgia.

"Every community has been affected differently by this crisis, and the solutions must reflect those differences," Tanner said. "By investing in strong programs at the regional and community level, while continuing to evaluate results, we can make informed decisions about where these resources can have the greatest impact."

About the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust

The Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust was created to ensure transparency, accountability, and strategic use of opioid settlement funds in Georgia. The Trust supports evidence-based programs that prevent opioid misuse, treat substance use disorders, expand recovery supports, and save lives across the state. The Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust manages Georgia's share of national opioid settlement funds, with more than $1.3 billion expected through 2038. For more information, visit gaopioidtrust.org.

Editor's Note: A complete list of 2026 grant recipients follows and includes the organization name, project name, funding award, grant location and project category.

2026 Grant Recipients

Organization	Application Name	Grant Location	Project Category	Funding Award
Alliance for Recovery Community and Healing	Catoosa Community Response Pilot	Region 1	Other - Training	$26,865.00
Association of Village Pride, Inc.	Regional Drug Free Opioid Prevention & Education Initiative (RDOPEI)	Region 6	Prevention	$495,000.00
Augusta University Research Institute, Inc.	Responsive Education in Addiction Care for Health Professionals (REACH)	State	Other - Training	$407,530.47
BRIDGE Recovery	Medicated assisted treatment coordinator and outreach	Region 1	Treatment	$153,048.60
Bridges of Hope Charitable Trust	Bridges of Hope - Recovery Project - Argyle Location	Region 5	Recovery	$48,600.00
Bridges of Hope Charitable Trust	Bridges of Hope - Recovery Project - Louisville Location	Region 2	Recovery	$162,000.00
Bridges of Hope Charitable Trust	Bridges of Hope - Recovery Project - Chauncey Location	Region 5	Recovery	$48,600.00
Bright Star Healthcare Group	Recovery Support and Treatment Access Initiative	Region 6	Recovery	$750,920.00
Bulloch Alcohol and Drug Council	Southeast Georgia Opioid Prevention Initiative	Region 5	Prevention	$321,227.50
Carelink of Georgia Inc	CareLink of Georgia Region 1 MOUD Treatment Linkage and Financial Self-Sufficiency Program	Region 1	Treatment	$793,049.40
Carelink of Georgia Inc	CareLink of Georgia Region 6 MOUD Treatment Linkage and Financial Self-Sufficiency Program	Region 6	Treatment	$634,439.52
Carroll County Mental Health Advocates	Carroll County Recovery Access: Bridging Rural Gaps with Peer Led Transportation and Harm Reduction	Region 6	Recovery	$147,640.00
Cherokee County Health Department	Cherokee Co. Health Dept Region 1 Overdose Prevention Initiative	Region 1	Harm Reduction	$80,519.51
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Preventing Opioid Use After Violent Injury: A Pediatric Hospital-Based Intervention Model at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	State	Prevention	$254,233.75
Clarke County Sheriff's Office	STEP into Recovery Program (Support, Treatment, Education, and Pathways)	Region 2	Treatment	$257,900.76
Clinch Memorial Hospital	Clinch Memorial Hospital Year Three - Treatment Project	Region 5	Treatment	$358,000.00
CMG Media Group	Statewide Public Awareness Campaign	State	Prevention	$196,000.00
Coffee Regional Medical Center, Inc.	Bridging Prevention & Recovery: Coffee Regional Medical Center's (CRMC) Approach to Address the Opioid Crisis in Rural South Georgia	Region 5	Prevention	$103,575.00
Community Helping Place, Inc.	CORE Families	Region 1	Prevention	$345,000.00
Consecrated Care	Project CARE- CCI 2026	State	Treatment	$806,630.80

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Cook County Family Connection, Inc.	Cook County Prevention Partnership	Region 4	Prevention	$180,000.00
Coweta FORCE	Regional Addiction Recovery Support Initiative	Region 6	Recovery	$569,041.80
CSB of East Central Georgia	Serenity Harm Reduction Initiative	Region 2	Harm Reduction	$170,623.16
CWC Alliance	Georgia's Pathway to Prevention: Evaluating Integrated Prevention Services at Piedmont Athens Regional	Region 2	Prevention	$220,327.00
Dawson County Treatment Court	Dawson County - Drug Screening	Region 1	Treatment	$98,280.00
Decatur Prevention Initiative	DPI Opioid Abatement Settlement in Service	Region 3	Prevention	$346,848.50
Divergent Recovery Center Inc	Bridging the Gap: Transitional Recovery Housing Program	State	Recovery	$397,500.00
Douglas County Board of Commissioners	Douglas County State Court High-Risk Drug Court	Region 1	Treatment	$250,024.14
Emory University	Emory University Hospital Midtown: Peer Recovery Coaches	State	Recovery	$259,749.60
Evergreen Counseling Services	Preventative Care for Opioid Addiction in Screven County	Region 2	Prevention	$58,020.00
Family Connection-Communities In Schools of Hancock County, Inc.	Faith in Wellness-Mind, Body, Soul Opioid Prevention Initiative	Region 2	Prevention	$125,500.00
Forsyth County Board of Education	Forsyth County Opioid Prevention Project: Schools and Community in Action	Region 1	Prevention	$527,544.00
FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE INC	Freedom from Bondage Inc	Region 2	Recovery	$30,400.00
Freedom Through Recovery	Continuation and Expansion of the Freedom Through Recovery Outreach Initiative	Region 5	Recovery	$238,016.28
Gardens of Hope Recovery Community Organization	Peer Pathways	Region 5	Recovery	$214,000.00
Georgia Council for Recovery	Recovery Coach Virtual Connections: Expanding Rural Recovery, Family Support, and Hospital Partnerships	State	Recovery	$575,102.24
Georgia Pines Community Service Board	Georgia Pines: LIFTED Program 2026 (Lived incarcerated focused treatment education and development)	Region 4	Treatment	$277,803.34
Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation, Inc.	Continuation of the Rural Opioid Harm Reduction for Justice-Involved Individuals (ROHR for JI) Program	State	Other - First Responders	$1,157,970.00
Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation, Inc.	Sustaining Enhanced Collegiate Recovery Programming at Georgia Southern University	Region 5	Recovery	$79,200.00
Glynn County Board of Commissioners	Brunswick Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court Enhancement (Years 3 and 4)	Region 5	Treatment	$498,260.22

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Glynn County Board of Health d/b/a Coastal Health District	Community-Based Naloxone Access Project in the Coastal Health District	Region 5	Harm Reduction	$3,965.50
Good Deeds Now	Good Deeds Now	Region 6	Prevention	$367,750.00
Grady Health System	Grady Health System - Continuation & Expansion of Life Care Specialist Program & Statewide Education for Life Care Specialists	State	Prevention	$198,000.00
Habersham Recovers	Recovery Residence for Men with OUD	Region 1	Treatment	$446,163.75
HealthQwest Frontiers, LLC	MAT/MOUD Barrier Relief Project	State	Treatment	$504,065.63
Hope For a Drug Free Stephens	Early Intervention in Misdemenor Probation with Peer Support	Region 1	Recovery	$192,105.00
Hospital Authority of Jeff Davis County	Hospital Authority of Jeff Davis County Ga-GOCAT	Region 5	Treatment	$112,960.00
iHOPE INC.	iHOPE, Inc. S.C.O.R.E-Sport-Centered Opioid Outreach for Recovery and Empowerment	Region 6	Recovery	$323,012.80
Liberty County Board of Commissioners	Liberty County Sheriff's office	Region 5	Harm Reduction	$4,020.00
Mary Hall Freedom Village	Maternal Stabilization & Family Wellbeing Initiative	State	Recovery	$931,103.77
Medicine Wheel Clinic-Winder Inc	MWC Stable Ground, Wellness Wagon, and Leg Up Crisis & Early Recovery Programs	Region 2	Treatment	$197,404.17
MedMark Treatment Centers of Georgia, Inc. MedMark Treatment Centers Chatsworth	Expanding Access to Treatment in Columbus	Region 1	Treatment	$215,206.20
Men & Women For Human Excellence, Inc.	Men and Women for Human Excellence, Inc.	State	Treatment	$1,465,170.00
Midway Recovery Systems	Midway Recovery Expansion & Family Stabilization Initiative	Region 6	Recovery	$497,680.00
Motherhood Beyond Bars	Maternal Incarceration and Opioid Reduction: Sustaining and Scaling a Multigenerational Approach	State	Treatment	$453,185.48
Nick's New Beginnings	Strengthening Recovery Access in Butts County Through ARSC Expansion	Region 6	Recovery	$269,304.71
No More ODs, Inc	No More ODs Harm Reduction Expansion Project	Region 5	Harm Reduction	$40,000.00
Northeast Health District	Expanding Naloxone Access in Northeast Health District Initiative	Region 2	Prevention	$64,044.00
Nspire Outreach	Mental Health	State	Treatment	$19,500.00
Nygil M. Cullins Recovery Housing and Community Center	Nygil M. Cullins Semi-Independent Housing Recovery Program	Region 2	Recovery	$1,296,000.00
Pathways Center CSB	Opioid Detoxification Beds	Region 6	Treatment	$499,139.58
Project ADAM Community Assistance Center, Inc.	Adolescent Opioid Treatment Expansion (Continuation)	Region 2	Treatment	$86,860.00

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QuickMD	GA R1 MATTERS: Medication-Assisted Treatment via Telehealth — Evidence, Reach, and Scalability	Region 1	Treatment	$152,810.00
Reboot Jackson	Reboot Madison County	Region 2	Recovery	$482,100.00
RECOVERY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF FORSYTH INC	JumpStart Initiative (Year 2)	Region 1	Recovery	$193,025.25
Recovery Place Community Services	Measurement Based Care: A Transformative Approach to Treatment	Region 5	Research & Evaluation	$144,796.04
Resilient Georgia	Youth Prevention Network of Georgia Statewide Expansion Initiative	State	Prevention	$374,313.05
Self-Discovery 24 Inc.	Support Center with Transportation/ SD24 Habersham	Region 1	Recovery	$448,537.50
Ser Familia, Inc	Familia Fuerte: A Regional Family-Centered Opioid Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Initiative	State	Treatment	$380,000.00
Shane's Crib	Women's Treatment, Recovery, and Transitional Housing Program	Region 5	Recovery	$300,496.00
Shane's Crib	Men's Treatment, Recovery, and Transitional Housing Program	Region 5	Recovery	$50,000.00
Silence the Shame Inc.	The Youth Opioid & Mental Wellness COPE Clinic Program	State	Prevention	$100,000.00
Stephens County Hospital	Addressing Unmet Needs in Rural N. Georgia: Life Care Specialist Connections to Care at Stephens County Hospital	Region 1	Prevention	$109,654.83
Surviving Our Storm	Surviving Our Storms - Path to Recovery	Region 4	Recovery	$436,000.00
The Genesis Center of Winder LLC	Continuation and Expansion of Comprehensive Opioid Treatment Access & Retention Initiative	Region 2	Treatment	$107,675.00
The Heart of Newton, Inc	Heart of Newton RCO Development & Project Implementation	Region 3	Recovery	$497,900.00
The Never Alone Clubhouse, Inc	RECOVERY TO THE RESCUE "RTTR" (continuation & expansion)	Region 1	Harm Reduction	$433,429.95
Titan Ministries inc.	No Longer Trapped	Region 1	Recovery	$155,561.11
Treatment Services - Hall County	Hall County - Transitional Housing and Emergency Shelter	Region 1	Treatment	$90,000.00
Treatment Services - Hall County	Hall County - MAT	Region 1	Treatment	$122,425.20
Treatment Services - Hall County	Hall County - Recovery Education and Training	Region 1	Recovery	$48,000.00
Unison Behavioral Health	Recovery Connections	Region 5	Recovery	$493,036.73
University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.	Using Research and Evaluation to Map an Anti-Stigma Strategy toward Opioid Use Disorder	State	Research & Evaluation	$336,945.68
View Point Health	Detox Center	State	Treatment	$2,892,109.44

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Walton Empowers, Inc	Expansion of Warm Handoff Programs	Region 2	Recovery	$221,820.00
WEBAD, Incorporated	ASCEND Harm Reduction Initiative	Region 3	Harm Reduction	$215,294.24
Your Haven Recovery	Your Haven Your Life Matters	Region 1	Recovery	$168,120.00
YouthCentric, Inc.	YouthCentric Teenage Substance Abuse Prevention	Region 1	Prevention	$570,598.20