
2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity



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Section 1. General Overview and Applicant Criteria

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The State of Georgia continues to actively respond 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, manufacturers, distributors, and retail pharmacies. 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 a little over \$1.2 billion from three opioid settlements signed so far. These settlements are:

- National Distributors and Manufacturer, signed in 2022. Georgia is estimated to receive up to \$638 million between 2022 and 2039 from distributors McKesson Corporation, Cencora (formerly Amerisource Bergen Corporation), and Cardinal Health, Inc., as well as manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals/Johnson & Johnson between 2022 and 2031.
- “Big 5,” signed in 2023. Georgia is estimated to receive up to \$511 million between 2023 and 2037 from Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd;¹ Abbvie (formerly Allergan Finance, LLC), CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.; Walgreens Co; and Walmart, Inc.
- Kroger, signed in 2024. Georgia is estimated to receive \$55 million between 2024 and 2034.

The funds that Georgia will receive from these settlements are earmarked for initiatives aimed at curbing the opioid crisis and bolstering future abatement projects.

The [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) agreed upon by the State of Georgia and Participating Local Governments as a result of the National Distributors and Manufacturer settlement provide the guidelines for setting up the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust (Trust), the governing entities, and the distribution of the State Opioid Funds from that settlement. The MOUs signed as a result of the Big 5 and Kroger settlements govern the distribution of the State Opioid Funds from those settlements. The Trustee of the Trust is tasked with the oversight and distribution of the State Opioid Funds to be distributed by the Trust. 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 Regional Advisory Councils (RACs), and the Qualifying Block Grantees (QBGs). This structure facilitates the distribution and oversight of the State Opioid Funds, ensuring that the funds are used effectively to combat the opioid crisis at both the state and regional levels.

¹ Teva Pharmaceuticals manufactures naloxone. Georgia has elected to receive a portion of the Teva settlement in product.

In 2024, the Trust released the first \$50,000,000 in State Opioid Funds from the National Distributors and Manufacturer settlement via a competitive grant process. The Trust received more than 300 applications totaling nearly \$250 million in funding requests. The Trust awarded nearly \$70 million to fund 48 statewide projects and 79 regional projects over 2 years.

In 2025, the Trust released \$30,000,000 in State Opioid Funds from the National Distributors and Manufacturer settlement via a competitive grant process. The Trust received 460 applications totaling more than \$289 million in funding requests. The Trust awarded more than \$42 million to fund 46 statewide projects and 63 regional projects over 2 years.

The Trust is announcing the latest release of \$20,000,000 in opioid trust funding: \$10,000,000 from the National Distributors and Manufacturer settlement and \$10,000,000 from the Big 5 settlement. Of the \$10,000,000 from the National Distributors and Manufacturer settlement, 60%, or \$6,000,000, is available for statewide projects and 40%, or \$4,000,000, is available for regional projects. All \$10,000,000 of the Big 5 settlement release is available for regional projects. (See pages 8–9 for more information on the funding available for each region.)

Qualified entities are invited to apply for funding via this third 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

For the purposes of this Notification of Funding Opportunity, the applicant must:

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

An applicant (with the exception of Georgia State Agencies) 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 effects of the opioid crisis in Georgia. Prospective applicants should consult the Trust’s [Continuum of Care Reports](#) when proposing projects 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 and 2025, which is available at gaopioidtrust.org > [Resources](#).



Project proposals must adhere to the project categories set forth in Attachment A: Project Categories and Approved Uses for Georgia, consistent with [Exhibit E](#) to each 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 must target the following populations:

- populations at-risk 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.

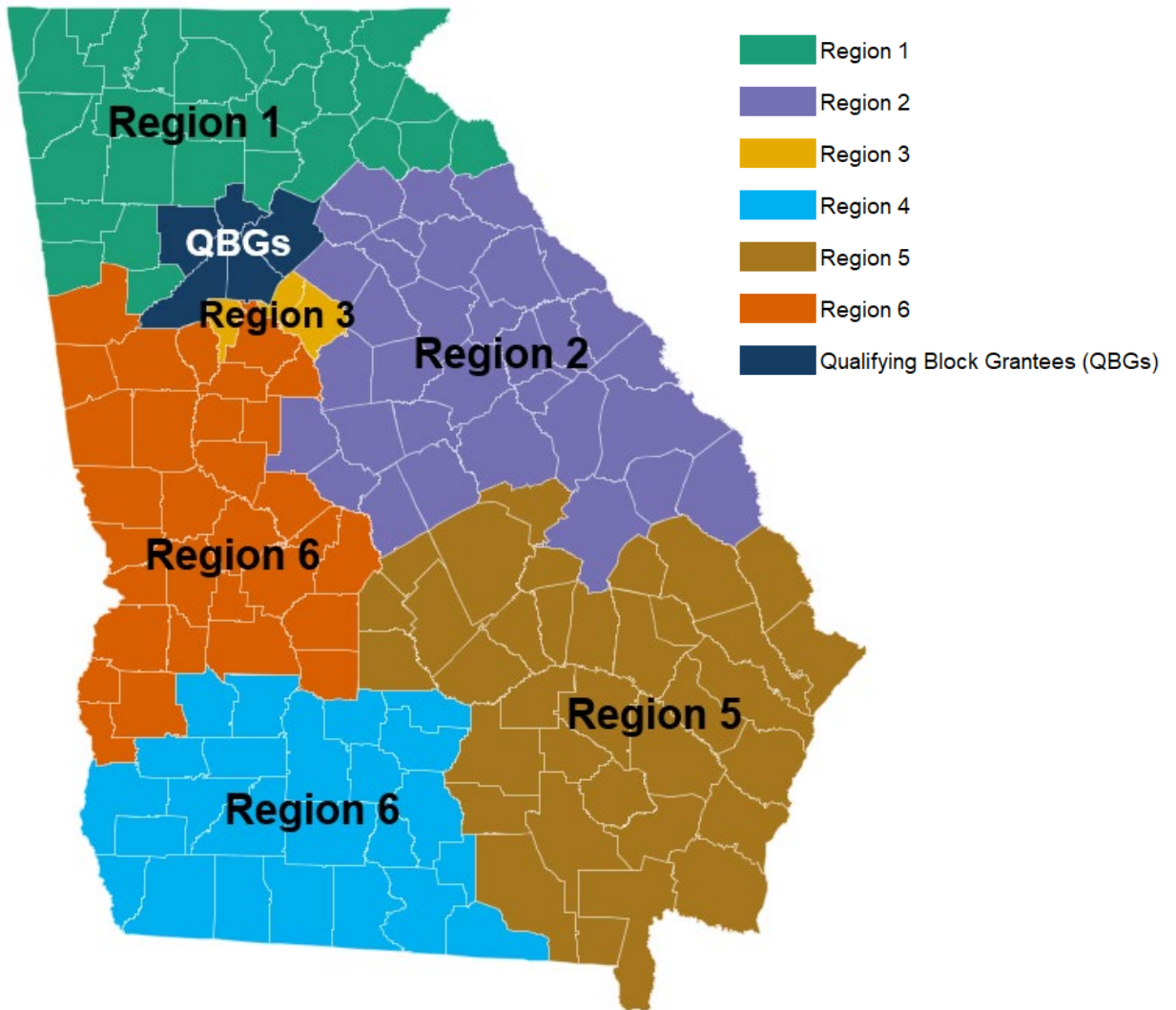
Applicants who serve populations with OUD and populations with Substance Use Disorder not related to OUD should address *how Trust funds will be utilized for the target populations only*.

Section 2. Funding Types and Amounts

2.1 REGIONAL FUNDING

Each settlement agreement requires 40% of the funds that are distributed to the state (75% of the total settlement amount) to be spent on a regional basis, focusing on regional initiatives to combat the opioid crisis. The Trust is divided into six regions, plus the Qualifying Block Grantees (see Section 2.3 for more information). Each region with multiple Participating Local Governments has a Regional Advisory Council (RAC) that works to determine the allocation of funds for opioid remediation and/or abatement efforts within their established regions. The RACs in Regions 1–6 consult with the Georgia Opioid Settlement Advisory Commission (GOSAC) and the Participating Local Governments in their region to provide recommendations that reflect regional needs and priorities. **A project is eligible for regional funding if the proposed project falls entirely within the geographical boundaries of that region.**

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.

Counties in Each Region

<u>Region 1</u>	<u>Region 2</u>	<u>Region 3</u>	<u>Region 4</u>	<u>Region 5</u>	<u>Region 6</u>	<u>QBGs</u>
Banks	Baldwin	Clayton	Baker	Appling	Butts	Cobb (Region 7)
Bartow	Barrow	Newton	Ben Hill	Atkinson	Carroll	DeKalb (Region 9)
Catoosa	Bibb	Rockdale	Berrien	Bacon	Chattahoochee	Fulton (Region 10)
Chattooga	Burke		Brooks	Bleckley	Clay	Gwinnett (Region 8)
Cherokee	Clarke		Calhoun	Brantley	Coweta	City of Atlanta (Region 11)
Dade	Columbia		Colquitt	Bryan	Crawford	
Dawson	Elbert		Cook	Bulloch	Crisp	
Douglas	Emanuel		Decatur	Camden	Dooly	
Fannin	Glascocock		Dougherty	Candler	Fayette	
Floyd	Greene		Early	Charlton	Harris	
Forsyth	Hancock		Echols	Chatham	Heard	
Franklin	Jackson		Grady	Clinch	Henry	
Gilmer	Jasper		Irwin	Coffee	Houston	
Gordon	Jefferson		Lanier	Dodge	Lamar	
Habersham	Jenkins		Lee	Effingham	Macon	
Hall	Jones		Lowndes	Evans	Marion	
Haralson	Lincoln		Miller	Glynn	Meriwether	
Hart	Madison		Mitchell	Jeff Davis	Muscogee	
Lumpkin	McDuffie		Seminole	Johnson	Peach	
Murray	Monroe		Terrell	Laurens	Pike	
Paulding	Morgan		Thomas	Liberty	Quitman	
Pickens	Oconee		Tift	Long	Randolph	
Polk	Oglethorpe		Turner	McIntosh	Schley	
Rabun	Putnam		Worth	Montgomery	Spalding	
Stephens	Richmond			Pierce	Stewart	
Towns	Screven			Pulaski	Sumter	
Union	Taliaferro			Tattnall	Talbot	
Walker	Twiggs			Telfair	Taylor	
White	Walton			Toombs	Troup	
Whitfield	Warren			Treutlen	Upson	
	Washington			Ware	Webster	
	Wilkes			Wayne		
	Wilkinson			Wheeler		
				Wilcox		

2.2 STATEWIDE FUNDING

Statewide funding refers to the portion of the State Opioid Funds that are available for statewide projects. While 40% of the State Opioid Funds are earmarked for regional projects, the remaining 60% is available for statewide projects. **A project is eligible for statewide funding if the project covers at least two regions or QBGs.**

2.3 QBG FUNDING

Qualifying Block Grantees (QBGs) are regions that receive their funding directly from the Trust, provided they certify sufficient infrastructure to offer opioid abatement services. This direct distribution allows the QBGs—Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett counties, and the City of Atlanta—to implement opioid abatement and remediation opportunities directly 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 [Exhibit E](#) of each settlement.

The Trust does not accept proposals for projects to be implemented within a single QBG.

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 distribute proposals. If the applicant is seeking statewide funding, the applicant should consider the amount of funding available for statewide 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 regions 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 \$500,000.00 or more is required to complete a [risk assessment](#) (see Section 3.2 Proposal Submission).

Below are the amounts available to fund statewide and regional projects. The available funds for regional projects include both the 2026 allocation as well as any unallocated funds from 2025.

		Distributors & Manufacturer	Big 5	2025 Rollover	2026 Total Allocation
		\$10,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	NA	
State		\$6,000,000.00	NA	NA	\$6,000,000.00
Region 1	24.18%	\$967,040.95	\$2,417,602.38	\$11,719.20	\$3,396,362.53
Region 2	14.45%	\$578,130.45	\$1,445,326.12	\$39,165.51	\$2,062,622.08
Region 3	3.68%	\$147,003.92	\$367,509.80	\$807.26	\$515,320.98
Region 4	4.57%	\$182,958.13	\$457,395.32	\$17,342.36	\$657,695.81
Region 5	13.24%	\$529,675.23	\$1,324,188.07	\$89,244.87	\$1,943,108.17
Region 6	14.40%	\$576,004.35	\$1,440,010.87	\$205,325.49	\$2,221,340.71
QBG: Cobb County (Region 7)	7.17%	\$286,638.26	\$716,595.64	NA	\$1,003,233.89
QBG: Gwinnett County (Region 8)	5.98%	\$166,680.50	\$416,701.26	NA	\$836,510.11
QBG: DeKalb County (Region 9)	4.17%	\$166,680.50	\$416,701.26	NA	\$583,381.77

		Distributors & Manufacturer	Big 5	2025 Rollover	2026 Total Allocation
QBG: Fulton County (Region 10)	3.22%	\$128,800.32	\$322,000.81	NA	\$450,801.13
QBG: City of Atlanta (Region 11)	4.95%	\$198,065.01	\$495,162.52	NA	\$693,227.52
Grand Total		\$10,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$363,604.70	\$20,363,604.70

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 not be considered.

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 Trust reserves the right to terminate grant contracts upon written notice to the Contractor.

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, as well as reading, understanding and complying with this Notice of Funding Opportunity and the instructions in the [Trust’s Grants Management Portal](#).

3.2 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The 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 gaopioidtrust.org.

Except as specifically noted in the application, no organization is exempt from any portion of the application. 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. No additional information or documentation received after the close of the application window will be considered.



The following lists each section and required information in the grant application [any item marked with an asterisk (*) is required]:

Application Information	
* Organization Contact Name and Email Address ²	
* Organization Name <i>Note:</i> The name of the applicant organization must match the name of the organization on the audited financials, profit and loss statement, or business plan, as well as the name on the organization incorporation documents. The applicant organization must be the organization that will enter a contract to be paid by the Trust, if the proposal is successful. The Trust will not accept applications submitted by one organization on behalf of another organization unless the two organizations have an agreement that one will serve as the fiscal agent of the other. A letter on letterhead of the fiscal agent acknowledging an agreement to serve as the fiscal agent of the applicant is required.	
* Organization Address	
* Organization Phone Number	
Organization Website (if applicable)	
Organization TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number)	
* Organization Type (Non-Profit, For-Profit, Public Entity, or Other)	
* County of Organization: Select the county in which the organization is located.	
* Counties Served by This Project: Select the county or counties in which the project will be implemented.	
Core Strategy	
* Project Category and Subcategory (see Attachment A: Project Categories and Approved Uses)	
Project Approach	
* Executive Summary	Provide a brief, high-level overview of all aspects of the proposed project. <i>Character limit: 1,500</i>
* Proposed Approach	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. <i>Character limit: 6,000</i>
* Demonstrated Need	Provide any relevant data or information that demonstrates the opioid crisis' effects in the specific geographic region or population that the application proposes to address. Additionally, provide information on

² Please note that the Organization Contact Name and the 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, be able to sign the attestation at the end of the application, and letter of award, if a grant is awarded.

	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. <i>Character limit: 6,000</i>
* Collaboration	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. Letters of Support from collaborators, though not required, may be uploaded as additional supporting documentation. <i>Character limit: 6,000</i>
* Project Timeline	Indicate the general timeline for the proposed project or program execution. Projects will begin January 1, 2027, and must end within 2 years (December 31, 2028).
Subcontractors	If the proposal includes subcontracts or subawards, provide the names of the subcontractors and/or an explanation of the role of the subcontractors or subawards.
* Workplan and Deliverables	Include the major activities and/or services outlined in the proposed project or program’s workplan, and how they will be accomplished and measured. <i>Character limit: 2,000</i>
Construction and Qualified Engineer Questions	If the application includes a proposal for construction/renovation or the need for a qualified engineer, supporting documentation is required (see below).
Letters of Support	If the organization has letters of support, those letters can be uploaded under the Supporting Documents tab (see below).
Organization Background and Qualifications	
* Organization Mission and Background	Provide a description of the organization’s mission, as well as qualifications for executing the proposed project or program. <i>Character limit: 6,000</i>
Licensure, Certification, and Accreditation Questions	If the application includes the need for specific licensure, certification, and/or accreditation(s), supporting documentation is required (see below). <i>Note:</i> If the application includes implementation of any clinical services or medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), or the application includes reference to treatment in conjunction with other services, the applicant must answer “Yes” to this question and submit the following document(s) in the Supporting Documents tab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the appropriate license(s), certification(s), and/or accreditation documentation; documentation explaining that the organization/individual(s) will obtain the required license, certification, and/or accreditation; or

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an explanation as to why the proposed project does not require such licensure/certification/accreditation. <p>If these clinical and/or MOUD services will be provided through a subcontractor, this must be expressly stated in the application. Failure to do either will result in the application being marked incomplete. The Trust will review any explanation and determine, in its sole discretion, if it is appropriate/sufficient.</p>
Potential Impact	
* Goals and Objectives	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. <i>Character limit: 850</i>
Project Budget	
* Budget Narrative and Template	<p>An appropriate and realistic budget must be submitted along with a narrative justifying each budget line item.</p> <p>Applicants must provide a description of 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: Any application that requests total funding of \$500,000.00 or more is required to complete the financials calculator and risk assessment.</i></p>
Budget Categories	<p><u>Ad Placement:</u> This category should include expenses related to purchasing ad space or airtime to distribute the 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>
	<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),</p>

<p>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>Construction: 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>Content Development: This category should include expenses for creating the messaging, design, and educational content for the 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>Hiring Cost: 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>IT Hardware: This should include requests for any computers, phones, printers, etc. that are necessary for the organization to implement the proposed project. Requests for specific software packages should also be included here.</p>
<p>Medical Equipment: 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>Medical Supplies: 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>Office Supplies: This category should include costs for general office supplies that are necessary for the organization to implement the proposed project. This may include paper, pens, toner, etc.</p>
<p>Other – Equipment: Include any other equipment needs necessary to implement the proposed project that do not fall into other categories.</p>

	<p><u>Other – Other:</u> This category should include items not contained within any other budget category but that are needed to successfully implement the proposed project. Define the request in detail.</p>
	<p><u>Other – Personnel:</u> Any other personnel costs necessary to implement the proposed project not included in other categories.</p>
	<p><u>Other – Supplies:</u> Any other supplies costs not included in other categories.</p>
	<p><u>Production:</u> This category should include 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>
	<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><i>Note:</i> If the application includes a request for funding for existing staff, the names and titles/positions of those staff, the percentage of their existing salary being requested, and their existing salary must be included.</p>
	<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>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>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>* Disclosures</p>	
	<p>Applicants must disclose the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm if the applicant is/not an existing provider with the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). • Disclose any pending or awarded applications for similar projects. • Reveal if there have been any previous applications for opioid settlement funds.

- Indicate if the applicant is on the Excluded Provider List or has been debarred, with an explanation if applicable.
- State whether there is an ongoing Corrective Action Plan (CAP) related to opioid funds, including a summary and status.
- Ensure all personal health information (PHI) and private personal information (PPI), also referred to as personally identifiable information (PII), have been redacted or removed from submissions.
- Disclose any conflict(s) of interest³ with the following companies:
 - AbbVie (formerly known as Allergan),
 - Cardinal Health,
 - Cencora (formerly known as AmerisourceBergen),
 - CVS,
 - Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (J&J),
 - Kroger,
 - McKesson,
 - Teva,
 - Walgreens, and/or
 - Walmart.

Supporting Documents

<p>* Audited Financials, P&L, or Business Plan (Start Ups)</p>	<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&L) documents. If the organization is a start-up, a business plan as an alternative to audited financials or P&L is acceptable.</p> <p><i>Note 1:</i> The name of the applicant organization must match the name of the organization on the audited financials, P&L, or business plan, as well as the name on the organization incorporation documents. The Trust will not accept applications submitted by one organization on behalf of another organization unless the two organizations have an agreement that one will serve as the fiscal agent of the other. A letter on letterhead of the fiscal agent acknowledging an agreement to serve as the fiscal agent of the applicant is required. The audited financials</p>
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³ A conflict of interest includes the existence of any business or personal relationship between the applicant, the applicant’s officers, directors, owners, and/or key personnel and any of the settling companies that would compromise or create the risk of compromising the individual’s or the applicant’s professional judgment with respect to the application or the settling company. Financial conflicts of interest occur when the applicant’s or applicant’s key personnel’s direct or indirect financial interests compromise or influence the services proposed by the application. A conflict of interest could be created by close family members of the key personnel of the applicant.

	<p>or P&L should be the most recent year available. For more information on the types of acceptable financial documentation, please see the Application Checklist.</p> <p><i>Note 2:</i> State of Georgia agencies are exempt but cities, counties, or any other government entity are not. State agencies must still submit a document in this category noting that they are exempt.</p> <p><i>Note 3:</i> Submission of a business plan is applicable only to start-ups in existence for 18 months or less at the time of the application.</p>
Construction-Related Documentation (if applicable)	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Construction, renovations, and/or design capital costs will not be considered without the necessary documentation. For more information on the types of acceptable construction documentation, please see the Application Checklist.</p>
Financial Calculator (if applicable)	<p>The data provided will be used to calculate the financial ratios necessary to complete the risk assessment.</p> <p><i>Note 1:</i> Organizations requesting \$500,000.00 or more are required to fill out this section. If the organization is a start-up and is requesting \$500,000.00 or more, enter \$0 in each field.</p> <p><i>Note 2:</i> State of Georgia agencies should enter \$0. All other government entities must complete this section in full.</p>
* Key Personnel and Qualifications	<p>Provide a list of key personnel and their qualifications, including key staff descriptions and an organizational chart.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> The list of key personnel and their qualifications as well as an organizational chart are required. Names of individuals currently employed must be included in both documents. The personnel (names and/or titles/positions) to be paid using Trust funds must be highlighted.</p>
Organization Certifications and/or Accreditation Documentation (if applicable)	<p>Provide a copy of any relevant certification(s) and/or accreditation documentation and ensure the documentation reflects the status of the certification(s) and/or accreditation. If the proposed program that requires accreditation and/or certification without having completed it, provide a narrative demonstrating understanding of any certification and/or accreditation requirement(s) and a plan for obtaining the accreditation and/or certification(s), including an approximate timeline.</p>
* Organization Incorporation Documents	<p>Provide the organization's incorporation documents from the Georgia Secretary of State, if the organization was incorporated in the State of Georgia. If the organization was incorporated in a different state, provide incorporation documents from that state.</p>



	<p><i>Note 1:</i> The name of the applicant organization must match the name of the organization on the audited financials, P&L, or business plan, as well as the name on the organization incorporation documents. The Trust will not accept applications submitted by one organization on behalf of another organization, unless the two organizations have an agreement that one will serve as the fiscal agent of the other. A letter on letterhead of the fiscal agent acknowledging an agreement to serve as the fiscal agent of the applicant is required.</p> <p><i>Note 2:</i> State of Georgia agencies and city and county governments are exempt, but any other government entity is not. State agencies and city and county governments must still submit a document in this category noting that they are exempt.</p>
<p>Organization Licenses (if applicable)</p>	<p>Provide a copy of any relevant license(s) and ensure the documentation reflects the status of the license(s). If the proposed program 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.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> If the application includes implementation of any clinical services or medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), or the application includes reference to treatment in conjunction with other services, the following document(s) must be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the appropriate license(s), certification(s), and/or accreditation documentation • documentation explaining that the organization/individual(s) will obtain the required license, certification, and/or accreditation; or • an explanation as to why the proposed project does not require such licensure/certification/accreditation. <p>If these clinical and/or MOUD services will be provided through a subcontractor, this must be expressly stated in the application. Failure to do either will result in the application being marked incomplete. The Trust will review any explanation and determine, in its sole discretion, if it is appropriate/sufficient.</p>
<p>Qualified Engineer Supporting Documentation (if applicable)</p>	<p>If funding for construction, renovations, and/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.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> Construction, renovations, and/or design capital costs will not be considered without the necessary documentation. For more information on the types of acceptable construction documentation, please see the Application Checklist.</p>

Letters of Support (if applicable)	Provide letters of support from any partners, community stakeholders, or experts endorsing the proposal.
Risk Assessment (if applicable)	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 gaopioiitrust.org > Apply . <i>Note:</i> The risk assessment is required only for applications requesting \$500,000.00 or more. Projects applying for \$500,000.00 or more will not be considered without completing the risk assessment.
* Attestation	
By signing the attestation, the individual submitting the application confirms that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have personal knowledge of the submitted funding application and the authority to submit it on behalf of your organization, • any funds received will be used in compliance with grant requirements and applicable laws, with any misuse subject to repayment, and • all the information provided is accurate, and any false statements may result in personal liability under the law. 	

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 Notice of Funding Opportunity 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 gaopioiitrust.org.

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 statewide funding that meet minimum eligibility requirements will be reviewed and scored by a team of subject matter experts with the Interagency Workgroup. All proposals are reviewed by the GOSAC.



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

Additional information on the evaluation process can be found in the [Resource Toolkit](#).

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

The scoring rubric can be found at gaopioiitrust.org > [Apply](#).

Section 4. Grant Information and Requirements

4.1 PROJECT PERIOD

The funding term for selected proposals is expected to start January 1, 2027. Duration is up to two years (December 31, 2028) based on the applicant’s demonstrated need, timing of the program, and Trustee approval.

4.2 GRANT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

All contracts for grant funds are made with the Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust, not the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

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 and/or quarterly 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 or quarterly 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 communicated through the [Trust’s website](#).

For this funding cycle, submissions will be welcomed from Friday, April 24, 2026 at 8:00 am through Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 7:59 pm.

- Thursday, April 9, 2026: Notice of Funding Opportunity released
- Friday, April 24, 2026, at 8:00 am: Grant portal opens
- Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 7:59 pm: Grant portal closes
- October 2026: All applicants will be notified of their funding decision
- January 1, 2027: Funded projects are expected to begin

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Any questions about this Notice of Funding Opportunity should be sent to gaopioidtrust@dbhdd.ga.gov.

Attachment A: Project Categories and Approved Uses

CATEGORY	APPROVED USE	DESCRIPTION
Prevention	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>
Treatment	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>

CATEGORY	APPROVED USE	DESCRIPTION
	MAT / Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Programs (SAIOP)	<i>Medication Assisted Treatment Programs & Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Programs</i>
	Transitional Housing	<i>Transitional Housing (Gender specific)</i>
Recovery	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>
Harm Reduction	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 & Hepatitis-C)</i>
Research & Evaluation	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>

CATEGORY	APPROVED USE	DESCRIPTION
	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>
Other – First Responders	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>
Other – Training	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>

CATEGORY	APPROVED USE	DESCRIPTION
		<i>repayment programs, or other incentives for providers to work in rural or underserved areas</i>
Other – Leadership Planning & Coordination	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>