

# York County Opioid Settlement Funds – Frequently Asked Questions

## How are the settlement funds being distributed in York County?

York County has decided to create a grant application process, by which area organizations and agencies may apply to receive a portion of the York County settlement funds.

This is an 18-year settlement; we anticipate funding through 17 application rounds by which allocations will be made to deserving organizations. Years 1 and 2 are being combined into a 16-month initial period of performance and then beginning in January of 2025, funds will be distributed on an annual basis.

## What is the funding cycle schedule?

The timeline is as follows:

<i>Application Window</i>	<i>February 1 – April 30, 2023</i>
<i>OAB Review</i>	<i>Beginning May 8, 2023</i>
<i>Commissioners' Approval</i>	<i>July or August, 2023</i>
<i>Agencies Receive Award Notification</i>	<i>August, 2023</i>
<i>Period of Performance (Round 1)</i>	<i>September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</i>
<i>Round 2 and years following</i>	<i>January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025</i>

*\*An annual calendar year award cycle begins January of 2025*

## What are eligible uses of the funds?

A complete listing of the Opioid Remediation Uses and Allowable Expenses are found in EXHIBIT E: Schedule A (Core Strategies) and Schedule B (Approved Uses). You will select which area(s) your project fits into as part of your application.

## How much can we apply for?

Your organization may apply for an annual award of any amount up to \$350,000. We are classifying applications into three tiers for ease of review: Tier 1 is \$100,000 and over, Tier 2 is \$50,000 - \$99,999 and Tier 3 is any application up to \$49,999.

## Is there a minimum request amount?

No, any amount up to \$350,000 may be requested.

## How much money is available?

Because the Opioid Advisory Board has chosen to combine the first two payments into the first Period of Performance (Round 1), there is currently \$2,514,201.96 available for Round 1 (Sept 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2024). The average dollar amount in coming years is just over \$1 million per year.

**Are matching funds required?**

No, matching funds are not required. As part of the application budgetary section, you will have an opportunity to describe utilizing these funds as a match for another funding source – as well as how this funding stream would elevate efforts and could be leveraged to maximize your impact in York County.

**Are multiyear grant applications funded?**

We will accept and review one (1) and three (3) year projects/applications. The OAB may commit to funding your organization for three years (should you meet benchmarks) or may only fund one period of performance at a time depending on the volume of applications received. Any awardees are encouraged to reapply each year.

**What if we receive an award but have funds remaining after the end of the Period of Performance?**

You may apply for a no-cost extension for either 6 or 12 additional months to best utilize the funds.

**Can these funds be used for salary, overhead and indirect costs?**

Yes, these funds may be used for personnel expenses as long as the individual is doing work related to the project and it falls under the Allowable Uses described in Exhibit E.

**What are the reporting requirements, should we receive an award?**

The Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust will disburse funds and create regulations. It is currently unknown what the exact reporting requirements will be, however we anticipate progress reports to be collected from Grantees midway through each Period of Performance as well as a Final Report for each year. These will collect reporting on both community/project progress as well as the use of funds (expenditures). We suggest that Grantees create a separate bank account or utilize detailed project codes to strictly track all expenses.

**If we have questions about the application, who should we contact?**

First, you should register to attend an informational call in January or February. If you have additional questions after attending one of these sessions, please contact Caitlin at the York County Planning Commission ([csteel@ycpc.org](mailto:csteel@ycpc.org) or 717-771-9870 x1770).

**Why is the York County Planning Commission involved?**

The York County Planning Commission has been tasked by the County Board of Commissioners as the Program Administrators. YCPC staff are NOT the leading experts on the subject matter, but they ARE proficient with creating and running effective processes to distribute and administer various funding sources coming into the County.