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## Grants Committee

### Minutes

February 21, 2025

4:00 pm

Virtual

Video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYQbtisc1M0>

1. Call to order, establish quorum

Dr. Sarah Thomason  
Chair

Dr. Sarah Thomason, chair of the OAA Grants Committee, called this meeting to order. The following Grants Committee members were in attendance: vice-chair Dr. James Thompson, Senator Todd Pillion, Mr. Mike Tillem, Mr. Timothy Spencer, and Delegate Briana Sewell. We have a quorum. Anthony McDowell, Charlie Lintecum, Adam Rosatelli, James Schliessmann, Matthew Terrill, Sharekka Bridges, Kathleen Dupre, Jennifer Sawyer and Cara Moisan are present from the OAA.

2. Approval of January 21, 2025, minutes

Dr. Sarah Thomason  
Chair

A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the January 21, 2025, minutes.

3. Update from the Director of Operations

Cecil "Charlie" Lintecum  
Director of Operations

- a) Amendments to State Agency Awards
- b) Amendments to City and County Grants
- c) Overview of NEW City/County Individual Distribution Grant Applications and Recommendations for FY2025 Awards
- d) Overview of Proposed Revisions to Items Allowable for OAA Staff Approval
- e) Overview of Proposed State Agency Request for Proposals (RFP) and Requirements for Upcoming Proposal Cycle

Mr Lintecum provided a summary of each of the amendments and applications listed on the agenda. Senator Pillion asked how the OAA would know that the Charlottesville/Albemarle embedded mental health clinician at the emergency communications center will be solely dedicated to the OAA's priority efforts. Mr. Lintecum stated this position is key to the program being able to meet the performance measures they've provided with the program. The OAA can put a contingency requiring time and effort reporting in their annual report. Senator Pillion stated his concern is that funding something like this may not support the requirements as stated in the legislation. Dr. Thomason asked if the application specified that this project addressed opioid use disorder. Mr. McDowell acknowledged the concerns of the Committee and stated this grant is not a competitive grant, but the locality's direct distribution, so staff only is to evaluate whether the project meets the requirements of the settlement and state law. He stated

that staff previously sought guidance from the grants committee as to whether staff should consider projects that address the behavioral health crisis as “abatement,” since there is a lot of overlap between the two, and crisis related programs that have a nexus to opioid use and substance use can be a form of prevention. Dr. Thomason asked about the credentials requested for the position. The position description states the role requires “. . . any combination of experience and education equivalent to graduation from an accredited, four year college or university with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology, Social Work, Counseling or a related field and 1 year of clinical experience or a bachelor’s degree and a qualified mental health professional certification . . . and to obtain qualified mental health professional (QMHP-A) certification within a year of hire.” The OAA will ensure this language is included as a requirement for the grant.

4. Public Comment

Dr. Sarah Thomason  
Chair

No public comment.

5. New Business

Dr. Sarah Thomason, Chair

- a) Consider Amendments to State Agency Awards
- b) Consider Amendments to City and County Grants
- c) Consider Recommended Individual Distribution Grant Awards to Cities and Counties for FY2025
- d) Consider Approval of Proposed State Agency RFP and Requirements for Upcoming Proposal Cycle
- e) Consider any other Items of New Business

- a) No items for this agenda point.
- b) A motion was made to approve the amendments to existing city and county awards as recommended by staff, seconded, and voted unanimously.
- c) A motion was made to approve the recommended new individual distribution grant awards to cities and counties for FY2025 as recommended by staff, seconded, and voted unanimously.
- d) A motion was made to approve the proposed state agency RFP and requirements for the upcoming proposal cycle as recommended by staff, seconded, and voted unanimously.
- e) Mr. McDowell shared that Mr. Holland has tendered his resignation from the OAA Board, and proposed that when the Board meet in June, they consider some sort of resolution of thanks and recognition for Mr. Holland’s time on the OAA Board and Grants Committee. Mr. McDowell is asking for direction from the committee on the amount of flexibility the OAA Staff has on trueing up the monetary differences on projected and actual spending on OAA grant funded projects once the actual numbers come in without having to hold another grants committee meeting for each event. Mr. Tillem asked what the OAA staff feels like the range normally is, or what the acceptable percentage would be – Mr. McDowell said the OAA would like the numbers to be within 10-15%, but this is not an official recommendation. This would prevent extra meetings of the grants committee and allow staff to move forward. This item will be brought up in front of the Board at the June meeting with concrete percentages.

6. Adjourn

Dr. Sarah Thomason  
Chair

Meeting adjourned at 4:37PM.



# OAA Grants Committee Meeting

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FEBRUARY 21, 2024, 4:00PM

ALL VIRTUAL MEETING

[HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/96592103384](https://zoom.us/j/96592103384)

# Agenda Item No. 1

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**Call to Order**  
**Establish Quorum**  
**Recognition of Guests**



# Agenda Item No. 2

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## **Approval of Minutes from the January 21, 2025, meeting of the Grants Committee**



# Agenda Item No. 3

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## **Update from the Director of Operations**

Cecil “Charlie” Lintecum



# Update on City/County Grant Activities

## FY25 City/County Grant Awards

- 72% have returned award packages and funds have been or will soon be transmitted
- 28% have outstanding documentation requirements
- Regional Abatement Coordinators are following up and providing support

## All FY24 City/County Annual Reports Received

- 88% are Compliant
- 3% are Substantially Compliant
- 9% are Non-Compliant
- Staff is working with the Non-compliance to see if issues can be resolved with additional information

## Planning Grant Progress Reports

- 12% - Fully Completed
- 47% - Need Performance Period Extension (up for consideration today)
- 41% - Staff following up for clarification on issues



# Update State Agency Award Activities

## PP2024-2025 MOUs have been sent

- 19% - OAA awaiting documentation from agency
- 69% - moving through the appropriation and fund transfer processes
- 8% - MOU, appropriation, and fund transfer complete

## FY24 State Annual Reports

- Received from all agencies
- Staff are currently reviewing reports and following up with agencies as necessary

## Next Proposal Window scheduled for March- May 2025

- Webinar for Portal Training March 5th



# State Agency Amendment Recommendations

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**No items to consider for this Grants Committee Meeting.**



# City/County Awards Amendment Recommendations – Planning Grants

City / County	Type of Planning Grant	Initial Performance Period Start Date	Initial Performance Period End Date	Status of Plan	Recommended Performance Period Extension Date	Recommendation
Brunswick County	Cooperative Plan	11/17/2023	11/16/2025	In-progress	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026
Botetourt County	Individual Plan	1/30/2024	1/29/2025	In-progress	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026
Colonial Heights City	Individual Plan	2/22/2024	2/21/2025	In-progress	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026
Loudoun County	Individual Plan	2/22/2024	2/21/2025	In-progress	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026
Patrick County	Individual Plan	1/30/2024	1/29/2025	In-progress	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026
Prince Edward County	Individual Plan	2/1/2024	1/31/2025	In-progress	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026
Salem City	Individual Plan	6/6/2024	6/5/2025	In-progress	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026
Chesterfield County	Individual Plan	9/21/2023	9/20/2025	Amending	6/30/2026	Extend through 6/30/2026 with requirement application filed with OAA by 4/1/2026. Also to amend the focus of the plan from a behavior health facility to Substance Use Disorder Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for Chesterfield County.



# City/County Awards Amendment Recommendations – Individual Distribution

**Richmond City - \$85,000  
Individual Distribution  
(reallocation – no additional award amount)**

- **Youth Prevention Campaign**
- Amending to allocate \$80,000 of the \$85,000 to media buys through the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth with an existing campaign instead of developing a new campaign. The increased media buys increases the likelihood that more at-risk youth will see the targeted ads multiple times through multiple platforms



# NEW City/County Individual Distribution Applications and Recommendations

## Orange County- \$14,118 – Individual

- **Orange County Opioid Response Program Coordinator**
  - Hiring of a part-time Opioid Response Program Coordinator for Orange County, VA.
  - Position is the lead recommendation in the County's "Epidemic Intelligence Council's (EpIC's) Opioid Abatement Funding Recommendations Roadmap and will help to implement additional Roadmap recommendations including identifying priorities of community members, working with the County's Fire, EMS, and Sheriff's Office, improving access to reliable transportation for the community, ensuring training for school staff/public officials/first responders, and community members, and implementing a county-wide media/education campaign.

## Charlottesville City - \$9,832 – Individual and \$1,334 - Gold Standard

- **City Naloxone Distribution**
  - This project adds 4 doses of Narcan to AED and blood-borne pathogen boxes in 65 locations throughout city-owned facilities, complete with appropriate signage and drug administration instructions (English & Spanish). Further, the program provides naloxone to all areas where staff interact with the general public complete with instructions and education opportunities from the City's Risk Management team or and local CSB. This effort s will allow the City's team to be responsive in a crisis and help save lives.



# NEW City/County Individual Distribution Applications and Recommendations

**Charlottesville City - \$22,861 – Individual and \$3,610 Gold Standard  
Albemarle County - \$30,886 - Individual**

- **Jail-Based Sublocade Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Pilot Project**

- Special Note: Albemarle and Charlottesville are collaborating on this project with separate Individual applications.
- The projects are a collaboration with the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail for an 18-month pilot to introduce Sublocade, (30-day injectable buprenorphine) in lieu of oral buprenorphine which has created challenges related to inmate diversion and a potential gap in dosage upon release increasing the risk of relapse and/or overdose.

**Charlottesville City - \$22,000 – Individual and \$2,992 - Gold Standard  
Albemarle County - \$24,992 - Individual**

- **Embedded Mental Health Clinician at the Emergency Communications Center**

- Special Note: Albemarle and Charlottesville are collaborating on this project with separate Individual applications.
- The projects are a collaboration with the Charlottesville, University of Virginia, Albemarle County Emergency Communications Center (CUAECC) for a 2.5-year pilot project to embed a mental health clinician at the call center to respond to callers in crisis. This diversion project expands call center services and improves the region's use of emergency responders. This project is also supported by a Bureau of Justice Connect & Protect Grant awarded to Albemarle and is expected to reach and impact over 3,600 callers over the course of a year.



# Overview of Proposed Revisions to Items Allowable for OAA Staff Approval

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**Recommendations still under development and will be presented at June Grants Committee Meeting.**



# Overview of Recommended Updates to State Agency Request for Proposals

## Proposal Cycle

**March 14  
through  
May 27, 2025**

**Grants  
Committee:  
August 1, 2025**

## Funds Available

**\$9.4 million**

Based on measured budget approach adopted by OAA Board of Directors

Represents an increase in over previous cycles due to award reductions from finalized carryforward and other unawarded amounts from previous years.

## Proposal Limitations

Item 489.40, paragraph F., Chapter 2, 2024 Special Session I, Acts of Assembly

Will only consider proposals within the statutory authority of the respective agency to administer.

State agency awards shall be considered one-time in nature and *shall not* create an on-going obligation for the Commonwealth

OAA awards *shall not* be used for/connected to legislative advocacy efforts in the Commonwealth

## Proposal Requirements

All proposals must be submitted through the OAA's Grants Portal

Agencies must submit a renewal proposal to continue a project into the next performance period whether or not additional funding is being requested



# Overview of Recommended Updates to State Agency Request for Proposals

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## **Priority Areas**

- a. Expand, facilitate, or otherwise provide greater mobile treatment and crisis services;
- b. Reduce overdoses;
- c. Expand access to effective treatments
  - i. May include Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), including providing treatment for criminal justice involved individuals;
- d. Support people in recovery;
  - i. May include supports for housing and transportation;
- e. Increase treatment and recovery resources for pregnant and parenting women as well as adolescents;
- f. Improve information and data sharing related to the opioid crisis in Virginia;
- g. Provide proactive outreach, screening, and healthcare connections;
- h. Identify and address needs and disparities in access to abatement efforts for people in traditionally disadvantaged communities;
  - i. May include gap analysis on supports needed to reduce stigma and increase engagement with treatment and/or recovery programs in these communities;
  - ii. May include a review of successful, evidence-based programs for opioid abatement to determine necessary modifications to address various cultural and environmental norms, stigma, beliefs, values, etc. that would increase the chance of successful implementation and adoption in these communities;
  - iii. Any proposals in this area should include partnering with experts from these communities from various backgrounds including academic and lived experience;



# Overview of Recommended Updates to State Agency Request for Proposals

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## **Priority Areas Continued**

- i. Address workforce needs for providing abatement efforts;
  - i. May include programs providing credit toward certifications and/or degrees for Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS) based on the time, effort, education, and experience the certification process involves;
  - ii. May include certifications and/or degree programs that fast track CPRS into job pipelines that help abate the opioid epidemic;
- j. Development of programs that prevent and/or reduce the impact of opioid use disorder-related incarceration, treatment, and/or recovery within the foster care system;
- k. Increase resources for children and caregivers in kinship or fictive kinship care due to opioid use disorder-related incarceration, treatment, and/or recovery, and/or to prevent substance use among children in kinship or fictive kinship care;
- l. Other proposals that meet the requirements of Code of Virginia §2.2-2370 and Exhibit E.



# Agenda Item No. 4

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Please keep individual comments to 3 minutes.



# Agenda Item No. 5

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## **NEW BUSINESS**



# New Business

## Item 5.a

*Consider recommended amendments to existing State Agency Awards*

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# New Business

## Item 5.b

*Consider recommended amendments to existing City and County Grant Awards as described during this presentation and in Attachment A*

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*DRAFT MOTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING CITY AND COUNTY AWARDS DESCRIBED DURING THIS PRESENTATION AND ATTACHMENT A*



# New Business

## Item 5.c

*Consider recommended NEW Individual Distribution Grant Awards to Cities and Counties as described during this presentation and in Attachment A*

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*DRAFT MOTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDED NEW INDIVIDUAL DISTRIBUTION GRANT AWARDS TO CITIES AND COUNTIES AS DESCRIBED DURING THIS PRESENTATION AND IN ATTACHMENT A*



# New Business

## Item 5.d

*Consider Approval of Proposed State Agency RFP and Requirements for Upcoming Proposal Cycle*

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*DRAFT MOTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDED STATE AGENCY RFP AND REQUIREMENTS FOR UPCOMING PROPOSAL CYCLE AS DESCRIBED DURING THIS PRESENTATION*



# New Business

## Item 5.e

*Consider any other items of new business.*

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# Agenda Item No. 6

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## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

