



VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY GRANTS COMMITTEE AGENDA

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3:00pm

All Virtual

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| 1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum | Delegate Brianna Sewell, Acting Chair |
| 2. Approval of June 15, 2026, Minutes | Delegate Brianna Sewell, Acting Chair |
| 3. Update from the Director of Operations | Cecil "Charlie" Lintecum, Director of Operations |
| a) Summary of State Agency Proposals and Staff Recommendations for Performance Period (PP) 2026-2027 | |
| 4. Public Comment Period | Delegate Brianna Sewell, Acting Chair |
| 5. New Business | Delegate Brianna Sewell, Acting Chair |
| a) Consider a block of State Agency proposals for renewals, amendments, and/or new awards for the 2026-2027 Performance Period as detailed in Attachment A | |
| 7. Adjourn | Delegate Brianna Sewell, Acting Chair |



Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS TO STATE AGENCIES FOR PERFORMANCE PERIOD 2026 - 2027

Executive Summary

The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) opened its Request for Proposals from Agencies of the Commonwealth on March 20, 2026, and accepted proposals through June 8, 2026. All proposals were submitted through OAA's Grants Portal.

During the 2026-2027 proposal cycle, the OAA received 51 proposals, including 32 renewals of active projects and 19 proposing the establishment of new projects. The proposals request a total of \$21,112,271.65 in OAA funding for 18 different agencies across areas of Health and Human Resources, Public Safety, Education, the Judicial Branch, and Independent Agencies. This includes 1 agency submitting their first proposal for OAA funding.

The recommendations herein are for the renewal of 32 active projects and the establishment of 8 new projects. All new projects are recommended to be funded from OAA's Unrestricted funds.

The subsequent pages of this document provide summary information of each project's funding request and OAA staff's related recommendations. Clicking on the link in the "Project Title" column will open the Summary and Recommendations document for that project, which contains additional project and recommendation details. The total requested and recommended are listed below by funding source.

Summary of PP 2026-2027 State Agency Requests and Recommendations

PP 2025-2026 Carryforward Requested	PP 2026-2027 State Agency Requested	PP 2025-2026 Carryforward Recommended	PP 2026-2027 State Agency Recommended	PP 2026-2027 Unrestricted Recommended
\$2,532,271.13	\$21,112,271.65	\$3,120,475.72	\$7,874,018.16	\$4,450,540.76
Total PP 2026-2027 Recommended Funding				\$12,324,558.92
Grand Total Recommended Funding (PP 2026-2027 + Carryforward)				\$15,445,034.64

Funding Recommendations – State Agency Awards – 2026 - 2027 Performance Period

The amounts listed below are recommended by OAA staff for each project listed. If a linked document contains a different amount, it is an error and the amount listed in this document is true

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$27,429.00	
Total Recommendation = \$799,243.65			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State = \$561,684.00	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$210,130.65	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Substance Use Data Analyst	4	\$27,429.00	\$145,192.00	\$27,429.00	\$121,684.00	\$0.00	\$149,113.00
Project Summary: This Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$121,684.00 and a recommended PP 2025-2026 carryforward amount of \$27,429.00 to support the continuation of a substance use data analyst to collect, analyze, and aggregated statewide data related to substance use initiatives led by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) in partnership with Community Service Boards (CSBs) and Behavioral Health Authorities (BHAs) across the Commonwealth.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Molecular Psychiatry (2022). Data Needs and Models for the Opioid Epidemic- https://doi.org/10.1038/s41380-021-01356-y							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Recovery Workforce Conference	1	N/A	\$210,130.65	N/A	\$0.00	\$210,130.65	\$210,130.65
Project Summary: This DBHDS project is recommended for Year 1 unrestricted funding of \$210,130.65 to develop an annual Recovery Workforce Conference that highlights the impact of the lived-experience workforce on Crisis Systems, and mental health services. This conference will highlight the unique skills and impact of the recovery workforce by convening diverse stakeholders such as recovery professionals, behavioral health providers, subject matter experts, recovery allied, individuals with lived experience, CSBs, and state, private, and community-based organizations to foster inclusive participation and shared learning. Workforce development will be promoted to support the professional growth and skill development of the behavioral health and recovery professionals through targeted training, education, and technical assistance. Therefore, this conference will serve as a catalyst for advancing recovery-oriented systems of care by identifying opportunities for innovation, improving service delivery, and strengthening cross-sector partnerships.							
Evidence-Based Practice: SAMHSA, Substance Use Disorders Recovery with a Focus on Employment: https://voaa.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/820000008gOO/a/cr00000AIkEj/vN7uv1RzACojL5zdJeruwoHD2jwSnG_ssspEuBrUglM							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) The agency must complete and submit a written agreement between the agency and each subrecipient detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism.							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Recovery Corps	3	\$0.00	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	\$440,000.00
Project Summary: This DBHDS project is recommended for a Year 3 renewal of \$440,000.00 to enable continuing collaboration with VIDC and Virginia Recovery Corps (an AmeriCorps program), to identify, train, and provide stipend employment for the lived/living experiences workforce. Recovery Corps develops qualified, Certified Peer Recovery Specialists that are integrated into and add to a full continuum of addiction recovery services. This funding will be used to support 65 Peer Navigator positions.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Peer Support Services in Crisis Care (2022).							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							

Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC)						PP25-26 Carryforward =	\$223,165.16
Total Recommendation = \$1,063,244.60			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State =	\$821,923.60
						PP26-27 Unrestricted =	\$18,155.84
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Medication Assisted Treatment Social Workers at MAT Pilot Institutions	4	\$223,076.84	\$821,923.60	\$223,076.84	\$821,923.60	\$0.00	\$1,045,000.44
Project Summary: This Virginia Department of Corrections project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$821,923.60 with a recommended PP 2025-2026 carryforward amount of \$223,076.84 for the continuation of VADOC's existing substance use disorder social worker positions at 12 institutions that operate medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) programs. These social worker efforts include cognitive-behavioral programming, case management, and discharge planning for individuals prescribed MOUDs. Continued efforts of the SUD social workers will increase the therapeutic component of the programs and contribute to improved patient outcomes, improved success in re-entry to the community, decreased overdoses, and reduced rates of recidivism.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Winhusen T, Walley A, Fanucchi LC, Hunt T, Lyons M, Lofwall M, Brown JL, Freeman PR, Nunes E, Beers D, Saitz R, Stambaugh L, Oga EA, Herron N, Baker T, Cook CD, Roberts MF, Alford DP, Starrels JL, Chandler RK. The Opioid-overdose Reduction Continuum of Care Approach (ORCCA): Evidence-based practices in the HEALing Communities Study. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2020 Dec 1;217:108325. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2020.108325. Epub 2020 Oct 4. PMID: 33091842; PMCID: PMC7533113.							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Opioid Treatment Program at Indian Creek Correctional Center	N/A	N/A	\$934,000.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Summary: The OAA is unable to recommend this project for funding. This project would not be compliant with Item 492, paragraph E., Chapter 1, 2026 Special Session I, Acts of Assembly which states. “In awarding grants to state agencies, the Board of the Opioid Abatement Authority shall ensure that the grant funds are within the scope of the statutory authority of the respective agency to administer such grants. In addition, grant funds shall be considered one-time in nature and shall not create an on-going obligation for the Commonwealth.’ Capital projects inherently create an on-going obligation for the Commonwealth. This project proposed to enhance the agency's current medication management for opioid use disorder at the Indian Creek Correctional Center (ICCC) by constructing a designated building within the compound grounds. ICCC has been a designated treatment facility for patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) for many years and currently houses the highest number of patients treated with medications for OUD.							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Naloxone Distribution for Probationers	2	\$88.32	\$18,155.84	\$88.32	\$0.00	\$18,155.84	\$18,244.16
Project Summary: This Virginia Department of Corrections project is recommended for a Year 2 renewal of \$18,155.84 with a recommended PP 2025-2026 carryforward amount of \$88.32 to implement a pilot Naloxone dispensing box in six (6) VADOC probation districts (Fredericksburg, Farmville, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Abingdon, and Norton) with two dispensing boxes in each region of the department. Each dispensing box will supply 2-dose Naloxone kits and the boxes will be mounted inside of the probation office listed.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Fischer LS, Asher A, Stein R, Becasen J, Doreson A, Mermin J, Meltzer MI, Edlin BR. Effectiveness of naloxone distribution in community settings to reduce opioid overdose deaths among people who use drugs: a systematic review and meta-analysis. BMC Public Health. 2025 Mar 25;25(1):1135. doi: 10.1186/s12889-025-22210-8. PMID: 40133970; PMCID: PMC11934755.							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							

Virginia Department of Education (DOE)			PP25-26 Carryforward =	\$74,224.00
Total Recommendation = \$1,079,600.35		Total Recommendation Details:	PP26-27 State =	\$528,850.35
			PP26-27 Unrestricted =	\$476,526.00

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Opioid Abatement Education Plan (OAEP)	4	\$0.00	\$528,850.35	\$0.00	\$528,850.35	\$0.00	\$528,850.35

Project Summary: This Virginia Department of Education project is recommended for Year 4 renewal funding of \$528,850.35 to continue this statewide, cross-sector effort to address opioid misuse by providing training across school roles to ensure comprehensive implementation of Botvin Life Skills. Through this initiative, educators will receive OAEP stipends, and school divisions will access free training and materials through Virginia Cooperative Extension's COPE program, promoting long-term sustainability. The agency will also continue to expand its Opioid Abatement Education Plan (OAE), which is now active across all eight VDOE regions and has trained over 450 educators to deliver Botvin LifeSkills evidence-based substance use prevention curriculum that is aligned with Virginia's Health Standards of Learning. In Year 4, the program will continue to expand implementation across existing and new school divisions, with outreach underway to 11 additional divisions and a projected goal of training 200 additional educators.

Evidence-Based Practice: <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/prevention>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) The agency must complete and submit a written agreement between the agency and each subrecipient detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism.

2) The agency will continue participating in OAA-led coordination meetings with other organizations that offer prevention education programs to youth.

3) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Recovery Schools Technical Assistance and Grant Program	2	\$74,224.00	\$518,700.00	\$74,224.00	\$0.00	\$476,526.00	\$550,750.00

Project Summary: This Virginia Department of Education project is recommended for Year 2 unrestricted funding of \$476,526.00 with a recommended PP 2025-2026 carryforward amount of \$74,224.00 to continue the Virginia Recovery Schools Technical Assistance and Grant Program to support the development of existing recovery high schools in providing both academic instruction and therapeutic services to students recovering from substance use disorders. Through this initiative, the Virginia Recovery Schools Technical Assistance and Grant Program will provide existing recovery schools with technical guidance, professional development, and financial resources (through an RFP grant process) necessary to implement and sustain the recovery schools across the Commonwealth.

Evidence-Based Practice: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Advisory: Screening and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders Among Adolescents – a summary of key messages and considerations for screening and treating substance use disorders for adolescents based on SAMHSA's treatment improvement protocol for screening and treatment for this population. <https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/pep20-06-04-008.pdf>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

2) The fiscal agent must complete and submit a written agreement between the Virginia Department of Education and each subrecipient [Association of Recovery schools and TBD vendors/contractors] detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism.

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$716,962.39	
Total Recommendation = \$3,155,412.54			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State = \$1,737,597.20	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$700,852.95	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Comprehensive Harm Reduction	4	\$0.00	\$1,756,660.00	\$0.00	\$1,159,464.70	\$0.00	\$1,159,464.70
Project Summary: This Virginia Department of Health project is recommended for Year 4 renewal funding of \$1,159,464.70 to continue its efforts to expand the number of Comprehensive Harm Reduction (CHR) sites from 10 to 19 by 2028 to provide overdose prevention services. This effort also includes outreach to traditionally disadvantaged communities, linkage to medical, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment, support for people in recovery, and efforts to prevent communicable diseases associated with injection drug use. All harm reduction efforts will be in full compliance with FDA guidelines, state law, and VDH regulations.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/samhsa-strategic-plan.pdf							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Naloxone Distribution Program Infrastructure	4	\$78,606.44	\$424,845.68	\$78,606.44	\$424,845.68	\$0.00	\$503,452.12
Project Summary: This VDH project is recommended for Year 4 renewal funding of \$424,845.68 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$78,606.44 to continue supporting the agency's infrastructure to support statewide naloxone and harm reduction test strip distribution, with a focus on expanding access, improving equity, and enhancing data and outreach capabilities.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/hcp/toolkits/naloxone.html							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process; 2) Agency to provide OAA with a detailed report regarding the project accomplishments to improve the response of Naloxone distribution.							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Local Opioid Use Disorder Coordinators	4	\$50,125.90	\$153,286.82	\$50,125.90	\$153,286.82	\$0.00	\$203,412.72
Project Summary: This VDH project is recommended for Year 4 renewal funding of \$153,286.82 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$50,125.90 to continue support for two OUD coordinator positions at the Richmond-Henrico and Portsmouth Health Districts. In these districts, the OUD coordinators champion district-wide efforts in collaboration with local governments to maximize the reach and effectiveness of the agency's various substance use disorder abatement efforts (prevention, education, treatment, & recovery).							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/pubs/2018-evidence-based-strategies.pdf							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Naloxone Purchase	4	\$500,000.00	\$300,008.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00
Project Summary: For Year 4, this VDH project is recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$500,000.00 for the purchase of intranasal naloxone for distribution by the agency.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/hcp/toolkits/naloxone.html							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process; 2) The agency must demonstrate the expenditure/encumbrance of all other funds used to purchase naloxone before using OAA funding as last resort.							

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Virginia Department of Health (VDH) *continued*

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Coordinating Local and Regional Overdose Review Teams	3	\$88,230.05	\$69,422.95	\$88,230.05	\$0.00	\$69,422.95	\$157,653.00

Project Summary: This VDH project is recommended for Year 3 renewal unrestricted funding of \$69,422.95 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$88,230.05 to support the continuation of a standardized approach for local and regional overdose review teams to effectively collect and analyze data to inform evidence-based interventions and policy decisions aimed at curbing overdose fatalities and improving community health outcomes.

Evidence-Based Practice: <https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma18-4742.pdf>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Harm Reduction for Pregnant Women Pilot Project	2	\$0.00	\$814,833.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$631,430.00	\$631,430.00

Project Summary: This VDH project is recommended for Year 2 unrestricted funding of \$631,430.00 to target women who are pregnant and currently using drugs, particularly opioids. Women of childbearing age who may or may not be pregnant will be offered services to determine their pregnancy status and need for contraceptives pending a negative pregnancy status. VDH will partner with three comprehensive harm reduction sites (Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition, Strength in Peers, and Minority AIDS Support services to provide services across the northwest, southwest, and eastern regions of the Commonwealth.

Evidence-Based Practice: Data was utilized from the Virginia Department of Health Office of Information Management and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to indicate from 2019-2023, 11,551 women of childbearing age were treated at a hospital for an overdose. Also, in that same period, 2,887 tested positive for opioid use during the delivery. In 2018, there were 388 hospitalizations for neonatal abstinence syndrome. From 2018-2023, 57 women have died of an overdose while pregnant.

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

Department of Health Professions (DHP)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$0.00	
Total Recommendation = \$421,719.00			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State = \$0.00	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$421,719.00	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Integration of Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) into Clinical Workflows	4	\$0.00	\$421,719.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$421,719.00	\$421,719.00
Project Summary: This Virginia Department of Health Professions project is recommended for Year 4 renewal unrestricted funding of \$421,719.00 to continue connecting the prescription monitoring program to prescribers' electronic health records and pharmacists' dispensing systems. This effort has been very successful in promoting the appropriate use of controlled substances and in recent years, DHP has received federal funding to support this initiative.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Center for Disease Control, Overdose Prevention. Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PMPs) https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/hcp/clinical-guidance/prescription-drug-monitoring-programs.html#:~:text=Key%20points,potentially%20lifesaving%20information%20and%20interventions .							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							

Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$908,204.59	
Total Recommendation = \$908,204.59			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State = \$0.00	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$0.00	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Discharge Bridge Program	4	\$320,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$908,204.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$908,204.59
Project Summary: This Year 4 Department of Medical Assistance Services project is recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$908,204.59 to assist hospitals and health groups implement Discharge Bridge Expansion (DBE) programs, which will provide hospitals with funding and training resources. DMAS anticipates providing two hospitals with DBE funding to incentivize hospitals and health groups to provide stronger connections to community-based treatment for individuals who have experienced an overdose emergency.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0740547221001367							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) This renewal is contingent on Medicaid funding still being available to support the project implementation. 2) The agency agrees to provide the OAA with information regarding its selected subrecipient awards(s) for the DBE program(s) including subrecipient details, copies of all relevant agreements between DMAS and the subrecipients, and final budgets for each award before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. 3) The agency will ensure the subrecipient hospitals recognize these are one-time funds for each hospital and the agency expects awardees to continue operating the DBE program after the funding year is complete. 4) Complete the PP 2025-2026 Annual Report/Carryforward Process							

Department of Social Services (DSS)			PP25-26 Carryforward =	\$239,321.03
Total Recommendation = \$530,568.03		Total Recommendation Details:	PP26-27 State =	\$291,247.00
			PP26-27 Unrestricted =	\$0.00

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Expand Kinship Care Navigators	4	\$239,321.03	\$0.00	\$239,321.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$239,321.03

Project Summary: This DSS project is recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$239,321.03 to continue assistance for low-income kinship care providers with costs they incur by providing kinship care (i.e., concrete supports) and to obtain a data-tracking system to ensure consistent and accurate reporting. During PP 2024-2025, DSS partnered with a vendor to conduct a comprehensive Community Landscape Assessment to evaluate the readiness, opportunities, and pathways for expanding this Kinship Navigator program across the state while prioritizing localities where there are identified needs, gaps in services, and a willingness to host the program. This assessment has better positioned DSS to maximize federal funding opportunities to support this program in the future.

Evidence-Based Practice: <https://acf.gov/opre/resource-library>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
211 Opioid Reduction Registry (ORR)	3	\$0.00	\$291,247.00	\$0.00	\$291,247.00	\$0.00	\$291,247.00

Project Summary: This DSS project is recommended for a Year 3 renewal of \$291,247.00 to continue supporting the Opioid Reduction Registry's (ORR) continued integration into the operations of 211 Virginia, Virginia's premier and statewide information and referral service. DSS partners with local organizations dedicated to combat substance use (particularly opioid misuse). This project adds substance use services to the myriad services and resources offered through the 211 Contact Center (24/7 call service). DSS will ensure the continuation of the 211 Virginia Resource Database and text platform for individuals dealing with substance use disorder, as well as the inclusion of new/expanded substance use disorder services more readily available statewide, substantially increasing access across the Commonwealth. DSS has an active contract with DBHDS to coordinate access to the 211 Virginia Resource Directory by the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, using an application established in partnership with the United Way Worldwide 211 National Data Platform.

Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.nimh.nih.gov/research/research-funded-by-nimh/research-initiatives/helping-to-end-addiction-long-termr-initiative-nih-heal-initiative#part_10831

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Bridging the Gap for Families Impacted by Substance Use Disorders	N/A	N/A	\$725,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: This project is not recommended for funding due to OAA PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints. This project was priority-ranked 3rd out of the four projects included in the agency's proposal. This DSS project was proposed to conduct a statewide assessment of substance use disorder prevention and treatment service gaps for families at risk of child welfare involvement and to develop a regional prevention hub model that expands access to evidence-based, family-centered services designated to prevent foster care entry.

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Making the Right Move	N/A	N/A	\$1,050,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: This project is not recommended for funding due to OAA PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints. This project was priority-ranked 4th out of the four projects included in the agency's proposal. This project was proposed as a pilot to provide relocation assistance, housing, employment, and wrap-around supports to rural individuals in recovery from, or at risk for, substance and opioid use disorders, while evaluating whether moving participants to higher-opportunity communities improves long-term recovery /stability.

George Mason University (GMU)					PP25-26 Carryforward = \$0.00		
Total Recommendation = \$200,000.00		Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State = \$200,000.00		
					PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$0.00		
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Bridge MOUD Warm Line Pilot Project	2	\$0.00	\$510,855.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Project Summary: This pilot project is recommended for Year 2 renewal funding of \$200,000.00 for the continued operation of the Bridge MOUD Warm Line through regional partnerships and tailored community infrastructure-building. This warm line serves as a centralized, data-driven initiative to expand access to evidence-based treatment and recovery services for individuals with opioid use disorder. Anchored in Northern Virginia, the Hub scales Bridge MOUD services through EMS, emergency departments, and criminal justice partners.							
Evidence-based Practice: D'Onofrio, G., O'Connor, P. G., Pantalon, M. V., Chawarski, M. C., Busch, S. H., Owens, P. H., Bernstein, S. L., & Fiellin, D. A. (2015). Emergency department-initiated buprenorphine/naloxone treatment for opioid dependence: a randomized clinical trial. JAMA, 313(16), 1636–1644. https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2015.3474.							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process; 2) Requirements for Pilot Projects Projects 3) Written Agreements with new project partners; 4) Updated Year 2 Project Partner Tracker; 5) OAA invitation to participate in quarterly multi-agency stakeholder meetings; 6) Time and Effort Documentation for OAA-funded Personnel							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Community Opioid Response Enrichment (CORE) Project Continuation	N/A	N/A	\$354,751.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Summary: This project is not recommended for funding due to OAA PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints. This project was priority-ranked 4th out of the four projects included in the agency's proposal. This project proposed to develop and test crisis response models that align with SAMHSA best practices for incorporating peer support into responses to opioid-related and behavioral health crises. GMU proposed partnering with Fairfax City, Loudoun County, Fairfax Co-Responder crisis teams, and The Chris Atwood Foundation.							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Data/Policy System for Opioid Prevention & Control among Youth	N/A	N/A	\$389,097.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Summary: This project is not recommended for funding due to OAA PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints. This project was priority-ranked 3rd out of the four projects included in the agency's proposal. This project proposed to reach populations central to opioid abatement in rural and urban areas across the Commonwealth, with a specific emphasis on youth, young adults, affected families, and communities experiencing elevated opioid-related harms or barriers to prevention, treatment, and recovery services. The project proposed to develop a statewide opioid risk and service data coordination system that integrates public health, administrative services, survey and community-level data to generate actionable tools (local risk profiles, service gap analyses, and decision-support resources).							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
MAP-EC Riverside Regional Jail MOUD Continuum of Care Initiative	N/A	N/A	\$605,339.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Project Summary: This project is not recommended for funding due to OAA PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints. This project was priority-ranked 2nd out of the four projects included in the agency's proposal. This project proposed to serve justice-involved individuals (18+) at the Riverside Regional Jail, who are at high-risk of opioid overdose, including individuals entering custody with OUD, experiencing withdrawal symptoms, or preparing for community re-entry. This program proposed to reduce overdose risk and improve treatment engagement, while also strengthening coordination among the jail, community service boards (CSBs), MOUD providers, and recovery support organizations to promote seamless care transitions, continuity of treatment, and improved outcomes for individuals with OUD.

Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia (OES)			PP25-26 Carryforward =	\$280,716.99
Total Recommendation =		\$787,496.15	Total Recommendation Details:	
			PP26-27 State =	\$506,779.16
			PP26-27 Unrestricted =	\$0.00

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Statewide Universal Drug Testing Contract	4	\$280,716.99	\$629,869.51	\$280,716.99	\$506,779.16	\$0.00	\$787,496.15

Project Summary: This Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$506,779.16 and recommended for PP 2025-20265 carryforward of \$280,716.99 to continue the agency's efforts of promoting a statewide best practices standard for drug testing within all alternative dockets. OES will use these awarded funds to promote awareness regarding the developed standards to all localities that provide financial support to alternative dockets and continue a grant program to offer financial assistance to localities to help pay for specialty dockets drug testing based on the OES standard.

Evidence-Based Practice: <https://www.nadcp.org/standards/adult-drug-court-best-practice-standards/>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

Radford University			PP25-26 Carryforward =	\$98,298.80	
Total Recommendation =		\$320,503.10	Total Recommendation Details:	PP26-27 State =	\$222,204.30
				PP26-27 Unrestricted =	\$0.00

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Healing, Outreach, Prevention, and Empowerment (Project HOPE)	4	\$98,298.80	\$312,204.30	\$98,298.80	\$222,204.30	\$0.00	\$320,503.10

Project Summary: This Radford University project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$222,204.30 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$98,298.80 to continue expanding the existing Radford Collegiate Recovery Program with enhanced outreach and awareness, overdose prevention, healthcare screening and connections, implementation of a "warm hand-off" process. This program is designed to reduce overdoses for the campus community through expanded training and introduction of new harm reduction strategies. The program will also support individuals who are in recovery through the establishment of a three-bedroom suite of university-owned apartments (located off the main campus). Additionally, Radford University will enhance outreach, screening, and healthcare referrals to include external emergency healthcare organizations to ensure a continuum of services for members of the campus community who are "at risk", in active addiction, or in recovery. Radford University will also work with the New River Valley Recovery Ecosystem program that is funded through OAA's cooperative partnership grant led by Montgomery County.

Evidence-Based Practice: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6037516/>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;
2) Specific Requirements for Harm Reduction Projects

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$0.00	
Total Recommendation = \$62,665.00		Total Recommendation Details:				PP26-27 State = \$0.00	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$62,665.00	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Simulation-Based First Responder Training Initiatives	1	N/A	\$62,665.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$62,665.00	\$62,665.00
Project Summary: This Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center project is recommended for Year 1 unrestricted funding of \$62,665.00 to serve students enrolled in EMT and Paramedic programs, while also supporting professional development and continuing education for current first responders. The training equipment and simulation manikins will be used for interprofessional training involving law enforcement, nursing and pharmacy students, and practicing healthcare professionals. Approximately 100 students are expected to participate in this training program annually.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7783959/							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) The agency acknowledges this project was submitted to the OAA with only 1-year of funding requested and while the project will be eligible to submit a renewal request (which can include carryforward), the project will be competing against all new projects for any additional funding.							

University of Mary Washington (UMW)						PP25-26 Carryforward =		\$20,661.88
Total Recommendation =		\$107,151.30	Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State =		\$0.00
						PP26-27 Unrestricted =		\$86,489.42
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended	
Supporting Student Well-Being and Recovery at the University of Mary Washington	2	\$20,661.88	\$86,489.42	\$20,661.88	\$0.00	\$86,489.42	\$107,151.30	
Project Summary: This project is recommended for a Year 2 renewal (Unrestricted) of \$86,489.42 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$20,661.88 to continue the "Eagles in Recovery" program. This collegiate recovery program provides a supportive space for students who identify as being in recovery, are exploring recovery, are affected by the substance use of a family member or close friend, or who wish to learn more about substance use and recovery. The program also welcomes individuals who want to support peers and contribute to a more informed and inclusive campus community. As part of this initiative, the Health and Well-being Student Intern (HWSI) will develop and share health-related messaging using social media and other outreach tools. The intern’s focus includes promoting wellness, increasing awareness of on-campus resources, and supporting efforts related to health education, risk reduction, and self-care. Eagles in Recovery contributes to a campus environment that values connection, well-being, and student support.								
Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.bu.edu/sph/news/articles/2025/inclusive-peer-support-groups-are-expanding-at-us-colleges-but-stable-funding-is-needed/								
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;								

University of Virginia (UVA)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$98,629.55	
Total Recommendation = \$256,330.75		Total Recommendation Details:				PP26-27 State = \$0.00	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$157,701.20	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Street Medicine Access Reduction and Treatment (SMART) Clinic	4	\$98,629.55	\$269,489.00	\$98,629.55	\$0.00	\$157,701.20	\$256,330.75
Project Summary: This project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal (Unrestricted) of \$157,701.20 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$98,629.55 to continue efforts to expand low-barrier, community-based services for adults with opioid use disorder (OUD), particularly individuals who are unhoused, at risk of homelessness, uninsured or underinsured, or otherwise face substantial barriers to traditional healthcare. This program integrates street medicine, office-based addiction treatment, harm reduction, behavioral health support, patient navigation, care coordination, and access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD). During PP 2026-2027, UVA will sustain the weekly SmART Clinic at The Haven, strengthen linkage to UVA addiction treatment services, and expand access to MOUD, when clinically appropriate. Harm reduction supplies will be distributed through the Clinic and community outreach activities.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Wagner NM, Kempe A, Barnard JG, Rinehart DJ, Havranek EP, Glasgow RE, et al. Qualitative exploration of public health vending machines in young adults who misuse opioids: A promising strategy to increase naloxone access in a high risk underserved population. Drug Alcohol Depend Reports. 2022 Dec;5:100094.							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) The agency agrees to present harm reduction efforts to the OAA prior to their implementation. 2) The agency also agrees that all revenue generated from treatment provided through this clinic will be used to supplement the operating expenses of this project and any remaining OAA funds will be carried forward to offset future OAA funding/renewal requests. 3) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							

Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC)						PP25-26 Carryforward =	\$130,403.91
Total Recommendation = \$529,986.47			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State =	\$399,582.56
						PP26-27 Unrestricted =	\$0.00
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Re-Entry and Recovery Specialist Program	4	\$130,403.91	\$436,491.52	\$130,403.91	\$399,582.56	\$0.00	\$529,986.47
Project Summary: This Virginia Indigent Defense Commission (VIDC) project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$399,582.56 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$130,403.91 to expand peer support and client advocacy services across Virginia's Public Defender offices in response to the opioid crisis. During Year 4, Peer Navigators will be placed in 14 designated Public Defender offices through a partnership with Recovery Corps. These offices include: Charlottesville City, Chesapeake City, Danville City, Fredericksburg City, Halifax County, Hampton City, Lynchburg City, Martinsville City, Portsmouth City, Pulaski County, Staunton City, and Winchester City. Additionally, this renewal project has requested the addition of two Client Advocate positions (one placement in Richmond City and Chesterfield County) in partnership with Partners for Justice (PFJ), a nonprofit organization that trains non-attorney advocates to assist clients with case management and access to services.							
Evidence-Based Practice: SAMHSA Advisory- Peer Support Services in Crisis Care, June 2022. https://voaa.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/820000008gOO/a/cr000009q4tZ/oZY4llu26m3E9wDmks1v4kxcCcHh0pMPiJHuJ4MbrJM							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$35,652.91	
Total Recommendation = \$1,598,063.11			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State = \$1,294,846.50	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$267,563.70	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Opioid Toolkit	4	\$0.00	\$582,012.00	\$0.00	\$582,012.00	\$0.00	\$582,012.00
Project Summary: This Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$582,012.00 to support the continuation of the VCU Wright Center for Clinical and Translational Research in its efforts to expand a technical resource "toolkit" for Virginia's cities and counties. Developed by VCU researchers with support from the Virginia Society of Addiction Medicine (VASAM), this online toolkit provides examples of opioid abatement best practices and evidence-based programs and efforts that cities and counties can implement using opioid settlement funds. VCU will also offer technical assistance including strategic planning, program implementation, and evaluation services for cities and counties on a fee basis. Additionally, this project's scope has been expanded to include the Substance Use Disorder Analytics (SUDA) platform to enhance support to cities, counties, and state agencies through SUDA Data Quality and Validation, SUDA Dashboard Consultation and Technical Coordination, User Experience and Community Feedback, Clinical Subject Matter Expert Consultation, and Reporting and Continuous Improvement.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Ochalek TA, Cumpston KL, Wills BK, Gal TS, Moeller FG. Nonfatal Opioid Overdoses at an Urban Emergency Department During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Jama. Sep 18 2020; PMC7501586 doi:10.1001/jama.2020.17477							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Massey Cancer Center at VCU Health	4	\$26,653.50	\$195,000.00	\$26,653.50	\$168,346.50	\$0.00	\$195,000.00
Project Summary: This VCU project is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$168,346.50 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$26,653.50 to support the continuation of the VCU Massey Cancer Center to research and develop protocols for pain management in palliative care settings due to an increasing problem of patients surviving cancer but with opioid dependence. The OAA may use a 3rd party expert to review and assess the effectiveness of the clinical program.							
Evidence-Based Practice: Pergolizzi J, Magnusson P, Clu-isto P, LeQuang J, Breve F, Mitchell K, Varrassi G. Opioid therapy in cancer patients and survivors at risk of addiction, misuse or complex dependency. Front Pain Res. 2021;2. https://doi.org/10.3389/fpain.2021.691720							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Naloxone Project	3	\$0.00	\$326,352.00	\$0.00	\$326,352.00	\$0.00	\$326,352.00
Project Summary: This VCU project is recommended for Year 3 renewal funding of \$326,352.00 to continue this multi-phased effort to decrease overdose deaths, reduce stigma in healthcare settings, and propagate the dispensing of Naloxone to at-risk emergency department patients across the Commonwealth. The agency will continue with the emergency department based take-home Naloxone programs for at-risk patients, as well as continue to improve connections to addiction treatment services and develop data collection and continuous quality improvement program structures. VCU will work collaboratively with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and The Naloxone Project to leverage experiences and partnerships of both systems to scale this program across the Commonwealth.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://www.acep.org/patient-care/policy-statements/naloxone-access-and-utilization-for-suspected-opioid-overdoses; Weiner SG, Baker O, Bernson D, Schuur JD. One-Year Mortality of Patients After Emergency Department Treatment for Nonfatal Opioid Overdose. Ann Emerg Med. 2020 Jan;75(1):13-17. PMID: 31229387							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process; 2) The agency agrees to participate in OAA-led coordination meetings with other organizations that conduct similar efforts to achieve maximum efficiencies in meeting shared outcomes and goals.							
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Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Fast Track to Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC)	3	\$0.00	\$90,636.00	\$0.00	\$90,636.00	\$0.00	\$90,636.00

Project Summary: This VCU project is recommended for Year 3 renewal funding of \$90,636.00 to address workforce shortages in addiction and mental healthcare by equipping social work students with the skills and certifications needed to combat the opioid epidemic. This fast-track program focuses on preparing BSW and MSW students for CSAC certification through coursework, clinical internships, and peer recovery specialist training, and includes naloxone training and emerging content on fentanyl and synthetic opioids. The university has updated two MSW-level electives and created one BSW course to address the required CSAC topics, as well as implemented a pilot Certified Peer Recovery Specialist course for students with lived/living experience. Identification and prioritization of clinical field placements for students to meet CSAC experiential requirements (screening, administration of SUD assessment instruments, treatment, SUC crisis intervention, etc.) are underway and VCU has developed a student field guide to outline rigorous expectations for direct service hours with clients and to recommend practice activities that satisfy the outlined requirements.

Evidence-Based Practice: Snyder, C. R., Frogner, B.K., & Skillman, S. M. (2018). Facilitating racial and ethnic diversity in the health workforce. *Journal of Allied Health*, 47(1), 58-65.; <https://bhwa.hrsa.gov/data-research/projecting-health-workforce-supply-demand>; <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;
2) The agency agrees participate in OAA-led coordination meetings with other postsecondary educational institutions with similar programs to achieve maximum efficiencies in shared outcomes and goals.

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
RAMS in Recovery Scholars	3	\$8,999.41	\$127,500.00	\$8,999.41	\$127,500.00	\$0.00	\$136,499.41

Project Summary: This VCU project is recommended for a Year 3 renewal of \$127,500.00 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$8,999.41 to support the expansion of VCU's Recovery Scholars Program (RSP), the flagship initiative of Rams in Recovery and Virginia's largest Collegiate Recovery Program (CRP) by providing structured support and scholarships to students statewide each semester. These funds will support expanded access and capacity for the existing RSP program by increasing the number of scholarships offered to students and the expansion of program staff. This program is based on a best-practice model from Texas Tech University that pairs scholarship funds with supportive programming for students in recovery. Specific individuals recruited for this program include students pursuing their Certification for Substance Abuse Counseling (CSAC) at community colleges and professional Certified Peer Recovery Specialists in the workforce who are seeking to further their careers.

Evidence-Based Practice: <https://library.samhsa.gov/product/facing-addiction-america-surgeon-generals-report-alcohol-drugs-and-health-full-report/sma16-4991>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Specific Requirements for Harm Reduction Projects;
2) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
HARBOR	1	N/A	\$267,563.70	N/A	\$0.00	\$267,563.70	\$267,563.70

Project Summary: This project is recommended for Year 1 unrestricted funding of \$267,563.70 for a three-year pilot project that includes Certified Peer Recovery Specialists delivering and supporting an immersive virtual reality recovery program for individuals with substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder at the MOTIVATE Clinic. This project aims to improve treatment engagement and retention, address behavioral health workforce shortages, and develop a sustainable model that can be expanded across Virginia.

Evidence-Based Practice: Transcending Self Therapy-Virtual Reality (TST-VR) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Completion in Veterans (September 2024).

Project Specific Contingencies: N/A

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Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
An Evidence-Informed SUD Navigation Model for Pregnant & Postpartum Virginians	N/A	N/A	\$549,021.82	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: This project is not recommended for funding due to OAA PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints. This project was ranked 7th out of 8 projects included in the agency's proposal. The First Steps+CM (contingency management) project targets pregnant and postpartum women with opioid and substance use disorders by integrating peer recovery support, doula services, social work, medical care, healthcare navigation, and contingency management into a coordinated, evidence-based intervention developed through a community-academic partnership.

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Collaborative Partnership for First Responders Addiction and Recovery Training	N/A	N/A	\$379,472.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: This project is not recommended for funding due to OAA PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints. This project was ranked 8th out of 8 projects included in the agency's proposal. This project was proposed to recruit EMS personnel from underrepresented communities and provide specialized paramedic training for volunteer pre-hospital providers focused on mental health, substance use disorders, domestic violence, and related healthcare challenges. Participating volunteer led EMS agencies would receive training and equipment resources to strengthen their capacity to respond to complex community health needs.

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Total Recommendation =	\$1,295,316.43	Total Recommendation Details:	PP25-26 Carryforward =	\$127,541.77
			PP26-27 State =	\$959,037.66
			PP26-27 Unrestricted =	\$208,737.00

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Cooperative Extension Service	4	\$120,513.52	\$822,286.00	\$120,513.52	\$822,286.00	\$0.00	\$942,799.52

Project Summary: This project with the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) is recommended for a Year 4 renewal of \$822,286.00 and recommended PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$120,513.52 to continue the agency's work to offer training for teachers to implement the evidence-based Botvin Life Skills program, Mental Health First Aid (youth or adult), and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) training in schools, as well as VCE's continued partnership in regional substance use education and prevention coalitions. This project will also include an expansion to pilot the "Recovering Your Finances" curriculum providing financial literacy support for individuals in recovery.

Evidence-Based Practice: <https://www.lifeskillstraining.com/fact-sheet/>; <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>; <https://liftupvirginia.org/events/understanding-aces-ace-interface-presenter-training-2/>

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;
2) The agency agrees to continue participating in OAA-led coordination meetings with organizations that offer prevention educational programs targeting youth.

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Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Tech Recovery Community: Fostering a Recovery Integrated Campus	2	\$7,028.25	\$136,751.66	\$7,028.25	\$136,751.66	\$0.00	\$143,779.91

Project Summary: This Virginia Tech project is recommended for Year 2 funding of \$136,751.66 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$7,028.25 to reduce barriers for students recovery from addiction by offering targeted, evidence-informed support in a collegiate environment. This project will build a recovery-integrated campus culture by promoting allyship, inclusive policies, and accessible resources available for students in recovery through overdose prevention, housing scholarships, recovery seminar expansion, recovery programming, mobile outreach, and targeted prevention education.

Evidence-Based Practice: SAMHSA - Key Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators in the United States: Results from the 2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;
2) The agency agrees to continue participating in OAA-led coordination meetings with organizations that offer prevention educational programs targeting youth.
3) Specific Requirements for Harm Reduction Projects

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Recovery Housing Assessment, Training, & Technical Assistance Program (ATTAP)	1	N/A	\$115,499.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$115,499.00	\$115,499.00

Project Summary: This Virginia Tech project is recommended for Year 1 unrestricted funding of \$115,499.00 for a three-year pilot project focused on replicating the Recovery Housing Assessment conducted in the Roanoke Valley (2021–2023), along with associated training and technical assistance, across three pilot regions in Virginia in partnership with CSBs, DBHDS, PDCs, and VAAR.

Evidence-Based Practice: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Housing Supports Recovery and Well-Being Definitions and Shared Values and Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly, Using Recovery Capital to Predict Retention and Change in Recovery Residences in Virginia, USA (Feb. 2023).

Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Written agreement between Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and each subrecipient (health district / TBD City/County Agency/ and TBD - CSB).

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Expanding the Reach of Neuroscience Education for Substance Use Prevention	1	N/A	\$93,238.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$93,238.00	\$93,238.00

Project Summary: This Virginia Tech project is recommended for Year 1 unrestricted funding of \$93,238.00 for an effort to expand adolescent substance use prevention in Virginia through a scalable, neuroscience-based education model with two core components. This project includes the development of a train-the-trainer toolkit in Year 1, pilot implementation in Year 2, and statewide expansion over subsequent years, ultimately reaching multiple school districts through Cooperative Extension and regional partners. This project also addresses disparities in learning outcomes by expanding immersive, hands-on neuroscience experiences through "Brain Day", a full-day field trip featuring lab-based activities, demonstrations, and career exposure in neuroscience.

Evidence-Based Practice: Piloting of the Just Say Know Prevention Program: A Psychoeducational Approach to Translating the Neuroscience of Addiction to Youth: Am J Drug Alcohol Abuse. 2021 January 02; 47(1): 16–25. doi:10.1080/00952990.2020.1770777

Project Specific Contingencies: N/A

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Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Recovery Works Virginia	N/A	N/A	\$326,932.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: Due to PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints, the OAA is unable to recommend this project for funding. This project was ranked 7th out of 8 projects included in the agency's proposal. This project was designed to address early recovery from opioid use disorder by integrating stable housing and employment through two linked Employment Social Enterprises (ESEs) in southwestern Virginia. The model is based on the premise that recovery is strengthened when individuals simultaneously gain housing stability and meaningful, structured employment.

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Virginia Recovery Ready Workplace Initiative	N/A	N/A	\$377,503.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: Due to PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints, the OAA is unable to recommend this project for funding. This project was ranked 5th out of 8 projects included in the agency's proposal. This project proposed to address key gaps in employer preparedness, fragmented connections between recovery and workforce systems, and limited retention supports. Includes the development of a Virginia-specific Recovery-Ready Workplace Toolkit (employer training, HR policies, and peer recovery integration strategies); regional pilot implementation across high-need workforce areas with support from CSBs, LWDCs, and Recovery Corps; employer engagement and certification to promote recovery-friendly hiring and retention practices; and evaluation to build a scalable statewide model.

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
OAA Documentary Production and Community Outreach	N/A	N/A	\$299,173.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: Due to PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints, the OAA is unable to recommend this project for funding. This project was ranked 8th out of 8 projects included in the agency's proposal. This project would include documentary research, production, post-production, resource development, statewide outreach, public engagement, screenings, and impact activities proposed for Year 2.

Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Connection to Care: Check to Protect and Connect	N/A	N/A	\$278,840.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project Summary: Due to PP 2026-2027 budgetary constraints, the OAA is unable to recommend this project for funding. This project was ranked 6th out of 8 projects included in the agency's proposal. This project proposed to establish and evaluate a drug-checking initiative across Roanoke City, Salem City, Roanoke County, Martinsville City, and Henry County through partnerships with the Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition (VHRC), Roanoke City & Alleghany Health Districts, and the West Piedmont Health District. The project aims to reduce overdose risk, improve harm reduction and treatment linkages, and strengthen real-time surveillance of the illicit drug supply.

Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$0.00	
Total Recommendation = \$1,840,000.00			Total Recommendation Details:			PP26-27 State = \$0.00	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$1,840,000.00	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Deadly Dose - Statewide Fentanyl and Overdose Mapping Campaign: Phase 3	1	N/A	\$2,005,000.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$1,470,000.00	\$1,470,000.00
Project Summary: This Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY) project is recommended for one-time unrestricted funding of \$1,470,000.00 to increase youth and young adult awareness of fentanyl and overdose risks, build on the progress of the previous three statewide campaign rounds, and influence beliefs and perceptions related to opioid and fentanyl use. The campaign also aims to improve understanding of prescription and illicit opioids, reduce fentanyl exposure and accidental poisonings, and prevent overdose deaths among youth. Round 4 of this campaign will evaluate the effectiveness of Round 3 through statewide surveys and focus groups.							
Evidence-Informed Practice: This project is evidence-informed as defined in the OAA Glossary of Terms (i.e., has not been evaluated in a rigorous research study but does incorporate the key features found in effective evidence-based interventions).							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) VFHY will continue participating in OAA-led coordination meetings with other OAA-funded organizations that offer media campaigns and prevention/education programs directed toward youth. 2) The agency must complete and submit a written agreement between the agency and each subrecipient detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds.							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Expanding Access to the Dangers of Fentanyl Lesson	1	N/A	\$370,000.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$370,000.00	\$370,000.00
Project Summary: This VFHY project is recommended for one-time unrestricted funding of \$370,000.00 to continue the work around the Expanding Access to the Dangers of Fentanyl Lesson that began in 2024. PP 2026-2027 funding will be used to offer 80 activation grants (400 total) to support at least 16,000 youth per year (80,000 total) and fund a portion of a full-time grants administrator position to manage the expansion of the lessons and the administration of the Activation Grants.							
Evidence-Based Practice: This project is evidence-informed as defined in the OAA Glossary of Terms (i.e., has not been evaluated in a rigorous research study but does incorporate the key features found in effective evidence-based interventions).							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Finalized Request for Proposal (RFP); 2) The agency must complete and submit a written agreement between the agency and each subrecipient detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism.							

Virginia State University (VSU)						PP25-26 Carryforward = \$139,263.74	
Total Recommendation = \$489,529.57		Total Recommendation Details:				PP26-27 State = \$350,265.83	
						PP26-27 Unrestricted = \$0.00	
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Healthful Engagement for Support, Treatment, Recovery, and Interventions	3	\$77,312.32	\$237,362.68	\$77,312.32	\$204,362.68	\$0.00	\$281,675.00
Project Summary: This project is recommended for a Year 3 renewal of \$204,362.68 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$77,312.32 to enhance general substance use disorder treatment and recovery service accessibility for adult residents through individual and group support sessions for substance use, and evidence-based and empirically supported therapies for addiction recovery. The agency will also increase awareness about opioids, substance use, and overdose deaths to reduce opioid-related overdoses among residents. This project will also support Virginia State University's work to provide proactive outreach, screening, and healthcare connections for the VSU campus community through the distribution of naloxone kits, fentanyl test kits, and the provision of education to community members regarding harm prevention efforts.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://library.samhsa.gov/product/overdose-prevention-response-toolkit/pep23-03-00-001							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process; 2) The agency must complete and submit a written agreement between the agency and each subrecipient detailing budget, scope, performance measures, expectations, etc. before the OAA will transfer awarded funds. This can be in the form of a contract, MOU, or other written mechanism. 3)The agency shall maintain and provide, upon request, a list of individuals who receive program participation/completion gift cards. 4) Any revenue generated from this project will be used to supplement the operating expenses of the project, and any remaining OAA funds can be carried forward to offset future renewal requests to the OAA.							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Leveraging Workforce Needs	3	\$19,396.00	\$41,125.00	\$19,396.00	\$41,125.00	\$0.00	\$60,521.00
Project Summary: This project is recommended for a Year 3 renewal of \$41,125.00 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$19,396.00 to continue implementing an expanded workforce development initiative strengthening the capacity of students, professionals, and community partners to address substance use and opioid-related needs through prevention, treatment, recovery, and community-based services. This project leverages VSU's interdisciplinary academic programs, Virginia Cooperative Extension, community partnerships, experiential learning sites, and statewide networks to strengthen workforce pipelines and address identified needs.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://library.samhsa.gov/product/overdose-prevention-response-toolkit/pep23-03-00-001							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process; 2) The agency agrees to participate in OAA-led coordination and collaboration activities with other postsecondary institutions and relevant partners to identify opportunities for shared learning, resource leveraging, and alignment of workforce development efforts, consistent with the project scope.							
Project Title	Grant Year	Carryforward Requested	PP26-27 State Requested	Carryforward Recommended	PP26-27 State Recommended	Unrestricted Recommended	Total Recommended
Mobilization of Access for Underserved and Marginalized Communities	3	\$42,555.42	\$119,778.15	\$42,555.42	\$104,778.15	\$0.00	\$147,333.57
Project Summary: This VSU project is recommended for a Year 3 renewal of \$104,778.15 and recommended for PP 2025-2026 carryforward of \$42,555.42 to continue to increase access to opioid and substance use prevention, education, harm reduction, and support services among underserved marginalized populations. This project will also use mobile and community-based engagement strategies to meet individuals where they are, strengthen cross-sector partnerships, address barriers and stigma associated with substance use treatment, and connect individuals to appropriate prevention, treatment, recovery, and behavioral health resources.							
Evidence-Based Practice: https://library.samhsa.gov/product/overdose-prevention-response-toolkit/pep23-03-00-001							
Project Specific Contingencies: 1) Complete the PP 2026-2027 Annual Report/Carryforward Process;							