

OPIOID ABATEMENT PRIORITIES

DESCRIPTION

The Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2021 as an independent entity to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth through financial support from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance, for efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid use disorder and the misuse of opioids in the Commonwealth.

Financial assistance offered through the OAA consists of settlement funds paid to Virginia by prescription opioid manufacturers and companies in the prescription opioid distribution network. As of January 19, 2023, three national-level opioid settlements have been approved by Virginia state courts, resulting in payments to Virginia. The first was from McKinsey, a consulting and marketing company for just over \$13 million. The second settlement was part of a nationwide agreement that may reach a maximum of \$21 billion involving three wholesale distributors of prescription opioid medications (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen). The third was with opioid manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceutical which may be worth a nationwide maximum of \$5 billion.

Some portions, currently 30% of the settlements, are distributed directly to Virginia’s cities and counties, and the distributors’ settlement will provide annual payments until 2039.

OBJECTIVES

- To expand Crisis Intervention (CIT) programs.
- To maintain an updated inventory of organizations and resources for treatment and recovery.
- To develop comprehensive outpatient treatment programs.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 SUMMARY

Annual Fiscal Plan

Description	FY22 Actual	FY23 Original	FY24 Proposed	Change 23 to 24
Personnel	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 295,498	0.0%
Operation	0	0	0	0.0%
Capital	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 295,498	0.0%
Personnel Complement	0	0	3	3

*Positions reflected elsewhere in this budget document, see Sheriff and Mental Health narratives.

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The total FY24 budget for opioid abatement priorities is \$295,498. The budget is completely personnel supporting one Assistant Division Director in the Mental Health Substance Use Division (SUD) and two peer recovery specialists working in the Sherriff's Department. Revenue supporting these priorities comes from the opioid settlement funds. Settlement funds will be managed using a separate account code to better track revenues and uses.

Peer recovery specialists will provide additional support to the programs offered in the jail by giving recovering addicts support from an individual who has been in their shoes. The SUD Division Director will oversee the many efforts countywide that are currently fragmented while coordinating overdose responses, providing supervision to peer recovery specialists, and maintaining the county's 'Bounce Back' website and other outreach efforts.