



Hamilton County Innovative Response to Opioids Grants Opioid Settlement Funding Opportunity

Overview

Due to the extensive damage and loss of life caused by the opioid crisis that was brought on by the unethical and over-prescribing of opioid medications, the state of Tennessee will be receiving over \$1 billion over the next 18 years in settlement funds from several large corporations. Hamilton County has been allocated a portion of these funds, which will be received in annual payments. The Hamilton County Innovative Response to Opioids Grants Committee [Opioid Board] is currently inviting community organizations to apply for a portion of these funds for projects that have the main objective of saving lives.

Availability of Funds

The selection process for funding will utilize a competitive process, and the number of awards will be dependent on the amount of funds available for community grants purposes. The amount of funds available and dates of application submissions and awards may change if there are future community grant cycles. The amount of funds available for 2024-2025 will be \$200,000, and proposals will be accepted between Monday April 1st, 2024 and Friday April 26th, 2024 at 12 PM (ET).

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from any organization that serves residents of Hamilton County but will only be distributed to those that provide services that fall within the approved remediation uses set forth by the TN Opioid Abatement Council, listed below in Allowable Uses of Funds and outlined in [Exhibit E](#). If an applying organization is located outside of Hamilton County, funds will only be awarded to that organization if they are used to serve Hamilton County residents. The Opioid Board will dispense funds in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations that counties must adhere to when allocating funds to community organizations.

Required Documents for Application Submission

Proposals are due by **Friday April 26th, 2024 at 12 pm (ET)**, and must be submitted to the Hamilton County Mayor's Office by emailing opioidgrant@hamiltontn.gov with the following required documents:

- Application for funding
- Completed budget template
- Current annual operating budget
- State certification, licensure, or accreditation if applicable

- Letters of support from any project partners or collaborators if applicable (minimum of two)

Questions about the application can be directed to opioidgrant@hamiltontn.gov.

Selection and Award Process

The Opioid Board will review and score all applications received. Notice of award is expected to occur by **Friday May 17th, 2024**. Following the notice of award, the organizations will be contacted to discuss the contract process and specific metrics that must be reported back to the county.

If the total amount requested is higher than the total amount available for distribution, the applicant will be contacted to discuss possible project and/or budget revisions.

The funding period will be *12 months in duration* beginning **Monday July 1st 2024** unless an alternative project start date is agreed upon by the awardee and Hamilton County finance director.

Allowable Uses of Funds & Funding Restrictions

Awarded funds cannot be used for administrative or indirect costs. Activities must meet the definition of opioid remediation, be evidence-based strategies or promising practices, and align with the core strategies and allowable uses outlined by [Exhibit E](#). Core strategies include:

- Naloxone or other FDA-approved drugs to reverse opioid overdoses
- Medication-assisted Treatment (MAT) distribution and other opioid-related treatment
- Address the needs of pregnant and postpartum women
- Expanding treatment for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
- Treatment for incarcerated population
- Prevention programs
- Evidence-based data collection and research analyzing the effectiveness of the abatement strategies within the state

Requirements if Awarded Funding

Organizations awarded funding are required to:

- Utilize funds within the defined funding period as agreed upon in the contract. If those funds are not used as agreed in the contract the applicant may:
 - Return any remaining funds to the Opioid Board at the end of the funding period, OR
 - Request an extension to use the funds past the funding period, OR
 - Request an amendment to their current contract to use the remaining funds for additional strategies
- Ensure utilization of funds supplements, rather than supplants, existing funding
- Ensure all funds are used in alignment with remediation uses approved by the TN Opioid Abatement Council as described above
- Ensure funds are not used for administrative or indirect costs

- Provide data on program outputs, outcomes, impact, and effectiveness as determined by the Opioid Board
- Complete and submit required quarterly and annual reports to the county

Reporting Requirements

Organizations should provide **quarterly progress reports** to opiodgrant@hamiltontn.gov starting October 15th, 2024, or *14 days after the first project quarter* if an alternative start date is agreed upon. The reports must outline the following:

- Staff working on the project
- Community partners involved with the project
- Challenges and barriers experienced within the associated timeframe
- Successes experienced within the associated timeframe
- Anticipated next steps
- Strategies addressed
- Number of Hamilton County residents served with settlement funding
- All project-specific metrics determined by the Hamilton County Opioid Board

Additional reporting metrics may be identified by the Opioid Board and communicated at notice of award.

An **annual report** is to be provided following project close by July 15th, 2026 or *30 days after project close* if an alternative start date is agreed upon. The annual report must include all the above data and be submitted to opiodgrant@hamiltontn.gov.

Checklist of Required Documents:

- _____ Application for funding
- _____ Completed budget and budget narrative (template provided)
- _____ Current annual operating budget
- _____ State certification, licensure, or accreditation if applicable
- _____ Letters of support from any project partners or collaborators (2 minimum)