



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Spring Roundtable 3/5/2025

General Questions:

1. Will the OAFC Spring Roundtable minutes or video link be published?

- a. No. The 2025 OAFC Spring Roundtable was not recorded. However, the slides from the roundtable are published on our [Outreach webpage](#).

2. Why were the amounts allocated for the cities and counties so different from year one and year two?

- a. Funds available for distribution each year are based on the fluctuating payments from the settlement agreements and court orders which are unpredictable. Therefore, payments to cities and counties will vary depending on the money received throughout a year from each settlement agreement.

3. How do we know when disbursements for local governments are being made and when are they usually released?

- a. Due to the nature of the settlement agreements, the dates and amounts of disbursements to local governments vary from year to year. Each political subdivision (city/county) will be notified by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (TTSTC) when they can expect to receive a payment.

The first two subdivision disbursements went out in March 2023 (\$47.1M) and April 2024 (\$9.2M). We are currently working on the third disbursement and will update the [Political Subdivision Disbursement Dashboard](#) accordingly.

4. Are there guidelines that will be sent out on what are the best practices on utilizing the local government funds?

- a. We do not currently have plans to create guidelines covering the use of local government funds as the council does not have a role in determining how local funds should be used. By statute local governments are required to use the funds to address opioid-related harms in the community. In addition, political subdivisions must use the funds in a manner that is consistent with the settlement agreements which reference [Exhibit E – List of Opioid Remediation Uses](#). Local governments may use their discretion to spend their allocated share of the funds and are encouraged seek counsel with their legal representative for additional guidance on how they must comply with the above restrictions.

5. Are there any plans for OAFC distribution to Local Mental Health Authorities in Texas who provide outpatient substance use services?

- a. No, not at this time. However, Local Mental Health Authorities in Texas may be eligible to apply for future grant funding opportunities to support their services. We encourage these entities to review our Spring and Summer CORE grants when they are released.

6. Is there or will there be any public reporting on how hospital districts are using their funds?

- a. Hospital districts are required to submit regular reports to the OAFC on how they are using their funds for monitoring purposes as described in 34 TAC §16.222. Some settlement agreements require more detailed reporting but do not contain additional restrictions or criteria governing allowable uses. In the future we may consider making the information collected from Hospital Districts available to the public on our website.

7. Are there a portion of the settlement funds the Legislature authorizes? If so, how much?

- a. Yes. Fifteen percent of the total settlement amounts is required to be deposited in General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 5189, Opioid Abatement, which can only be appropriated to state agencies for opioid-related programs through the legislative process.

8. When will Legislative funds be disbursed?

- a. The Texas Legislature has the authority to decide how and when to spend funds in GRD Account No. 5189, Opioid Abatement.

9. Do the interest funds that accrue go back into the fund?

- a. Yes, interest accrued on balances being held by the State becomes part of the fund.

10. Are these funds open to all FDA approved overdose reversal agents?

- a. Yes, FDA approved overdose reversal agents are outlined in [Exhibit E – List of Opioid Remediation Uses](#) as an allowable use of the funds.

11. What efforts, if any, are being made to ensure that someone with lived experience in recovery is part of the Council and decision-making process?

- a. The Council appreciates this perspective and makes efforts to engage people with lived experience and their advocates in the work of the Council. In that vein, the council recently released a \$10 million grant opportunity to expand the peer-to-peer recovery specialist workforce. However, note that, per statute, Council members are appointed by the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Attorney General.

2024 Grant Opportunities:

12. What would be the process for becoming a subrecipient to help provide services and distribute Naloxone or provide Prevention services?

- a. The Naloxone Distribution grant and K-12 Prevention and Education grant were awarded in 2024. The process for selecting subrecipients will be determined by the grantees. Entities wishing to become a subrecipient should contact the grantee. For more information on past grants and awards, please visit our [About Grant Opportunities webpage](#).

13. Is there a list of regional subrecipients that have been determined by the single statewide recipient? Are we allowed to contact University Health in Bexar County and Texas A&M University Health Science Center for more information?

- a. A list of subrecipients is not available from OAFC. You may contact University Health in Bexar County and Texas A&M University Health Science Center for more information about the grants awarded to them.

2025 Grant Opportunities:

14. Do you have an estimated date for the release of the spring and summer NOFAs?

- a. We do not have specific dates for release of the spring and summer NOFAs at this time. We intend to publish the NOFA for the Spring CORE grants in mid-to-late spring, and the NOFA for the Summer CORE grants hopefully in summer.

We encourage you to check the Timeline on the [CORE Grants webpage](#) regularly for the most up-to-date information. Specific dates will be posted as they become available. Thank you for your patience.

15. Will there be meetings when each of the NOFAs are announced or webinars to ask questions about the opportunities?

- a. Once a NOFA is posted, we are unable to discuss the contents. However, each grant opportunity will include an open question period in which written questions may be submitted. The deadline for written questions and anticipated date of responses will be included in the schedule of events included in each Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Please

email questions regarding an active grant to oafc.nofa@cpa.texas.gov. Additionally, O AFC staff will be posting instructions on how to use the [Texas Opioid Grant Management System](#) when applying to grants.

16. Can you provide the link to the map of regions?

- a. Yes, the map of the regions along with the regional allocation is available in a downloadable pdf on our [CORE Grants webpage](#) titled “2025 O AFC Grant Issuance Plan: Regional Allocations, Award Amounts.”

17. Are you able to share high level eligibility requirements for the 2025 grants. For example, can for profit entities apply?

- a. According to the 2025 Grant Issuance Plan approved by the council January 8, eligible applicants for the Spring 2025 CORE grant include “Any entity that engages in business in Texas in accordance with 34 TAC 16.205 and has a physical address within the geographic boundary of the region of the available funding or provides services within the geographic boundary of the region.”

Specific eligibility requirements for each grant opportunity will be included in each NOFA when published.

18. Can people apply for both Spring and Summer grant opportunities?

- a. Yes.

19. If you receive a city or county allocation yearly, are you able to apply for the grants?

- a. Receiving a city or county allocation does not disqualify you from applying for a grant if you otherwise meet eligibility requirements.

20. Can CORE grant funds be used to fund local implementation of national or regional programs and an education offering?

- a. Allowable uses for grant funding will be outlined in the applicable NOFA.

21. Are multi-region applications acceptable for short-term core grants?

- a. Currently, as outlined in the approved 2025 Grant Issuance Plan, an applicant may apply for an award in multiple regions, but a separate application must be submitted for each region.

22. We have local chapters who are providing a lot of the direct service programming. As a state organization, can we send out applications for grants on behalf of those chapters?

- a. You may assist a local chapter with their application; however, the application must be executed by the legal entity which will be responsible for performance of the grant activities.

23. Does this mean that non-profits also cannot apply on their own?

- a. Any entity that engages in business in Texas in accordance with 34 TAC 16.205 and has a physical address within the geographic boundary of the region of the available funding or provides services within the geographic boundary of the region may be eligible to apply for a CORE grant. Specific eligibility requirements for each grant opportunity will be included in each NOFA.

24. We are physically located in one region, but we serve different regions across the state. Are we eligible to apply for multiple grants in different regions or can we only apply in the physical location we are in?

- a. Yes, currently eligible applicants may apply for an award in each region where they are physically located or provide services, but a separate application must be submitted for each region.

25. Will you consider guidelines in the NOFA to support telehealth entities? For example, how they may have physical clinics in one region, but serve other more rural regions - including uninsured individuals who typically face barriers in accessing care.

- a. Yes. Thank you for highlighting the need to consider this important question. We will review the eligibility and application requirements to provide additional guidance to address this issue. As noted above, currently eligible applicants may apply for an award in each region where they are physically located or provide services, but a separate application must be submitted for each region.