QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Fall Roundtable 10-08-2026

During the Opioid Abatement Fund Council (OAFC) Fall Roundtable on Oct. 8, 2026, program staff provided updates on the OAFC's work and included resources on how to engage with the program. Additionally, participants heard a presentation from UTHealth Houston on its recovery housing project, HEART, funded by the OAFC.

Below are the questions asked during the roundtable accompanied by the most accurate answers. Please note that there are two sections of this document: (1) Questions regarding OAFC updates answered by OAFC program staff, and (2) Questions regarding UTHealth Houston's presentation answered by UTHealth Houston.

Questions for OAFC:

1. **Are OAFC Settlement funds considered state funds?**
    a. Yes, OAFC settlement funds are considered state funds.

2. **When will there be more information about the grant opportunities outlined in the 2026 Grant Issuance Plan?**
    a. OAFC is actively working on this. Due to several transitions within the Comptroller's office, OAFC likely will not be able to release the first 2026 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for another month or two. This will be the Criminal Justice NOFA, and OAFC believes stakeholders will be pleased with its contents. After that, OAFC may revisit the 2026 Grant Issuance Plan to ensure it still aligns with realistic timelines. OAFC recognizes the high level of interest and need and appreciates everyone's patience as it works to be a responsible steward of these funds while also being responsive to both internal office transitions and external factors. Thank you for understanding.

3. **Will there be another OAFC roundtable this year?**
    a. OAFC will announce the next Roundtable through email communications. Historically, OAFC hosts a Roundtable every 3-6 months. Please stay tuned.

4. **Are applications open for the 2026 CORE grant for pregnant/post-partum women?**
    a. No, OAFC has not yet posted any grant opportunities outlined in the 2026 Grant Issuance Plan. OAFC appreciates your patience.

5. **Are the meeting slides available or a recording of the meeting?**
    a. OAFC will publish the slides from this roundtable along with a list of questions and answers on OAFC's Outreach webpage in the next two weeks.

6. **Are there available channels/opportunities for discussion with the OAFC to propose innovative strategies for recovery-related supports?**
    a. OAFC is always open to ideas from stakeholders on how to craft future grant opportunities. Please send your information to oafc.public@cpa.texas.gov.

7. **Why would a hospital district not accept the funds that OAFC has allocated to it? Perhaps due to a stigmatized policy or board?**
    a. Good question. We are not certain, but please encourage hospital districts to reach out to OAFC to receive their funds.

UTHealth Houston, who was awarded OAFC's statewide recovery housing grant, presented at the 2026 OAFC Fall Roundtable and answered questions from participants. The answers to participant questions below were provided by UTHealth Houston.

Questions on UTHealth Houston's HEART project:

1. **How many slots will be available to receive a housing partnership?**
    a. The final number will depend on how many homes each operator chooses to run, and the variable costs associated with different regions of the state.

2. **Do I need to already have a property under contract before applying?**
    a. No. You will not need to have property under contract to apply. However, you should have a clear plan for what you intend to do with estimated costs.

3. **Does the funding cover the costs for residents staying in the homes? If not, has there been any consideration of connection of income supports as part of the wraparound services?**

   No-cost housing will be provided to residents. Wrap-around services will vary based on what is made available by the house and in the community.

4. **What type of funding is available through your organization?**
   a. This information is being finalized and will be shared once the Request for Proposal (RFP) is shared.

5. **Does the application have a budget template?**
   a. This information is being finalized and will be shared once the RFP is shared.

6. **Are you working with the local CoCs (Continuums of Care) as this kicks off?**
   a. UTHealth Houston has not reached out to them yet but will consider doing so in the future.

7. **What does an individual without an existing organization need to have in place to be eligible to apply, and can funding cover acquiring or renovating the facility itself?**
   a. This information is being finalized and will be shared once the RFP is shared.

8. **Is the funding open to all MOUD-supportive housing programs or does the organization need to be a 501(c)(3)?**
   a. The funding is open to all organizations. A 501(c)(3) designation is not required.

9. **How can I reach out to UTHealth Houston to learn more or ask questions about project HEART?**
   a. To reach the UTHealth Houston HEART team, please email ProjectHeart@uth.tmc.edu.