



2026 OAFC Grant Issuance Plan

As Amended and Adopted by Council Dec. 9, 2025 and March 12, 2026

Background and Purpose

Opioid Abatement Fund Council program rules at 34 TAC 16.202 require the council to adopt a grant issuance plan that allocates funds among one or more grant cycles.

Spring 2026

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Targeted Grant Strategy: Opioid Abatement within the Criminal Justice System

Category: Treatment and Coordination of Care, Recovery Support Services, Workforce Development and Training, and Prevention and Public Safety.

Funding Amount: Up to \$25 million

Grant Term: 2 – 5 years

Targeted Funding Parameters / Strategy Description: Authorized use of funding is limited to strategies that support the expansion of services and treatment for incarcerated populations and individuals transitioning out of the criminal justice system, including pilot projects. Projects may focus on:

- Providing medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) to incarcerated individuals;
- Expanding warm-handoff programs that connect individuals transitioning out of the criminal justice system to MOUD and other wrap-around services;
- Increasing access to long-lasting injectable MOUD for inmates and individuals transitioning back to the community;
- Expanding access to MOUD in rural areas for individuals transitioning out of the criminal justice system, including those on parole or other supervision; and/or
- Other relevant opioid abatement needs for the criminal justice-involved population.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible Applicants include (1) state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of Texas (including cities, counties, school districts, state universities, and special districts) and (2) any other entity that engages in business in the State of Texas by (a) maintaining employees in the State of Texas or (b) having a fixed place of business in the State of Texas.

Applicants may be located outside the State of Texas when the grant application is submitted and reviewed, but the Applicant must demonstrate that it engages in business in the State of Texas as a condition of any grant award.

An Applicant is not eligible to participate in the program if any of the following apply:

- Applicant is (1) a defendant in any opioid abatement litigation involving the State of Texas and/or Texas local government entities or (2) affiliated with such a defendant and listed as a released party in any settlement agreement related to such opioid abatement litigation. Texas local government entities are eligible to participate in the program.
- Applicant is disqualified by any applicable rule or law from receiving an award.

Awards: There are no regional allocations nor statewide expectations and applicants are encouraged to propose projects with any geographical scope that would best address needs of the criminal-justice-involved population across the state, using strategies described above. The requested award amount must be at least \$250,000 and may not exceed \$2,500,000. Applications that meet requirements will be awarded on a competitive basis as available funding allows.

Fall 2026

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Community-based Opioid Recovery Effort (CORE) Multi-Year Regional Grants

Category: Treatment and Coordination of Care, Recovery Support Services, Workforce Training and Development, Prevention and Public Safety

Funding Amount: Up to \$75 million across all regions

Grant Term: Multi-year projects (3 – 5 years)

Description: Grants may be awarded for any council-approved category and strategy as provided by 34 TAC 16.201. The Council will give preference to grant proposals that expand access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and grants that prioritize the needs of pregnant and postpartum women, including:

- Increasing access to MOUD including Buprenorphine and Suboxone;
- Expanding Ambulatory-based EMS-driven induction and dosing programs;
- Funding and increasing the use of substance use navigators in healthcare settings;
- Expanding access to MOUD in rural areas; and/or
- Targeted OUD interventions for pregnant and postpartum women.

Regional Component Parameters: Available funding will be divided among the 20 Regional Health Care Partnership regions and allocated according to the percentages at 34 TAC 16.202 (e)(1)(A). Eligible applicants may apply for one award per region. Entities that provide services in

multiple regions may apply for one award in each region served. Separate applications must be submitted for each region. Applicants will be required to describe how the proposed project or use of funds will impact the specific region.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible Applicants include (a) state agencies and political subdivisions of the State of Texas (including cities, counties, school districts, state universities, and special districts) and (b) any entity that engages in business in Texas in accordance with Title 34, Section 16.205 of the Texas Administrative Code and (1) has a physical address within the geographic boundary of the Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) region in which the Applicant is requesting funding or (2) provides services within the geographic boundary of the RHP region in which the Applicant is requesting funding. Disqualifications and any other eligibility criteria will be described in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

Awards: Applications that meet requirements will be awarded on a competitive basis as available funding allows. The requested award amount may not exceed 50 percent of the total funds available for a region.