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Meeting**

**March 13, 2024**

# AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Quorum Declaration**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Office of Opioid Abatement: Director's Update**
- VI. Comprehensive District of Columbia Peer Network Planning**
- VII. Unfinished Business**
- VIII. New Business**
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Adjournment**

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# Office of Opioid Abatement: Director's Update

## Grantmaking Schedule for Opioid Abatement Awards Phase One

Recommendation Projects	Description	Funding Vehicle	Projected Initiation	Application Period Ends	Application Review Period
Prevention Media Campaign	Prevention media campaign implemented by contract Octane Public Relations, LLC using \$500,000 in funds.	Contract	Contract sent to Octane on 2/15/24	2/15/24	2/15/24
Expansion of Youth Treatment Services	Children's Hospital will expand its youth treatment services using \$384,026 from the Opioid Abatement Fund.	Grant	3/11/24	3/13/24	3/13/24
Housing Services for Post-SUD Treatment and Abstinence Based Housing (Environmental Stability)	Existing provider contracts for Environmental Stability beds will be modified as follows: Samaritan Inns 10 beds for singles, Samaritan Inns: 10 beds for pregnant or parenting women; Federal City: 10 beds for singles; and SOME: 10 beds for singles. \$101,880 per agency for 10 single beds and an additional \$120,00 to Samaritan Inns for Pregnant or Parenting Women. The Opioid Abatement total for this initiative is \$425,640.	Contract Modification	Modification under review	To be determined (TBD)	TBD
Enhancement of (FEMS) Overdose Response Team	Opioid Abatement Fund \$499,049.11 to FEMS to expand their Overdose Response Team, by hiring more peer community outreach specialists with an emphasis on the hiring of certified peer specialists in these positions. The original team is funded by SOR to the total of \$558,239.	MOU	MOU under review by FEMS	Application not needed for MOU process.	Application not needed for MOU process.
Faith-based Prevention	A new RFA will be posted for five faith-based subgrantees for \$100,000 per year for FY 24 and two option years. SOR funds for this initiative: \$150,000 for 3 subgrantees. For FY 24, only \$50,000 will be awarded to cover the remaining six months of the fiscal year. The Opioid Abatement budget total is \$250,000.	Grant	NOFA to be released on 3/22/24	4/22/2024	4/24/2024 One week review – 5/1/24

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Faith-based Prevention	Seven current faith-based subgrantees will receive up to \$40,000 based on their submitted budgets to cover 6 months until the end of FY 24. SOR funds for this initiative: \$360,000. The total Opioid Abatement budget is \$280,000.	Grant Modification	Modification Process To be completed by 3/21/24	3/11/24	3/11/24 One week review – 3/15/24
Expansion of Youth Peers at DC Prevention Centers	\$125,000 will be provided to 4 prevention centers for a total of \$500,000. This funding will be used to expand their youth advocate and peer training and outreach.	Grant Modification	Modification will be executed by 3/29/24	3/22/24	3/25-28/24
Contingency Management Pilot	Funding would be used to implement a contingency management pilot and would include the cost of incentives for 500 clients and support staffing.	Grant	Projected NOFA release date: 4/12/24	5/10/24	Week of 5/24/24
Establishment and Enhancement of Drop-in Centers with Peer Support	The recommendation provides funding for the establishment of a new drop-in center or enhancement of existing drop-in centers where District residents in need can go to receive peer support and get access to referrals to necessary services. Total funding for this award is \$350,000.	Grant	Projected NOFA release date: 4/12/24	5/10/24	Week of 5/24/24

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Engagement/ TA with physicians	Resources should be provided to facilitate DC agencies engagement with health care providers to educate them on best practices on supporting patients with opioid use disorders. The request was for the OCME to provide this training and agree to sent letters to prescribers and others to understand emergent trends in opioid toxicology and how they can intervene effectively with patients as well as concerns highlighted in the Opioid Fatality Review Board.	Contract (Currently under development)	4/30/24	5/28/24	5/29/24 One week review – 6/5/24
Supplemental funds for Community-Based Organizations providing Opioid Remediation Services	Supplemental financial support for community based or other non-governmental groups doing opioid abatement work to increase capacity or impact.	Grant (Currently under development)	4/30/24	5/28/24	5/29/24 One week review – 6/5/24

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Mobile methadone medication units	Issue an RFA to utilize the revised federal guidelines to initiate a mobile methadone service operated by an existing certified methadone program using a van or other vehicle. Extend treatment sites to SUD facilities, shelters, and encampments and where hard-to-reach groups congregate. Provide all FDA-approved MOUD, counseling and harm reduction supplies like Narcan, test strips, clean needles, and wound care materials. Success and sustainability will be supported by active stakeholder engagement and a robust financial strategy that includes Medicaid billing.	Grant (Currently under development)	Projected NOFA release date: June 2024	N/A	N/A
Temporary Housing and Wrap-Around Services for Unsheltered Individuals with SUD	Initial funding to acquire or refurbish a facility for 15-20 beds, including office space and a communal area. Provide comprehensive onsite services akin to DCs PEP-V program from COVID. Private rooms with amenities, three meals plus snacks, and 24/7 security. Daily primary care and 24-hour mental health support. Access to medical and community transportation, linkage to care, and support for accessing community services and long-term support. Housing-focused case management with permanent housing exit planning. Staffed by people with lived experience, clinicians and peers for clinical, psychosocial support, and skill-building. Find a site.	Contract (Currently under development)	Projected Contract release date: June 2024	N/A	N/A

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Housing Services for Post-SUD Treatment and Non-Abstinence Based (Harm Reduction/Housing First) Housing	Funding housing services for both “abstinence-based” housing and “abstinence not required” housing. Abstinence-based housing funding could cover 18 months of group housing living costs or/until permanent housing is available. “Abstinence not required” funding could cover the cost of living in individual or congregate settings for those who do not meet the eligibility criteria for permanent housing vouchers funded through HUD or DBH. Currently SOR provides \$779,487 to low-barrier housing.	Still considering other housing opportunities for Opioid Abatement Funding	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expansion of Harm Reduction Vending Machines	There are currently 7 harm reduction vending machines in the District with more to be established with funds from the State Opioid Response grant. This recommendation could provide more funds to potentially purchase even more machines or cover tangential costs. SOR funding has \$269,646 allocated for this initiative.	MOU (Under consideration)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expansion of Harm Reduction Marketing	This recommendation would fund the expansion of social marketing of LiveLongDC campaigns at venues in high-risk areas of opioid and substance use. This funding would allow for more targeted work to occur in these high-risk areas, including more advertising on more billboards, buses and in establishments found in these areas, such as smoke shops, clubs and social venues, and hair/barber shops. Currently, SOR provides \$1,694,287 to harm reduction marketing.	Contract (Under consideration)	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Grantmaking Schedule

- Current projected funding amount is \$3,338,715.11.
- All new grant opportunities will be released with a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and a pre-application conference scheduled a week from the NOFA release date. These conferences will provide valuable technical assistance regarding the grant process to potential applicants.
- In addition, the Office recommends the Commission conduct two public community forums to engage the community and provide more information on the new and upcoming grants.
- These public community forums should be scheduled during the months of April and May.

# Reporting Schedule

- According to DC Code § 7-3213.8.C, the Office must provide quarterly reports of Fund expenditures and Fund balance.
- These quarterly reports will include the following data:
  - Budget Category
  - Organization
  - Approved Budget
  - First Quarter Expenditures
  - Second Quarter Expenditures
  - Third Quarter Expenditures
  - Fourth Quarter Expenditures
  - Cumulative Expenditures
  - Balance

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# NEW BUSINESS



# PUBLIC COMMENTS

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