

Baldwin County Opioid Settlement Funding Eligibility and Program Standards

1. Funding Recipient General Eligibility Standards

To receive Opioid Settlement program funding consideration by Baldwin County Commission, prospective organizations must specialize in community based, social need intervention programs, and possess existing case management relationships within the local community. Further, organizations must demonstrate adherence to professional and ethical standards and possess the professional skill necessary to support Baldwin County residents in addressing cases of substance abuse addiction. Interested organizations must provide documentation demonstrating successful implementation of evidence-based intervention programs within Baldwin County, including measurable outcomes or evaluation summaries.

2. Funding Recipient Eligibility

Eligible applicants for Opioid Settlement Grants include non-profit organizations or governmental entities or divisions thereof that serve populations in Baldwin County. Non-profit organizations must have a 501(c)(3) classification that is in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and current on required filings. Individuals and For-Profit entities are ineligible. Additional eligibility parameters include:

- Entities receiving funding through the county must be the same organization identified in an application. There shall be no pass-through contracts or payments made to individuals or consultants for the purpose of carrying out the program roles for which an entity requests funding.
- Entities must have engaged in provision of substance addiction intervention services to the public for no less than 12 months from the time of application, which corresponds to nationally recognized guidance for states, counties, and cities receiving opioid settlement funds. Organizations seeking funds through the County must provide documentation with their application verifying they possess equivalent experience.
- Applicants must certify that all services funded under this program will be delivered directly by the applying organization unless otherwise approved in writing by the County.

3. Acceptable Intervention Practices for Eligible Providers

In allocating the Baldwin County Commission's Opioid Settlement funds to address abatement and reduction of impacts from the opioid crisis, funded proposals addressing opioid misuse, addiction, and overdose, must align with one or more of three target focus areas, including prevention, treatment, and recovery. Additionally, participating providers must be trained in how to measure and document program outcomes; staff must be trained in monitoring and reporting outcomes.

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Reflecting priorities described in the 2025 Annual Report of the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council, intended impacts addressing the opioid crisis through prevention, treatment, and recovery programs correspond to the following core activities:

- Enhancing recovery infrastructure through expanded peer recovery services, such as supportive counseling and interventions;
- Building a skilled, supported, recovery support services workforce through enhancing provider training and professional development in addiction medicine, safe prescribing, and referral to approved crisis treatment facilities;
- Strengthening prevention and community education interventions, such as evidence-based prevention programs in schools, workplaces, and community settings.

The County will apply oversight and program monitoring to ensure accountability and responsible stewardship of funds by selected organizations pursuing these priority activities. Documented uses of program funds must facilitate transparent, quantifiable, and evidence-based outcomes. Funded intervention programs must provide documentation of achieving target outcomes within Baldwin County communities.

Programs must utilize evidence-based or evidence-informed models recognized by national, state, or peer-reviewed sources.

4. Eligible Activity Cost Centers for Target Intervention Programs

The Alabama Department of Mental Health offers resources to public agencies receiving opioid settlement funds concerning substance abuse intervention programs. Accepted focus areas of opioid-related intervention programs address community needs, and include:

Prevention and Education: Programs aimed at youth education, medical education for addiction treatment (e.g., via the Alabama Society of Addiction Medicine), and community outreach projects. Prevention strategies include:

- Interventions targeting youth and / or adults;
- Hosting public training sessions and education events;
- Distribution of training and education materials;
- Drug take-back and safe-disposal programs.

Treatment Services: Funding for residential detox, co-occurring civil commitment beds, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), and pediatric or adolescent substance abuse treatment. Treatment strategies include:

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- Provision of medical field-endorsed treatment services to youth and adults;
- Distribution of Narcan kits;
- Hosting public training events and sessions;

Recovery Support: Support for recovery housing, certified addiction counseling, and programs targeting families, specifically grandparents raising grandchildren due to opioid use. Recovery support strategies include:

- Hosting support groups and family counseling sessions;
- Hosting public awareness sessions and events;
- Distribution of Narcan kits.

Capital expenditures must be directly tied to opioid-related program delivery and must receive prior County approval.

5. Grant Compliance

The Baldwin County Commission assumes oversight in maintaining full compliance with conditions of the County's Opioid Settlement Agreement funding through the Alabama United Opioid Litigation Allocation Agreement. Full transparency and accountability must be demonstrated by the organizations which receive a pass-through of the County's settlement funds. Each must demonstrate the efficacy of their program's performance through documentation and transparent reporting of the evidence-based intervention outcomes achieved.

Recipients of funding must also create, collect, and retain for inspection by the County, its authorized agent, or any examiner with the State of Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts, all appropriate financial records, including original invoices, canceled checks, cash receipts and other supporting documents, as deemed necessary to validate receipt of funds from the County and for verification of the eligibility of intervention program expenditures. All such financial records and supporting documents will be retained and made available as requested by the County for a period of not less than three (3) years from termination or expiration of an award agreement.

To assess fulfillment of target evidence-based performance outcomes by funded organizations, the County may utilize opioid settlement funds for administrative and performance monitoring as deemed necessary to verify a funded intervention program's conformance with eligible opioid addiction intervention activities. Such monitoring may include interdepartmental transfers to support staff time and rely upon services of qualified clinical or subject-matter reviewers designated by the County in the review of

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programmatic reports, and to validate an interventions' alignment with accepted, target opioid-related education, prevention, and treatment outcomes.

Failure to comply with reporting or documentation requirements may result in suspension or termination of funding.

6. Award Requirements

Organizations receiving a portion of the County's Opioid Settlement funds must agree to the following terms and conditions in consideration of the award of funds. Specific terms will be included in County-executed grant agreements:

- Grantee and Grantee's Representative signed below, certify by the execution of this agreement that no part of the funds awarded by the County pursuant to this agreement shall be passed through to another entity, consultant, or individual that is not specifically identified or described in the scope of the work of this agreement.

- Grantee and Grantee's Representative signed below, certify by execution of this agreement that no part of the funds awarded by the County pursuant to this agreement nor any part of the services, products, or any item or thing of value whatsoever purchased or acquired with said funds shall be paid to, used by, or used in any way whatsoever for the personal benefit of any member or employee of any government whatsoever or family member of any of them, including federal, state, county, and municipal and any agency or subsidiary of any such government; and further certify that neither the Grantee nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employee, or parties in interest has in any way colluded, conspired, or connived with any member of the governing body or employee of the governing body, or any other public official or public employee, in any manner whatsoever, to secure or obtain this agreement and further certify that, except as expressly set out in the scope of work or services of this agreement, no promise or commitment of any nature whatsoever of anything of value and no benefit whatsoever has been made or communicated to any such governing body member or employee or official as inducement or consideration for this agreement.

Grantee must notify the County, in writing, to describe any material changes to program staffing, scope, budget, or service delivery during the grant period.

7. Reporting

Recipients must document and report evidence-based impacts achieved through their utilization of settlement funds. Structured monitoring and reporting will be required.

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For each award, recipients must submit two financial and performance reports during the twelve-month period of performance:

- Six-month interim report
- Ten-month report, which may support additional annual funding if requested.
Report summarizes results and certifies that grant funds were used as intended.

Reports must include documentation correlating to quantifiable metrics, which may include but are not limited to:

- Number of individuals directly or indirectly served;
- Services provided;
- Challenges and adjustments;
- Budget-to-actual expenditures;
- Description of direct/indirect benefits to County systems;
- Number of individuals receiving training, or attending public information sessions;
- Number of individuals receiving educational, program outreach materials.

8. Annual Renewal Review

Funded organizations may request renewal of intervention program funding, annually. Requests must be received at least two (2) months before the agreement end date.

County reviews of renewal requests will assess:

- Evidence-based program performance against scope of work;
- Compliance with reporting requirements;
- Expenditure alignment with approved budget.

Renewal of an annual funding agreement between the County and a recipient organization **is not guaranteed**, and will be based on program performance, compliance by the recipient as documented through required formal financial and performance reporting, achievement of target outcomes within local communities, and continued availability of Opioid Settlement program funding to the County.