



ADAMS COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Grant Program Guidelines

1. Purpose

To support evidence-based and community-driven initiatives across Adams County that prevent opioid misuse and expand access to treatment. The Adams County Opioid Settlement Funds Grant program is available annually to providers of services in Adams County. This grant program is supported by the funds received by Adams County and administered by the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust in alignment with the National Opioid Settlement.

2. Eligible Applicants

All organizations who serve Adams County residents are eligible to apply. Examples of eligible applicants include but are not limited to:

- Local healthcare providers including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics;
- Licensed substance-use disorder (SUD) treatment providers;
- Community-based non-profit organizations which provide SUD counseling or treatment services.

3. Approved Use Categories (Aligned with Opioid Settlement Guidelines)

Projects must fall under at least one of the approved opioid abatement uses, as referenced in Exhibit E – List of Opioid Remediation Uses. Examples of eligible uses of funds include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)

- Expanding access to FDA-approved medications for OUD (e.g., buprenorphine, methadone, etc.);
- Integrating Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) into primary care and behavioral health settings; and
- Expansion of telehealth services for underserved populations.

B. Prevention of Opioid Misuse

- Community outreach, education, and stigma reduction efforts;
- School-based prevention programs that are age-appropriate and evidence-informed; and
- Safe prescribing initiatives and provider training.

C. OUD Recovery Support Services

- Housing supports (e.g., recovery housing, etc.);
- Peer support and mentoring programs; and
- Transportation assistance for treatment and recovery appointments.

D. Harm Reduction

- Naloxone distribution and overdose response training;
- Where permitted, syringe service programs; and
- Fentanyl test strip distribution.

E. Criminal Justice Initiatives

- Pre-arrest diversion and deflection programs, including co-responder and/or alternative responder models;
- Medication continuity for incarcerated populations; and
- Reentry and transition services.

F. Research and Evaluation

- Community needs assessments; and
- Outcome tracking and data integration with state health systems.

4. Ineligible Expenses

- Capital construction or facility acquisition;
- Marketing unrelated to Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) services; and
- Political lobbying or campaign activities.

5. Funding Priorities

Priority will be given to applications that:

- Serve historically underserved populations, including rural and minority Communities;

- Demonstrate continuity with Adams County Policies and Objectives;
- Leverage matching or braided funding from local/state/federal sources;
- Implement promising evidence-based practices; and/or
- Do not supplant existing public funding.

6. Grant Amounts and Duration

- **Typical Awards:** \$50,000 to \$100,000
- **Grant Term:** 12 months; multi-year grants may be awarded in 12-month increments (12, 24, or 36)

7. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- Project narrative with goals, objectives, and timeline;
- Detailed budget and justification, including an administrative costs cap of 3%;
- Letters of support from community partners;
- Plans for sustainability; and
- Evaluation metrics and data collection methods.

8. Performance Monitoring

Grantees will be required to:

- Report quarterly on expenditures, activities, and performance metrics;
- Participate in annual audits and program reviews;
- Submit a Final Report no later than January 31st of the year following the completion of the project; and
- Comply with all relevant state and federal grant management regulations.

Scoring Rubric: Adams County Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Program

Criteria	Points	Description
Problem Statement & Needs Assessment	15	Clear description of the opioid-related needs in the target community. Includes relevant data (e.g., overdose rates, treatment gaps, etc.).
Alignment with Funding Priorities	20	Project clearly aligns with one or more of the funding priorities as listed in Section 5 of the Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Program Guidelines.
Project Design & Implementation Plan	15	Well-defined goals, objectives, activities, and timeline. Includes evidence-based practices and a clear staffing and implementation strategy.
Equity & Accessibility	10	Demonstrates how the program will address health disparities, serve high-need or underserved populations, and ensure cultural and linguistic access.
Collaboration & Partnerships	10	Includes meaningful partnerships with community organizations, government entities, or lived-experience experts. Includes letters of support.
Evaluation & Performance Metrics	10	Strong plan for measuring impact and outcomes. Includes data collection strategy and alignment with Trust reporting requirements.
Sustainability Plan	10	Identifies how services will continue post-grant. Leverages additional funding or includes long-term financing strategies.
Budget & Cost Effectiveness	10	Budget is clear, reasonable, and justified. Demonstrates cost-effective use of funds and compliance with administrative cap.
Total Possible Score	100	

Review Process

- Applications will be scored by the Adams County Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee. All awards will be approved by the Adams County Board of Commissioners.
- Each application must score a **minimum of 70 points** to be considered for funding.
- Questions about the application process may be directed to acosf@adamscountypa.gov or contact the Adams County Commissioner’s Office at 717-337-9820.