

# Oversight Commission on Alabama Opioid Settlement Funds

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# Round 1

## Prevention Grant Outcomes

Through Opioid Settlement Fund Prevention Grants, providers collectively reported the following outcomes:

- 323 adults, 294 youth, and 617 individuals total were directly provided a prevention strategy
- 126 Narcan kits were distributed
- 1,000 fentanyl test strips were distributed
- 50 trainings and educational events were held
- 3,825 media imprints were made or materials were distributed
- 13 pounds of medications were collected through the Drug Take Back Program

# Round 1

## Treatment Grant Outcomes

Through Opioid Settlement Fund Treatment Grants, providers collectively reported the following outcomes:

- 388 adults, 103 youth, and 491 total were directly served
- 4,094 individual treatment services were provided
- 950 Narcan kits were distributed
- 52 events were held, along with 20 training sessions

# Round 1

## Recovery Grant Outcomes

Through Opioid Settlement Fund Recovery Grants, providers collectively reported the following outcomes:

- 5,790 adults were directly served
- 2,053 unique individual services were provided
- 166 Narcan kits were distributed
- 149 support groups or family coaching sessions were held
- 58 public awareness sessions or events were hosted
- 13 training events were held

# Round 1 – Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Grants

Below is a brief status update of the 32 grants from Round 1.

CATEGORY	PREVENTION	TREATMENT	RECOVERY	TOTAL
Three (3) awardees spent \$0, and funding has been re-allocated to treatment.	2	1	0	3
Seven (7) awardees spent 20% or less of original award. Awardees placed on six-month spending deadline.	0	6	1	7
Eleven (11) awardees either did not apply for Round 2 continuation funding or lacks sufficient progress/outcomes for continuation funding	5	4	2	11
Eleven (11) awardees will receive Round 2 continuation funding	4	2	5	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>32</b>

# Round 2

## Medicaid State Match Funding - \$2,000,000

The current level of Medicaid match dollars in the General Fund for certified providers is running out mid-year. Thanks to the \$2 million appropriation from the Opioid Settlement Fund, certified substance use providers were able to continue services to Medicaid-eligible individuals throughout the year.

## Residential Detox Funding - \$1,000,000

ADMH issued an RFP for these services, and WellStone was awarded the RFP. With this funding, WellStone will add 16 residential detox treatment beds for individuals with opioid, benzodiazepine, or alcohol use disorders.

# Round 2

## 988 Funding – \$3,000,000

With \$3 million in Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated to ADMH for 988, four call centers were funded. The appropriation affords the Call Centers the resources to expand staffing and hours of operation.

The appropriation was distributed throughout the following Call Centers:

- Region I (Northern Alabama) – WellStone – \$660,000
- Region II (North Central Alabama) – JBS/The Crisis Center, Inc – \$750,000
- Regions III/IV (Central Alabama & Wiregrass) – SpectraCare – \$930,000
- Region IV (South Alabama) – AltaPointe – \$660,000

Thanks to this funding, **the in-state answer rate improved to 82.5% in October 2024.** In October 2023, the in-state answer rate was 71.1%.

# Round 2

## Prevention and Improved Outcomes Funding – \$1,100,000

ADMH added the \$1,100,000 appropriated to “prevention and improved outcomes” to the \$1,600,000 prevention services (20%) within the “prevention, treatment, and recovery grants” line item.

This totals \$2.7 million in prevention services that was RFP’d for Round 2 Prevention Grants.



# Round 2 – Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Grants

CATEGORY	% OF \$9.1M	MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNT	# OF PROPOSALS	# OF PROPOSALS AWARDED
<b>PREVENTION</b>	30%	\$2,749,200.00	13	12
<b>TREATMENT</b>	61%	\$5,600,000.00	25	12
<b>RECOVERY</b>	9%	\$800,000.00	31	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$9,149,200.00</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>41</b>



Awards were capped: Prevention \$75,000, Treatment \$350,000, and Recovery \$150,000.

# Round 2 – Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Grants

CATEGORY	MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	AMOUNT AWARDED	FUNDS MOVED TO RECOVERY	FINAL REMAINING FUNDS
<b>PREVENTION</b>	\$2,749,200	\$900,000	\$747,500	\$1,101,700
<b>TREATMENT</b>	\$5,600,000	\$3,743,000	\$747,500	\$1,109,500
<b>RECOVERY</b>	\$800,000	\$2,295,000	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,149,200</b>	<b>\$6,938,000</b>	<b>\$1,495,000</b>	<b>\$2,211,200</b>

# Veterans Pilot Program Update

RESPONSE TYPE	RESPONSE NUMBER
Complete RFI Responses	10
Incomplete RFI Responses	10
Asked for Extension, but never received RFI Response	1
<b>Total RFI Responses</b>	<b>21</b>

# Veterans Pilot Program Update

ORGANIZATION TYPE	NUMBER OF CONTACTS
Veterans Nonprofits	3
Veterans Mental Health or Physical Healthcare Provider	3
University of Alabama Veterans Researchers or Programs	3
Family Member	1
ADMH Certified Provider	2
ADMH Community Mental Health Center	8
Healthcare Provider	1
<b>TOTAL ENGAGEMENTS</b>	<b>21</b>

# Lessons Learned

Below is a summary of challenges or lessons learned from distributing two rounds of prevention, treatment, and recovery grants:

- Some organizations need more hands-on assistance
- Cap awards to maximum amounts in each category
- Train providers on how to measure outcomes, and train ADMH staff on monitoring outcomes

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