

Oversight Commission on Alabama Opioid Settlement Funds

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Round 1 – Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Grants

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
TOTAL	11	13	8	32

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 2 – Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Grants

CATEGORY	# OF PROPOSALS	# OF PROPOSALS AWARDED
PREVENTION	13	12
TREATMENT	25	12
RECOVERY	31	17
TOTAL	69	41

Lessons Learned

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
 - Awards were capped: Prevention \$75,000, Treatment \$350,000, and Recovery \$150,000
- Train providers on how to measure outcomes, and train ADMH staff on monitoring outcomes

One of the goals of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process was to encourage grant applications from nontraditional providers and to increase the number of organizations certified or approved by ADMH.

Now, **more than 25 new and unique organizations** can be certified to serve more Alabamians, in their communities, in addition to the existing providers awarded grants.

Veterans Pilot Program Update

RFP Timeline

- **RFP Release:** Published on February 7
- **RFP Questions:** Questions were due February 21, and Answers are currently posted to website
 - <https://mh.alabama.gov/veterans-mental-health-steering-committee/>
- **RFP Responses Due:** Submit responses via email by March 24, 2025

Veterans Pilot Program Update

RFP Selection Committee

- ADMH will offer the members of the Veterans Mental Health Steering Committee the opportunity to volunteer to be on the RFP Selection Committee.
- ADMH will ensure the membership of the RFP Selection Committee reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.
- **Fifty percent of the individuals on the selection committee must be veterans**, and the remaining members shall have backgrounds in behavioral healthcare services or administration.
- No one on the Selection Committee can be employed by, on the board of, or contracted with an organization applying for funds.

Co-occurring Civil Commitment Beds

\$800,000 (Round 1) and \$2.2 million (Round 2) of Opioid Settlement funds will be matched by counties to expand co-occurring civil commitment beds.

Pilot Projects:

- Chambers County: To add four (4) additional beds to the existing 12-bed Crisis Residential Unit at \$400/day. The current commitment is \$100,000 from Chamber County Commission and \$100,000 from Opelika City Council for three (3) years.
- Blount County: To add two (2) additional beds at Hillcrest Hospital (\$850/day).
- Escambia County: The Community Mental Health Center working to stand up a 16-bed Crisis Residential Unit to serve multiple counties.

Working with Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center to expand Mobile Crisis services to Walker and Fayette Counties.

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