

Dauphin County Opioid Remediation Grant Process Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I have questions about the grant application? Who should I contact?

A: Please direct all inquiries to:

Financial Inquiries should be directed to:
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Q: Who is eligible for grants?

A: Eligible Sponsors/Recipients

1. Dauphin County (must be authorized by the Board of Commissioners)
2. Municipalities with 10,000 residents or above (based on 2019 US Census estimates): Lower Paxton Township, Harrisburg City, Derry Township, Susquehanna Township, Swatara Township, and West Hanover Township.
3. Municipalities below 10,000 residents but only if their application is joined in by an eligible sponsor/recipient identified in (1) – (2).
4. Non-Municipal Entities that will use monies it receives through the Distributor Settlement solely for the purposes provided therein but only if their application is joined in by an eligible sponsor/recipient identified in (1) – (2).
5. Applicants who have received previous funding through the Opioid Remediation Grant program may only re-apply if they document program or project success from the previous award. Applicants that also participate in the Dauphin County Comparative Effectiveness Research Program must show outcome measures in line with the program.

NOTE: Additional information on success and performance measurement can be found in Appendix D.

Q: I have a project idea, but my organization is not a municipality. Can I still apply?

A: Non-municipal entities may apply if they have an eligible sponsor for its application or the application will be rejected. The Dauphin County Board of Commissioners will sponsor, for eligibility purposes only, grant applications submitted by municipalities with less than 10,000 residents and non-municipal entities. All applications must include written evidence in the

application submission that the application is sponsored or joined by an eligible sponsor on or before the application deadline. If County sponsorship has been requested, the letter requesting county sponsorship should be included with the application.

Q: I represent a municipal authority, is the authority eligible to apply?

A: No unless its application is sponsored by an eligible municipality or Dauphin County. Municipal authorities are not "municipalities" for purposes of this grant. In the Opioid Remediation grant process, municipal authorities are considered non-municipal entities and require sponsorship in order to seek grant funds.

Q: How can I learn about the requirements related to sponsorship?

A: Review the Guidelines for Sponsorship of the Opioid Remediation Grant which can be obtained from the County's website.

Q: How much will be available in grants?

A: As part of the \$26 billion national settlement, which is intended to resolve several thousand lawsuits against drug manufacturer Johnson & Johnson, which is based in New Jersey, and the country's three major pharmaceutical distributors: AmerisourceBergen, which is headquartered in Conshohocken, Texas-based McKesson, and Cardinal Health in Ohio, Dauphin County will receive an allocation of funds. The companies have not admitted any wrongdoing under the settlement agreement.

The Pennsylvania Allocation is based on input from a Working Group of Local Government Stakeholders, Counsel and Treatment Community Voices and the allocation will be established as a Trust that cannot be amended later. The total dollars allocated to Pennsylvania is \$1,070,609,642 with 70% allocated to counties based on metrics i.e., overdose deaths, hospitalizations, naloxone administrations, and Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME), 15% to Litigating Counties, Subdivisions, DAs, and Special Districts, and 15% controlled by the Legislature. The anticipated allocation to Pennsylvania Counties is \$700 million and the value to Dauphin County approximates \$11,206,674 (assumes overall County allocation of \$700 million) over the course of the settlement.

Q: How much will one municipality be able to secure?

A: All applicants should carefully consider the amount of funding requested in the Opioid Remediation Grant Application submitted. In order to enhance the impact and maximize the reach of the funding available, Dauphin County has established the following recommended grant amounts to guide potential applicants:

- Municipalities with populations of 10,000 residents or more – a total request of not more than \$40,000 in a single grant cycle.
- Municipalities with populations under 10,000 residents – a total request of not more than \$15,000 in a single grant cycle.

- Other non-municipal entities – a total request of not more than \$75,000 in a single grant cycle.
- Applicants submitted jointly by any two or more entities – a total request of not more than \$150,000 in a single grant cycle.

While a maximum grant amount has not been established, the program guidelines provide guidance for formulating requests. Applicants who seek funds in excess of recommended grant amounts will be asked to provide justification for the request in their application.

Q: When are grant applications due and what is the timeline of the application process and award?

A: The 2022-2023 Opioid Remediation Grant cycle opens October 2023 and all application must be postmarked or delivered no later than the close of business at 4:30 PM on January 31, 2024. No exceptions will be granted. Notification of awards will take place between March and May 2024.

Q: Are there any steps I must take before applying?

A: All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule a pre-application conference with the program consultants and/or staff for the Dauphin County Opioid Remediation Advisory Board to discuss the applicant’s project or program.

Q: Where should we send our applications?

A: Please send all applications to:

Dauphin County Health and Human Services
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Q: How many copies should we send?

A: Please include 5 paper copies. Please do not submit applications by email.

Q: Should we provide anything beyond the requirements in the application?

A: We will accept any additional items that will be helpful in the review and consideration of the application, including news articles and photographs related to the project.

Q: Who will award the grants?

A: The Dauphin County Commissioners, with the advice of the Dauphin County Opioid Remediation Advisory Board.

Q: What is the process for approving grants?

A: Applications will be reviewed. This will determine whether grant applications satisfy eligibility. The Opioid Advisory Board reserves the right to schedule follow-up hearings to ensure all questions about applications are satisfied. The Advisory Board reserves the right to excuse applicants from hearings or to set a funding amount threshold for hearings. The lack of a hearing will have no bearing on the consideration of applications. A final grant review will take place. Grant awards will be announced during a public meeting of the Dauphin County Commissioners. A grant agreement will be presented to applicants that receive an award including terms deemed appropriate by the county.

Q: How will gaming funds be transferred to those projects that are selected?

A: Once applicants execute the grant agreement, they submit monthly invoices to receive grant award fundings.

Q: Must projects that receive grant awards begin immediately?

A: Applicants must spend the funds within 1 year of the execution of the grant agreement.