OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

ORF Council Chair, Tiffinee Scott,, welcomed advisory council members and those viewing the meeting as members of the public.

Members present: Emily Keller, Marian Bland, Lauren Levy, Tiffinee Scott, Marcus Webster, Kristin Thomas, Carlos Hardy, Meghan Westwood, Howard Ashkin, Brian Edmunds (AG's Designee)

Members not in attendance: Tricia Roddy, Dr. David Myles, AG Anthony Brown and Delegate Samuel Rosenberg

Council staff: Teresa Heath

II. Motion to Approve January Meeting Minutes

ORF council approves minutes

III. ORF Grant Overview

Presented by Khalil Cutair, OOCC Grants Program Coordinator

- 15% to State Allocation for distribution by the State (15% of all annual payments)
  - $11,571,475.81 in year 1 & 2
  - Represented by $5,017,689.12 in FY 24
- 15% State Discretionary Abatement Fund for distribution via a competitive grant program
  - $11,571,475.81 per year 1 & 2 payment schedule
  - Represented by $5,017,689.12 in FY 24
- 45% Targeted Abatement Grants for distribution to local abatement funds
  - Represented by the $24,372,211.51 ($10,208,058.98 & $14,164,152.53) in the year 1+2 payment schedule
  - Represented by $8,783,031.06 in FY 24

- Called “Base” funding in the State Subdivision Agreement - allocated to subdivisions based on the Subdivision Allocation Percentage

Eligible Entities

- 15% to State Allocation
  - State and local government, grassroots, community and non-profit organizations are eligible for grants from this fund. Local government, grassroots, community, and non-profit organizations organizations are eligible at the discretion of the secretary
- 25% to State Discretionary Abatement Fund
  - Called “Incentive” funding in the State-Subdivision Agreement
  - State and local government, grassroots, community and non-profit organizations are eligible for grants from this fund.State, grassroots, community, and non-profit organizations organizations are eligible at the discretion of the secretary
  - Uses evaluation criteria inclusive of the requirements identified in the State-Subdivision Agreement
  - Granting procedures expanded from the OOCC’s competitive grant program
- 75% to Targeted Abatement Grants
  - Called “Base” funding in the State-Subdivision Agreement - this is allocated to counties and subdivisions based on the Subdivision Allocation Percentage
  - Grants to subdivisions require a grant application including a local abatement plan
  - Granting procedures expanded from the OOCC’s block grant program

Grant Procedure Update

  - Single and multi-year period of performance
  - Targeted Abatement Grant funds provided on a reimbursable basis, quarterly reports on expenditures performance
  - State Discretionary Abatement Funds announcements and allocation by priority area
  - State Allocation announcement releases to state entities
    - Follow guidelines of State Discretionary Abatement Funds

IV. Discussion

Presented by Tiffinee Scott, Council Chair

Due to technical difficulties, most council members were not able to access the poll through WebEx. A poll was sent following the meeting and results will be shared with the public.

- **Priorities Listed in Order Based on Poll Results**
    - Promote Comprehensive Care Coordination
    - Support Recovery Communities
    - Improve Statewide Infrastructure for Opioid Initiatives
    - Increase Awareness of Substance Use Disorder
    - Promote Youth Resiliency
    - Expand Harm Reduction Services
    - Expand Access to Evidence-Based Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
    - Expand Maryland's Crisis Response System

- **Public Feedback**
    - Council members requested that members of the public be able to unmute themselves.
    - Announcement of Council Listening Session on Mar 8, 2023

- **Motion to Approve, Oppose or Amend Top Three Priorities**
    - Council opposes top three priorities
    - Move to revisit poll and resubmit

- **Motion to Adjourn**
    - Next meeting March 13, 2023 at 3pm