
**OPIOID OPERATIONAL COMMAND CENTER
ORF Targeted Abatement Grant Program
Local Abatement Plan**

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please review the instructions provided in the Call for Proposals document prior to completing this form.

The application package should be submitted via Smartsheet Form to the link below.

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Total Allocated Funds \$ 173,033

Primary [State Finance and Procurement Article 7-331/Chapter 270](#) Legislative Provision Local Abatement Plan will fulfill (click here to review these legislative bills):

Please select the ORF provision which most accurately represent the primary focus/foci of the local abatement plan (you may identify more than one).

- (i) Improving access to medications proven to prevent or reverse an overdose.
- (ii) Supporting peer support specialists and screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services for hospitals, correctional facilities, and other high-risk populations.**
- (iii) Increasing access to medications that support recovery from substance use disorders.
- (iv) Expanding the Heroin Coordinator Program, including for administrative expenses.
- (v) Expanding access to crisis beds and residential treatment services for adults and minors.
- (vi) Expanding and establishing safe stations, mobile crisis response systems, and crisis stabilization centers.
- (vii) Supporting the behavioral health crisis hotline.
- (viii) Organizing primary and secondary school education campaigns to prevent opioid use, including for administrative expenses.
- (ix) Enforcing the laws regarding opioid prescriptions and sales, including for administrative expenses.
- (x) Research regarding and training for substance use treatment and overdose prevention, including for administrative expenses; and
- (xi) Supporting and expanding other evidence-based interventions for overdose prevention and substance use treatment**

I. PLAN SUMMARY *The plan summary must provide a clear summary of the projects to be funded and the activities that will be conducted in service of the Local Abatement Plan, and clearly tie to the provisions of the legislation identified above.*

Due to the limited number of services in our County we would like to use this funding to offer a grant program for local providers and community-based organizations to implement new or expand current Behavioral Health Services and supports in the community. The hope would be that this funding would be able to assist new evidence-based intervention programs in getting started and expanding current services and support.

To complete this task a local Abatement Committee will be appointed and selected by the Commissioners of Caroline County to assure a multidisciplinary committee. This process will follow all County process and procedures. This Abatement committee will review and evaluate all applications to assure that all criteria is met and that all applications follow all state and local requirements. The criteria will be based on the following:

- Substance use treatment for adults, children, and families. Caroline County will improve access to evidenced-based care for children, adults and families with substance use disorder. As stated, the gaps in care are most pronounced in the Western and Eastern regions of our state. However, certain gaps in care are statewide; there are no residential substance use disorder programs for children and youth in Maryland.
- Services that support families. Caroline County will seek out opportunities to support families affected by substance use disorder. An example of such services includes family peer support services which provide information and referral, service navigation, and other services to families of substance use disorder. Caroline County will work in concert with Local Education Authorities and other Local Mental Health and Behavioral organizations to ensure that services are complementary to those offered in school-based settings and other settings .
- Seek to address health disparities for high risk-populations. Caroline County will assist in implementing evidenced-based substance use disorder programming and target such initiatives to address health disparities. Health equity must be central to our work to address substance use and misuse, as well as overdose deaths.

II. PLAN PROBLEM STATEMENT *The problem statement section describes why the plan is needed and identifies the most significant issues, problems, trends, or opportunities that will be addressed by the Local Abatement Plan.*

Caroline County spans 319.42/square miles on the Eastern Shore with a population of 33,433 Citizens, it is one of the most rural counties in Maryland. As a small rural county, we are faced with unique opportunities and challenges. Some challenges faced are highly linked to the limited providers and resources provided to our citizens as well as limited transportation options. Currently, Caroline County has a HRSA HIPSA designation for mental health services. According to the County health ranking for 2024 currently there is a 1590:1 ratio for Behavioral Health providers in the county. In Caroline County there is one level one Outpatient treatment provider, and one 3.1 level program. Currently, if a

client wants any other level of care, they are required to go to other counties for that treatment. It is the goal of this funding to decrease those disparities in services for our community so that we may be able to affectively assist those in need.

III. PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES *Program Goals and Objectives should define the central aim and principal goals of the Local Abatement Plan that will be addressed by the project activities, and clearly tie to the provisions of the legislation identified.*

Goal #1: (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) To create a committee using a multidisciplinary approach to evaluate all applications received for funding.

Goal #2: (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) County will post a local application process and request for proposals to all non-profit, 501c (3) and government agencies to expand and form local Prevention and Substance Use Health Services.

Goal # 3: (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) To provide funding to a minimum of 5 non-profit, 501c(3) and government agencies to expand Substance Use Health services throughout the county.

- Increase and enhance treatment options such as residential or outpatient treatment, therapy, counseling, and recovery housing
- Fund programs that provide holistic recovery supports such as housing, case management, transportation, childcare, employment assistance, support groups, and peer counselors.

Goal #4: (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) To provide funding to increase local coordinated care to improve outcomes for 50 individuals with Substance Use.

- Expand existing warm hand-off programs and fund startup costs of new programs that explicitly connect clients to a variety of services.
- Expand evidence-based programs that connect people to behavioral health services and supports as an alternative to incarceration.

IV. PLAN PROGRAM MEASUREMENT/PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

What you will use to measure (a) the effectiveness of the plan’s support of the selected Goal/Strategy, (b) how it fills a gap in the region, and (c) how it serves its intended demographic. These measures may be quantitative (numeric) ~~and~~ qualitative (descriptive). These performance measures must be reported on annually, by project and ORF provision.

1. A County Abatement Committee will be established using a multidisciplinary approach to evaluate all applications received for funding within three months of obtaining the funds.
2. The committee will have a public announcement for applications for this funding based on the criteria of the state funds.
3. 50 individuals will have expanded access to care throughout the first year of funding.

4. A Minimum of five non-profit, 501c (3) and government agencies will be supported with this funding to support an increase and expansion of services throughout the county.

V. PLAN TIMELINE

Enter project information as necessary

Goal(s)	Key tasks/activities	Person(s) responsible	Progress Measurement	Begin date	End date
Goal #1: To create a committee using a multidisciplinary approach to evaluate all applications received for funding.	<i>1. Will follow the local County process for building a Multidisciplinary committee to evaluate all applications.</i>	<i>County Staff, OPT team</i>	<i>Goal will be met when a committee is established and approved by the County Commissioners</i>	<i>August 1, 2024 (or when funding is obtained)</i>	<i>December 31, 2024 (anticipated)</i>
Goal #2: County will post a local application process and request for proposals to all non-profit and government agencies to expand and form local Behavioral Health Services.	<i>1. Local outreach to all current and future providers for Caroline County, via online, public posting LDAAC, and OPT meetings. 2. Committee will evaluate all applications for the established criteria</i>	<i>County Staff, OPT Team, Abatement Committee</i>	<i>Goal will be met when the request for applications is shared throughout the county and the Abatement committee evaluates applications.</i>	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	<i>December 31, 2024</i>
Goal # 3: (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) To	<i>1. Committee will follow all state and local</i>	<i>Abatement Committee</i>	<i>Goal will be met when funding is allocated to the</i>	<i>December 31, 2024</i>	<i>June 30, 2025</i>

<p>5 non-profit, 501c (3) and government agencies to expand Behavioral Health services throughout the county</p>	<p><i>select and fund applicants who meet criteria.</i></p>		<p><i>minimum of 5 applicants.</i></p>		
<p>Goal #4: (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025) To provide funding to increase local coordinated care to improve outcomes for 50 individuals with Substance Use.</p>	<p><i>1. Annual reporting will be collected for how many Caroline County residents have been served by this funding by all applicants.</i></p>	<p><i>County staff, Abatement Committee</i></p>	<p><i>Goal will be met when 100 individuals have been served by funding various projects to expand and begin services.</i></p>	<p><i>December 31, 2024</i></p>	<p><i>June 30, 2025 (reports will be sent to County Finance office by July 15th for final reporting)</i></p>

VI. SPEND PLAN DESCRIPTION *Detailed explanation of planned expenses*

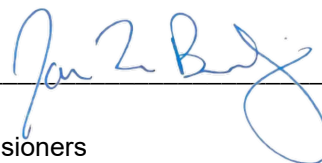
Total: 173,033

Administrative County Costs (indirect costs): \$17,033

\$156,000 available for local non-profit or government agencies to apply for funding to expand Behavioral Health services in Caroline County. A minimum of five applicants will be funded for various amounts determined by the applicants received and the needs of the community as determined by the local Abatement Community.

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that all the information provided herein is true and correct.

IX. AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL SIGNATURE: _____



Date: September 17, 2024

Printed Name: J. Travis Breeding

Title: President, Caroline County Commissioners

X. ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES

The signatures below serve to convey the coordination of other local entities or government partners involved in the local abatement plan. Additional signatures should be added as necessary

Signature: Robin L. Cahall
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Title: Health Officer, Caroline County Health Department

Signature: Jessica Tuel, LCSW-C
Printed Name: Jessica M. Tuel
Title: Director, Caroline County Health Department

Signature: _____
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