Maryland's Office of
Overdose Response

2027 Opioid Restitution Fund Grant Program

Friday, July 24, 2026

MARYLAND'S OFFICE OF OVERDOSE RESPONSE

2027 Opioid Restitution Fund

Information Session

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Issue Date: July 15, 2026

Avery Meyer, ORF Program Director | Khalil Cutair, Fiscal Chief

stopoverdose.maryland.gov/grants

Key Dates, Webinars, and Submission Deadline

NOFA RELEASE DATE

July 15, 2026

Application, templates, and guidance posted online.

PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION SESSION

July 24, 2026

Time: 11:00 am EDT

Meet Link: meet.google.com/bfc-wxsm-ibw

Join by Phone: +1 (650) 781-1124 (PIN: 314 020 922#)

ORF OFFICE HOURS

Aug 17 & Sep 1, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm EDT on both days

Aug 17 Meet: meet.google.com/srr-txco-zhs

Sep 1 Meet: meet.google.com/vaj-shvw-vym

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Sept 15, 2026

Time: Exactly 4:59:59 pm EDT

Submission via Smartsheet portal is required.

Late or incomplete application packages will not be reviewed.

** MOOR will accommodate any requests for accessibility to access the webinar or office hours.*

Key Dates, Webinars, and Submission Deadline

Preliminary Review Deadline

August 15, 2026 4:59:59 pm EST

Applications which are submitted 30 days before the due date will be subject to a preliminary review by MOOR grants staff.

This review will be to determine the completeness of the application, with respect to the documentation required per the NOFA and eligible applicant type. MOOR staff will reach out to the responsive applicant to request missing documentation. Applicants will have until the due date of September 15 at 4:59:59 EDT to fulfill these requests and create a complete application; no additional documentation will be included in the application after the deadline.

** MOOR will accommodate any requests for accessibility to access the webinar or office hours.*

Opioid Restitution Fund and MOOR

Core Mission

Maryland's Office of Overdose Response (MOOR) coordinates the inter-agency process to prevent overdoses and address substance use. We also are responsible for Opioid Restitution Fund programming.

Exhibit E Provisions

Every project must align directly with the allowable uses of the National Settlement Agreement Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation

Project Priority Areas

Every project must also align directly with the Scope of Work noted in section 3.2

Opioid Restitution Fund

The ORF was created in 2021 as legal settlements with prescription opioid manufacturers and distributors began to be settled. There are 9 finalized settlements with around $740 million expected in total. 70% of that goes to local governments and 30% is retained at the state level. Half of the state share is required to be made available in grants.

You can learn more about the ORF at https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/orf/

Our public dashboard can be viewed here: https://stopoverdose.maryland.gov/orf/dashboard/

Funding Limits, Project Period, and Last Source Rule

Multi-Year Project Period

Calendar Years 2027 through 2028

The anticipated initial project period for awards issued under this NOFA is up to two years from the start date of January 1, 2027.

Budget Requirement

2-Year Budgeting

Applicants' projects must include a budget detailing funding for up to two full years of the project period.

Funding Limit

$1,000,000 Funding Limit

Applications may not exceed $1,000,000 in total requested funding across all project periods.

Multiple projects can be submitted by the same applicant, provided they total less than or equal to the funding limit.

Last Source of Funding Rule

Exhaust Free Resources First

ORF is intended to be the last source of funding utilized. Applicants must utilize free resources (such as pro bono legal counsel, free dental clinics, etc.) before requesting grant funds.

Applicant Eligibility & General Requirements

Eligible Entities

Qualifying Non-Litigating Subdivisions

Local government entities in Maryland that are not party to the opioid settlement agreement.

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Partners

Non-profit community-based partners with tax-exempt status.

Financial Standing

Good Standing with SDAT

Must provide proof of good standing with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT).

SDAT certificate of good standing must be clearly dated within 90 days of application submission.

Nonprofit Billing Restriction

No Billable Services Allowed

Nonprofits must not provide billable services (services that bill public or private insurance) as part of the project.

Exception: Allowed only if services target disproportionately impacted populations or youth as specified in the NOFA §2.1.2.II.a

Specialized Certifications

Recovery Residences

Must be Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCORR) certified.

Certification must be established before the grant period begins.

MOUD Policy: Must have a written policy stating they do not discriminate against FDA-approved medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).

Charitable Organization Registration Form 92

Must complete Form COR-92 and be registered with the Maryland Secretary of State.

Mandatory Workplace & Onboarding Requirements

RECOVERY FRIENDLY WORKPLACE (RFW)

Mandatory Designation:

Within six (6) months of receiving the award notice, all successful grantees must obtain designation as a Recovery Friendly Workplace (RFW) in partnership with the Maryland Department of Labor.

What is a Recovery Friendly Workplace?

RFWs foster workplace cultures that support employees in recovery from substance use disorders, reduce stigma, and encourage treatment.

How to Apply:

Grantees can find details and apply for designation on the Maryland Department of Labor's website.

MANDATORY ONBOARDING & CONTRACTING

Virtual Onboarding Session:

All awarded grantees are required to attend a virtual onboarding session led by MOOR grants and fiscal staff.

What Onboarding Covers:

- Detailed reporting instructions and data expectations.
- Invoicing templates and documentation requirements.
- Site visit procedures and audit guidelines.

Prompt Execution:

Grant agreements must be executed promptly. Failure to execute agreements or attend onboarding may result in award cancellation.

Target Focus Areas & Eligible Populations

Core Eligible Populations

All services must target individuals who are:

- Diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).
- Diagnosed with OUD and co-occurring substance use disorders (SUD) or mental health conditions.
- At risk of opioid overdose or developing OUD.

Disproportionately Impacted Populations

MOOR prioritizes projects specifically addressing:

- Black Marylanders ages 55 and over.
- Hispanic youth under the age of 25.
- LGBTQ+ populations.
- Pregnant and parenting people.

Priority Project Focus Areas

For this funding opportunity, MOOR will *only* consider projects addressing the following topics:

1. Youth SUD Services

- Evidence-based treatment and recovery support services for youth.

2. Justice System Re-entry

- Support for individuals leaving the criminal justice system.
- Re-entry planning for those on Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) while incarcerated.

3. Recovery Continuum

- Wraparound services to stabilize and support individuals in recovery.

4. Family Support

- Counseling, reunification, and bereavement services.

5. Harm Reduction Integration

- Expanding harm reduction services and peer integration.

Allowable Services: Recovery Continuum & Family Support

Recovery Continuum Services

Record Expungement

Court fees and attorney fees (capped at $1,000 per case).

Childcare Costs

Licensed facilities only. Capped at 3 months full-time (or extended partial coverage).

Housing Establishment

Transitional, temporary, or emergency housing support.

Transportation

Mileage reimbursement (capped at state rate) or client transit costs to appointments.

Medically Necessary Dental Care

Dentures and medically necessary treatment capped at $3,000 per arch ($6,000 total).

Family Support Services

Reunification Support

Costs supporting compliance with Dept of Human Services / Child Protective Services plans of care.

Overdose Impact Support

Supportive costs for families parenting children at risk of OUD or who have lost a parent to overdose.

Examples: School required supplies, extracurricular activities reducing impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Professional Counseling

Bereavement and mental health counseling for families who have lost a loved one to overdose.

Grief Support Groups

Peer and clinical support groups for impacted family members.

Allowable Services: Harm Reduction & Integration

Harm Reduction

Safer Use Supplies

- Restricted to registered Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs (OADPOP).
- Includes sterile syringes, needles, and safer smoking devices.

Wound Care Supplies

- Specifically intended for people who use drugs.

Capacity Building Initiatives

- Specific proposals to expand harm reduction services.

Client Outreach Supplies

- PPE (gloves, breathing face shields), bags for kits, and hygiene supplies.

Integration & Peer Support

Linkage to Care Programs

- Integrating Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS) into hospital Emergency Departments (EDs) to transition overdose survivors to care.

Non-Clinical Peer Integration

- Placing peers in recovery housing, community-based organizations, and schools to provide trusted support.

Outreach Vehicle Support

- Fuel and maintenance costs commensurate with project activities.
- Vehicle wraps/modifications for educational outreach.

Submission Checklist & Required Documentation

Smartsheet Portal Submission

Exact Deadline: Sept 15, 2026, 4:59:59 PM EDT

Late or incomplete packages will not be considered.

Smartsheet submission form is limited to:

- Maximum 10 attachments
- Maximum 25MB total size
- *Zipped files are acceptable and recommended to manage limits.*

Public Information Act (MPIA) Note

All submission materials are subject to release under the Maryland Public Information Act.

Redacted copies must be submitted separately to shield confidential commercial/financial info or trade secrets.

Mandatory Documentation Checklist

1. Exhibit A (Application Form)

Narrative form in both PDF and Word formats.

2. Exhibit B (Budget Template)

Detailed budget in both PDF and Excel formats.

3. IRS Exemption & Form 990

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) determination letter.

Copy of the organization's 2025 Form 990.

4. IRS W-9 with EIN

Must be signed, dated, and include contact info.

5. Certificates & Registrations

Good standing SDAT certificate (dated within 90 days).

Good standing with Secretary of State (Form COR-92).

6. Legal & Organizational Disclosures

Org chart mapping all auxiliary/affiliated entities.

5-year legal disputes/investigations history.

7. References & Letters of Support

Minimum of two professional partner references.

Partner commitment letters (required if co-locating services).

Application Form Instructions: Completing Exhibit A

Basic Proposal Details

The application form requires several standard fields:

- **Project Title:** Precise, reflecting the work (e.g., 'Baltimore County Youth Prevention').
- **Jurisdiction:** Primary area benefiting from funding.
- **Applicant FEIN & POC:** Contact info and FEIN for invoicing.
- **Project Scope:** New, expanded, or sustaining (no supplanting).
- **Project Focus Area:** Select one.

Required Project Summary Templates

- Limited to 300 words or less. Use standard template providing organization year, mission, program aim, main function, and funded budget categories.

Needs Justification & Timeline

Problem Statement / Needs Justification

- Describe why the project is needed and how it addresses opioid abatement.
- Detail target population numbers and demographics.
- **CRITICAL:** Problem statement *must* use local substance use and overdose statistics sourced from the **Maryland Overdose Data Dashboard**.

Project Timeline (Table Required)

- Identify key intermediate steps to achieve project goals.
- Assign specific personnel responsible for each task.
- Define target completion dates and deliverables for each activity.

Program Measurement: Establishing SMART Metrics

ALL METRICS MUST BE 'SMART'

Grantees must identify performance measures unique to this grant that demonstrate project impact. Metrics must be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound. Every goal must be evaluated using three distinct indicators: Processes, Outcomes, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Metric Type	Definition & Requirement	Workforce Development Example
PROCESS (Implementation)	Measures tasks completed during the implementation phase of the grant project.	Establish 5 partnerships with employers and job training programs within the first 6 months of the grant period.
OUTCOME (Impact/Output)	Observable and quantitative (numeric) changes resulting directly from project activities.	Achieve a 33% increase in client employment referrals quarter-over-quarter from historical performance.
KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (KPI)	Long-term success measure demonstrating the final, significant program impact.	At least 7 unique program participants will be gainfully employed by the end of the grant period.

Budget Basics: Excel Template (Exhibit B) & Fringe Rules

Budget Excel Template (Exhibit B)

Proposed costs must start on January 1, 2027, organized by category:

A. Salaries & Wages: Direct staff costs (not including fringe).

B. Fringe Benefits: Direct employer payroll taxes and benefits.

C. Travel: Mileage, meals, and lodging for approved staff purposes.

D. Equipment: Purchases with useful life > 1 year and cost ≥ $5,000.

E. Materials & Supplies: Direct programmatic supplies.

F. Trainings / Conferences: Restricted to topics within Exhibit E.

G. Contractual Services: Competitively procured project services.

H. Other: Items not covered above (e.g., licensing fees).

Strict Fringe Benefit Rules

Fringe benefits must not exceed **30%** of any staff member's salary.

Two-Tier Fringe Reimbursement System:

1. Up to 10% Reimbursement of Salary as Fringe Benefits

- Requires only regular payroll submission.
- Represents the employer's share of FICA, UI, and Workers' Compensation.

2. Up to 30% Reimbursement (Requires Backup):

- Grantees must provide actual invoices from benefit providers.
- Employees must be clearly identified on invoices.
- Proof of actual payment to providers must be submitted.

Allowable Costs: Key Limitations, Caps, and Rules

Service Category	Funding Limit / Cap	Key Compliance Rules & Requirements
Childcare Costs	**Max 3 Months Full-Time**	Must be provided at a licensed facility. Grantees can opt to cover more months with partial coverage to ease parents into the cost.
Necessary Dental Care	**$3,000 per arch / $6,000 total**	Must be medically necessary treatment or dentures, pursuant to a dentist examination and recommendation. Medicaid must be exhausted first.
Client Incentives (Contingency Management)	**$1,200 per calendar year per participant**	Gift cards or cash equivalents only. Allowed strictly under an approved contingency management protocol. Tracking of distribution and signed receipt is mandatory.
Vehicle Purchase	**5-Year Opioid Remediation**	Vehicle must be used for opioid remediation purposes for five years. State may take a lien on the vehicle to ensure compliance.
Construction & Renovations	**MCORR Certification Only**	Allowed only for existing owner-operated recovery residences to meet life safety and zoning codes. No new construction (such as from a concrete slab).

Indirect Costs (IDC) Framework & Exclusion Rules

Standard IDC Allowance

Maximum Cap of 15% of Direct Project Costs

Applicants may budget up to 15% of direct project costs as indirect costs.

Exception: Grantees with a negotiated indirect cost rate from a federal award may be reimbursed at that federal rate (requires submission of the Federal IDC Rate Agreement).

Strict Integration Rule

No Double Budgeting

Applicants must not include indirect costs elsewhere in their budget. If 15% (or the federal rate) is requested, no other administrative or overhead costs can be requested.

Indirect costs will be reimbursed at a rate consistent with the awarded budget without requiring backup.

Core Exclusions (Must be in IDC)

The following costs must be included in the Indirect Cost line item and cannot be budgeted elsewhere as direct costs

- Organization Rent
- Utilities & Phone Bills
- General Office Supplies
- Business Insurance
- General Accounting & Payroll Services
- Administrative Salaries / Business Support

Opioid Remediation Nexus

All indirect costs must be tied to a program that supports opioid remediation.

Grantees must formally agree in the grant agreement that they will not use indirect costs to support non-opioid remediation administrative costs.

Unallowable Costs: Prohibited Expenditures

PROHIBITED PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Naloxone (Narcan) Kits

Provided free by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

Fentanyl, Xylazine, Medetomidine Test Strips

Provided free by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

Sales Tax

Nonprofit and governmental entities should not bill or pay sales tax in Maryland.

Research Projects

Grant funding is intended for direct services and remediation, not academic research.

Building / Land Purchases

Funding may not be used to purchase real estate or land.

PROHIBITED FISCAL PRACTICES

Supplanted Expenses

Replacement of local/federal funds previously appropriated or spent on the specific purpose. Funds must *supplement* existing budgets, not replace them.

Excessive Indirect Costs

Indirect costs above 15% (or the approved federal rate) are strictly prohibited.

Pre-Award & Post-Award Costs

Reimbursements are only for services/purchases received strictly within the active grant period.

Fundraising & Lobbying

Prohibited from supporting organizational fundraising, development, or lobbying efforts.

Depreciation Costs

Cannot be billed or claimed under this grant opportunity.

Scoring, Evaluation, & 3-Stage Award Process

STAGE 1: INITIAL QUALIFICATION

Performed by MOOR Grants Staff

Completeness review to ensure the application package conforms to all eligibility, documentation, and formatting requirements.

STAGE 2: EVALUATION COMMITTEE

SMEs, Community Partners & Recovery Orgs

Independent review and scoring of applications based on a uniform set of 8 criteria including evidence-based alignment, timeline quality, and budget reasonableness.

STAGE 3: FINAL DETERMINATION

Special Secretary of Overdose Response

Grants Committee submits prioritized scoring recommendations. The Special Secretary makes the final binding award determinations.

Scoring Rubric Criteria (8 Core Factors)

1. Scope & Problem Statement: Alignment with priorities, evidence-based practices, and community gaps filled.

2. Audience & Equity: Specific outreach to disproportionately impacted or hard-to-reach populations.

3. Performance Measures: Inclusion of specific, measurable SMART Processes, Outcomes, and KPIs.

4. Project Timeline: Feasibility and detail of intermediate steps and assigned responsibilities.

5. Budget & Narrative: Justified, appropriate, and reasonable costs; leverage of other financial investments.

6. Organizational Capacity: Proven programmatic and fiscal responsibility noted in the Non Profit Documentation and Program Sustainability Plan

7. Jurisdictional Equity: Overdose deaths data review and adjustment applied by MOOR staff.

8. Past Grantee Performance: Scores generated on prior-year averages (new applicants receive automatic score).

Invoicing, Expenditure Reporting, & Cash Advances

Quarterly Reporting & Reimbursements

All grants are administered on a **cost-reimbursement basis**.

Reports must be submitted quarterly using two mandatory forms:

- 1. Reimbursement Form: Tied directly to approved budget lines.

- 2. Project Report Form: Reporting on SMART performance metrics.

Mandatory Cost Substantiation

All claims must include itemized receipts, payroll registries, and direct evidence of payment.

Travel documentation: Must record dates, de-identified client IDs, purpose, start/end addresses, and mileage.

Media Sanitization: Grantees must strictly protect PII and PHI. Do not send client-identifying info to MOOR.

Quarterly Cash Advances

Up to 25% Advance Request

Grantees may request up to **25%** of their grant budget in advance on a quarterly basis.

If actual costs are not incurred or insufficient documentation is provided, MOOR will deduct this amount from future reimbursements.

Approval of cash advances remains at MOOR's sole discretion.

Partial Invoice Payments

If a grantee has outstanding issues or missing documentation, MOOR may choose to issue a partial invoice payment.

MOOR will communicate partial payment decisions via an official email memorandum.

Grantees must approve the partial payment and document the explanation in their invoice memo before the remaining balance can be claimed.

QUESTIONS & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Thank You for Partnering with Us

Please submit written questions via email at least 30 days prior to the submission deadline.

PRIMARY NOFA INQUIRIES

Avery Meyer
ORF Program Director
orf.grants@maryland.gov

FISCAL & INVOICING INQUIRIES

Khalil Cutair
Fiscal Chief
orf.grants@maryland.gov