



Office of Opioid Abatement
Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department
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FY 2024-2025 City of Jacksonville Opioid Settlement Funds Implementation Plan July 30, 2024

Overview

Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant Program

The Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant (OSPG) Program was established to distribute settlement funds received by the City of Jacksonville following its participation in lawsuits against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids for their roles in the opioid crisis. The OSPG Program contracts with eligible agencies and organizations performing services in Duval County who have been in operation for a minimum of three years providing services related to the prevention, treatment, and/or recovery support for those with opioid use disorder and co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health conditions. The selection process of OSPG awards is outlined in [Chapter 84](#) of the City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code and evaluated by the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee.

OSUD Grants Committee

The OSUD Grants Committee's goal is to distribute opioid settlement funds throughout the City of Jacksonville in a way that is equitable, efficient, and effective in order to combat the opioid crisis. The Committee does so through the following activities:

- Review and assess the annual needs of the City of Jacksonville for programs and services related to the opioid epidemic
- Review, evaluate, and score each Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant application
- Participate in on-site evaluations of recipient programs
- Award and allocate the annual opioid settlement proceeds appropriation

The OSUD Grants Committee consists of seven voting members; the Mayor and City Council President each appoint one member from each of the following categories: mental health professional, peer specialist, and healthcare professional. The seventh voting member is the Health Administrator of the Florida Department of Health, Duval County, who is a continuous, standing member. Additionally, the City Council President annually appoints a City Council Member to serve as a liaison to the OSUD Grants Committee.

FY 2023-2024 OSPG Awarded Programs

The programs listed below were awarded in the inaugural cycle of the OSPG program. The contracts are effective February 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024 (the end of the City of Jacksonville fiscal year).

Funded Category	Agency Name	Program Name	Award Amount	Amount Expended as of July 30, 2024
Prevention	ACE Medical	The ATRAC Program - Prevention	\$32,700	\$24,880.19
Prevention	Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Northeast Florida	BGCNF SMART Moves Program	\$496,202	\$261,742.52
Prevention	Community Coalition Alliance	Duval's Approach to Reduce Opioid Overdose (DAROO)	\$493,941	\$357,945.88
Prevention	Community Rehabilitation Center	CRC Prevention Programming	\$471,525	\$39,739.41
Prevention	Inspire to Rise	INSPIRED Youth Program	\$195,024	\$89,408.11
Prevention	NAMI Jacksonville Florida	Connection Recovery Support	\$57,194	\$30,432.65
Prevention	New Hope Education and Addiction Services	Florida Recovery Schools	\$89,469	\$46,529.23
Prevention	Safe and Healthy Duval Coalition	North Florida Poly-Drug Task Force	\$112,000	\$26,371.85
Prevention	Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville	Primary Opioid Prevention for At-Risk Patients	\$178,733	\$58,458.09
Prevention	Yoga 4 Change	Preventing Opioid and Substance Use with Evidence-Based Resilience Skills for Youth	\$149,776	\$45,803.23
Treatment	ACE Medical	The ATRAC Program - Treatment	\$103,320	\$87,936.01
Treatment	Baptist Health System	Path to Sobriety: Providing Life-Saving Treatment to Patients with IV Drug Associated Endocarditis	\$290,487	\$0.00
Treatment	Community Rehabilitation Center	CRC Outpatient Treatment Programs	\$458,339	\$35,594.72
Treatment	Gateway Community Services	Mobile MAT Unit	\$431,574	\$90,367.46
Treatment	I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless	Sulzbacher Substance Abuse Treatment Program	\$499,963	\$165,753.34
Treatment	Metro Treatment of Florida	H.O.P.E. Duval (Healing. Opioid. Prevention. Education.)	\$500,000	\$255,959.53
Recovery Support	ACE Medical	The ATRAC Program - Recovery	\$29,850	\$27,000.00
Recovery Support	I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless	Sulzbacher Substance Abuse Recovery Program	\$496,819	\$119,009.30
Recovery Support	Metro Treatment of Florida	Ride to Recovery	\$300,000	\$104,149.86
Recovery Support	Operation New Hope	Ready4Work Recovery Support	\$273,191	\$132,216.28
Recovery Support	Project Save Lives	OUD Residential Director	\$20,535	\$14,502.400
Recovery Support	Rebel Recovery Florida	Comprehensive Housing & Care Coordination	\$331,108	\$4,598.54
Recovery Support	Serenity Granted	Operation Opioid Abatement Director	\$30,500	\$10,127.35
			Total Expended	\$2,028,525.95

FY 2024-2025 OSPG Program

The FY 2024-2025 OSPG Program budget is included in the proposed City of Jacksonville FY 2024-2025 budget but will not be effective until the City Council votes to approve and Mayor Donna Deegan approves it in early October 2024. Awarded programs for the FY 2024-2025 OSPG cycle will run concurrent to the City of Jacksonville's fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Timeline

- July 23, 2024 - August 23, 2024: OSUD Grants Committee scoring period for FY 2024-2025 applications
- August 23, 2024: Score sheets submitted to Office of Opioid Abatement
- October 7, 2024: Announce tentative rankings of applications
- October 7, 2024 - October 14, 2024: Tentative rankings appeals period
- October 21, 2024: Announce final rankings of applications and funding allocations
- October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025: FY 2024-2025 contracts effective

We will not know which programs will be awarded until the scoring process is complete and the OSPG Program budget is approved. This cycle, we received 29 eligible applications across 18 agencies - 11 applications were in the Prevention category, seven were in Treatment, and 11 were in Recovery Support. Per the recommendation of the OSUD Grants Committee and the approval of City Council, OSPG Program funding will be allocated as follows this cycle: 34% to Prevention programs, 33% to Treatment programs, and 33% to Recovery Support programs.

OSPG Program Monitoring and Evaluation

Financial Monitoring

Each month, awarded agencies submit invoices, Monthly Financial Reports, and supporting backup documentation to the Office of Opioid Abatement. The Office of Opioid Abatement reviews these reimbursement requests for accuracy, adherence to the approved budget, and compliance with city code prior to remitting payment.

Programmatic Evaluation

Quarterly Programmatic Reports (QPRs) are submitted by awarded agencies to evaluate progress on their programs' goals and objectives. These QPRs include relevant backup documentation, and both qualitative and quantitative information that allows the Office of Opioid Abatement to ensure that the agencies are accomplishing their objectives and goals. The final QPR for the FY 2023-2024 cycle is due on October 7, 2024. The tentative due dates for the FY 2024-2025 OSPG cycle are as follows:

- First Quarter: January 17, 2025
- Second Quarter: April 17, 2025
- Third Quarter: July 17, 2025
- Fourth Quarter: October 7, 2025

Auditing Requirements

- Agencies receiving City of Jacksonville funding in an amount less than \$100,000 from the City, must provide an annual report of receipts and expenditures of City funds in such form as the Council Auditor prescribes. This report shall be certified as to its accuracy by the Financial Officer/Treasurer of the agency. This report must align with the City of Jacksonville's fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) and is due on November 15 of each year.
- Agencies receiving City of Jacksonville funding in an amount from \$100,000 to \$500,000 are to provide the City a copy of an audit report in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) issued by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). This report must align with

the City of Jacksonville's fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) and is due within 120 days of the close of the agency's fiscal year.

- Agencies receiving City of Jacksonville funding in amount in excess of \$500,000, furnishing the City a copy of an audit report conducted in accordance with both GAAS and Government Auditing Standards (GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and if applicable the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, "Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Nonprofit Organizations," of its financial affairs for its fiscal year ending within the current fiscal year of the City made by an independent certified public accountant. This report must align with the City of Jacksonville's fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) and is due within 120 days of the close of the agency's fiscal year.

Additional Funding Allocations

Note: The following items are included in the proposed City of Jacksonville FY 2024-2025 budget, but will not be effective until the City Council and Mayor approve it in early October 2024

Interlocal Agreement

The City of Jacksonville is responsible for overseeing the distribution of opioid settlement funds to the cities of Atlantic Beach, Baldwin, Jacksonville Beach, and Neptune Beach as per the Interlocal Agreement outlined in Jacksonville Ordinance 2022-0840-E (Exhibit 3). Payments are calculated based on the state revenue sharing percentages as described in the Local Governmental Financial Information Handbook. The Office of Opioid Abatement has points of contact with each municipality and has had meetings with them to ensure compliance with Schedules A and B. As of July 2024, no funds have been expended, but we anticipate some funds to be expended over the next year. Baldwin has expressed interest in launching a prevention campaign among youth and Neptune Beach has indicated interest in implementing an officer intervention strategy similar to the Leon County, Florida Adult Civil Citation Network.

Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Program

Approximately \$469,991 is to be allocated to the City of Jacksonville's CORE Program, to be administered by Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

Office of Opioid Abatement Administration

For the City of Jacksonville's FY 2024-2025 fiscal year (October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025), approximately \$350,640.00 is to be allocated to pay for the salaries and benefits of the Manager of Opioid Abatement and Program Coordinator - Opioid Abatement, office supplies, software, and vehicle maintenance.

Conclusion

The City of Jacksonville is eager to build upon the critical and foundational work completed over the past year to implement the above plan to utilize its opioid settlement funds in a responsible and effective manner. We are confident that these funds will have a positive impact on the community and eventually turn the tides of the opioid crisis.