



## 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, OOC 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 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 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