



Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council 2026 Request for Grant Applications

Overview:

The Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council (“Council”) was established by the Mississippi Legislature during the 2025 legislative session. S.B. 2767 (2025 Regular Session). *See also* Laws of 2025, Ch. 469, Sections 1 & 3. The Council seeks applications from eligible organizations to support opioid abatement projects throughout Mississippi.

NOTE: The Council will develop a prioritized list of recommended grant recipients. The Mississippi Legislature may accept or reject each of the Council’s grant recipient recommendations and may determine which of the applicants shall receive settlement grants and the amount each applicant shall receive, if any, by separate line items in an appropriations bill. S.B. 2726 (2026 Reg. Session) § 1(4).

Funding Source:

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 27-103-305, the Opioid Settlement Fund (“Fund”) is a special fund in the State Treasury funded by the settlement payments from litigation by the State against various companies involved in the manufacturing, distribution, dispensation, and advertisement of opioid painkillers. These proceeds are deposited into the Fund by the Attorney General.

Availability of Funds:

This solicitation, and any awards made under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of 1) the settlement money actually received by the State pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreements and deposited into the Fund by the Attorney General and 2) the appropriation of such funds by the Legislature upon recommendation by the Council.

Eligible Projects:

Grant applications will be evaluated by the Council for compliance with the terms of the settlement agreements. In order to receive abatement funding, eligible programs and projects must fall within the umbrella of “opioid abatement,” which means efforts to treat, prevent, or reduce opioid use disorder or the misuse of opioids or to otherwise remediate the harmful effects of the opioid epidemic. Programs and projects from qualified applicants that do not directly seek to remediate harm caused by the opioid crisis will not be considered for abatement funding, but may be included in the Council’s report to the Legislature. Grant proceeds shall be expended for the benefit of residents of Mississippi.

Application Evaluation:

Applications will be evaluated by the Council based on the following priorities:

- 1) The abatement project's ability to treat, prevent, surveil, or reduce opioid use disorder or the misuse of opioids, or to otherwise remediate the harmful effects of the opioid epidemic;
- 2) The anticipated impact of the abatement project;
- 3) The sustainability of the abatement project, including but not limited to the organization's ability to provide matching funds in cash or in kind;
- 4) The financial stability of the organization seeking grant funding;
- 5) The size of the population the abatement project will serve;
- 6) The types of abatement services the organization already provides and/or seeks to provide with grant funding;
- 7) The length of time the organization has provided similar services;
- 8) The demographic variety of the population the project will serve, including age and socioeconomic status, the disproportionate impact of the opioid epidemic on the population to be served, and the project's focus on underserved and under-resourced communities in the state;
- 9) The project's grant proceeds will be expended for the benefit of residents of Mississippi;
- 10) The project's alignment with the core strategies outlined in the settlement agreements exhibits listing opioid remediation uses; and
- 11) The project's ability to make strategic investments to close existing gaps as can be identified by needs assessments and other empirical data.

Proposal Narrative:

The Proposal Narrative should be submitted with the Application. Excluding any attachments, your narrative should not exceed 10 pages, double-spaced.

The following must be included in the Proposal Narrative:

- 1) Identify the nature and scope of the problem the proposed program or project will address. Cite sources for any data provided;
- 2) Identify the type of harm caused by the opioid crisis;
- 3) Identify the population to be served;
- 4) Identify the geographic area the program or project will serve by County;
- 5) Identify the number of people expected to be served with the requested award;
- 6) Describe any previous attempts by the applicant to address the problem;

- 7) Describe any current programs of the applicant which address the problem;
- 8) Clearly state the goals and objectives of the proposed program or project, including a project timeline;
- 9) Provide a detailed description of proposed actions required to complete the program or project;
- 10) Identify specific services which will be provided to people through the proposed program or project;
- 11) Identify any program or project partners, if applicable;
- 12) Specifically describe how the program or project will utilize evidence-based practices;
- 13) Demonstrate institutional experience and expertise to implement the proposed program or project effectively;
- 14) Describe the specific roles and responsibilities of all staff who will be involved in the proposed program or project;
- 15) Demonstrate that staff have the appropriate training to carry out all of the duties proposed for the program or project (i.e. Curriculum Vitae, resumes, etc.);
- 16) Provide a plan for collection of performance measure data and a plan for evaluation; and
- 17) Submit copies of any and all Memoranda of Understanding with proposed partners for the program or project, if applicable.

Application Submission Information:

The following **must** be submitted to be eligible to advance to Council review and receive consideration for recommendation for funding.

- 1) Completed Application Form;
- 2) Proposal Narrative;
- 3) Current organization budget and sources of income, and a detailed project budget with clear justification for proposed expenditures for carrying out the project and in which no more than 10% of grant funds are used on administrative costs, which include, but may not be limited to, costs of general management, oversight, and organizational support not directly attributable to delivering the funded project;
- 4) The organization's most recent statement of financial affairs, such as the form required by the Mississippi Secretary of State under Mississippi Code Annotated Section 79-11-507;
- 5) Policy and Procedures Manual to include: a detailed description of your accounting system, handling of bank statements, disbursements and procurement, and property control policy;
- 6) 501(c)(3) documentation, if applicable;
- 7) Proof of incorporation in the state of Mississippi or recognition by the Mississippi Secretary of State as a private or public nonprofit corporation operating within the state of Mississippi, if applicable;

- 8) Any required licensure or certification, if applicable, and any prior revocations of such licensure or certification, if applicable;
- 9) List of organization's Board of Directors;
- 10) A copy of the organization's Mission Statement; and
- 11) Letters of Support – at least one (1) letter and no more than three (3).

Post-Award Reporting Requirements:

Applicants who are both recommended by the Council to receive grant funding and ultimately do receive such funding upon approval from the Legislature will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and provide monthly or quarterly requests for reimbursement, financial and performance reporting, as applicable, an annual audit of grant funds, and final financial and performance reports to the Council, by and through the Attorney General's Office, and the third-party administrator. Lump sum awardees will submit reports quarterly.

The following acknowledgment is included in the application:

Post-Award Duties Acknowledgment

If my organization is awarded funding, I understand and accept the following responsibilities. I confirm that I have read each item below.

Reporting and documentation

- **Reporting.** We will submit progress and financial reports using the approved platform, by the stated deadlines, at the frequency specified in our award agreement (monthly or quarterly).
- **Documentation.** We will submit supporting documentation (including records such as proof of expense and payment, as well as any requested backup) by the timelines specified in our award agreement, and will respond to reasonable requests for clarification.
- **Record retention.** We will retain all financial and programmatic records related to this award for five [5] years after the end of the award period, and will make them available if requested for monitoring, audit, or review.
- **Budget changes.** We understand that certain changes to our approved budget or scope require prior approval before funds are spent, and that we are responsible for requesting approval through the process defined in our award agreement.
- **Complete and accurate reporting.** We understand that reports and documentation must be accurate and complete, that a report is not considered submitted unless it is complete and accurate, and that funds may only be used for approved purposes.

Public Records Acknowledgment

- My application is subject to the Mississippi Public Records Act. Information I submit — including narratives, budgets, and attachments — may be released in response to a public records request under the Mississippi Public Records Act. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1, et seq.
- Scoring and review materials are also subject to the Mississippi Public Records Act. Reviewer scores and scoring logic associated with applications are subject to public records requests. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 25-61-1, et seq.

Submission Deadline:

All applicants must submit the full application, including required attachments, by **5:00 p.m. (CST) on October 5, 2026**. Any applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Contact Information:

For assistance with submitting this Application, contact MS-OS@steadmangroup.com

All applications and required attachments should be submitted via the online portal:
<https://opioid-grants.attorneygenerallynnfitch.com>

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