

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How is the \$80,936,057 divided between the grand divisions of Tennessee?

In an effort to better show the number of applications received from across the state and those applications which were approved by the Opioid Abatement Council for funding, the OAC Office has updated this grid. Please note 29 of the 116 (25%) approved Community Grants will have a statewide reach of their services and/or programs.

Total Applications received by Grand Division (all 386)						
Division	# of apps	Percentage of Total Apps	Total Funding	Percentage of total funding	Year 1 Funding	Percentage of Year 1 Funding
East	147	38%	\$222,702,208.35	31%	\$86,420,915.70	28.7%
Middle	182	47%	\$421,845,243.85	58%	\$176,792,079.65	58.7%
West	57	15%	\$81,129,839.77	11%	\$38,208,531.66	12.7%
Totals	386		\$725,677,291.97		\$301,421,527.01	

Funded Applications by Grand Division (116 apps)						
Division	# of apps	Percentage of Apps Funded	Total Funding	Percentage of total funding	Year 1 Funding	Percentage of Year 1 Funding
East	50	43%	\$113,873,694.02	49%	\$36,828,364.49	46%
Middle	59	51%	\$106,835,470.27	46%	\$38,877,956.27	48%
West	7	6%	\$9,601,537.80	4%	\$5,229,737.00	6%
Totals	116		\$230,310,702.09		\$80,936,057.76	

Total Funded Applications (116 apps)				
Division	# of apps	% of apps	Year 1 Funding	Percentage of Funding
East	48	41%	\$36,388,946.46	45%
Middle	33	28%	\$24,094,225.84	30%
West	6	5%	\$2,229,737.00	3%
Statewide	29	25%	\$18,223,148.46	23%
Totals	116		\$80,936,057.76	100%

2. May we meet with the Opioid Abatement Council Office to discuss next steps with approved grant?

The Opioid Abatement Council Office will schedule Technical Assistance meetings with the Grantees who received approved Community Grants within

the next few months. At this time, the Office is developing the contracts, payment methodology and monitoring process. Once these are approved by the Opioid Abatement Council, meetings with the Grantees will be scheduled.

3. If our agency was awarded a grant, may we increase the amount we asked for?

The Opioid Abatement Council approved the funding of the Community Grants based on an approved budget. Since the process was approved by the Opioid Abatement Council, there is not an option to receive additional funding.

4. Is the Community Grant my agency is receiving a 1-year, 2-year or 3-year grant?

When the Proposers submitted their applications within the SmartSimple Portal, the Proposer selected the timeframe for the grant. The timeframe selected by the agency is the length of the grant.

5. How can my agency improve our score for the next funding cycle?

There were lots of lessons learned from the Opioid Abatement Council, the Office and the Proposers. Please watch the future Opioid Abatement Council meetings as the next funding cycle application and submission process will be discussed. The 2025 application and process has not yet been finalized.

6. Will Proposers receive an official communication about the submitted grant applications?

Yes. Over the next week, the Office staff will enter the results of the Opioid Abatement Council's votes into the SmartSimple Portal. Proposers will receive an email from SRGM@grants.tn.gov

7. May our agency receive more detail about the scores received?

At this time, the Opioid Abatement Council Office is unable to produce any additional information on the scoring of the applications. Specifically, the submitted applications remain in SmartSimple's portal and there is currently no process to create a summary of individual applications. The average scores for each application are posted on the OAC website, which can be found here: [Our Work \(tn.gov\)](https://www.oac.tn.gov/Our-Work). We are working with SmartSimple to summarize scores individually and encourage your agency to check back in the coming months.

8. May our agency receive any comments or feedback from the people who scored our application?

There are also no written comments or feedback for individually scored applications; however, the OAC has issued FAQ's addressing questions received about the community grant application process. The OAC will continue to update the FAQ's periodically to address questions and feedback regarding the community grant application process and scoring.

There were a lot of lessons learned throughout this first community grant application cycle. The Opioid Abatement Council, and the Office are committed to evaluating and refining the process as we move forward. While the 2025 application process has not been finalized, we encourage you to attend future Opioid Abatement Council meetings as the next funding cycle, application, and submission process will be discussed.