



MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
FROM: Robyn Shugart, Director of Finance
SUBJECT: Approving a Cooperative Agreement and “Gold Standard” Resolution for the Opioid Abatement Authority
DATE: April 17, 2023 (for the April 25, 2023, City Council meeting)

ISSUE

Shall City Council approve two resolutions related to Opioid Abatement funding, one to commit to the “Gold Standard,” and the second to apply for a regional Cooperative Agreement grant?

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of both the Cooperative Agreement and the “Gold Standard” resolutions as presented.

DISCUSSION

To date, the City has received \$156,196.87 in national opioid settlement funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City will continue to receive funds for the next 18 years but cannot quantify the exact total at this time due to additional settlements that are still going through the process. These funds are to be used to treat, prevent, or reduce opioid use disorder or the misuse of opioids. It would abate or remediate the opioid epidemic through evidence based or informed methods, programs or strategies.

- “Gold Standard” Resolution:

The City is eligible for an additional 25% in Opioid Abatement Authority funding if it voluntarily agrees to meet the OAA’s “Gold Standard.” The obligations of this standard are basically: using funding for approved purposes, not supplanting funding of an existing program or collection indirect costs, providing information to the OAA and allowing monitoring and review by the Authority, and agreeing to the OAA base terms. The “Gold Standard” will always meet or exceed the requirement of the settlement agreements which also protects the City for the local funding received as a direct distribution.

- Regional Cooperative Agreement:

The City is recommending we partner with Rappahannock Community Services Board (RACSB) to apply to the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority for additional funds for a regional cooperative project with the counties of King George, Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Stafford

(Planning District 16). These funds would be combined with local opioid settlement funds for a portion of the project and all of the localities would be required to pay the local share.

The grant application is for a "Mobile Services for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Detox Beds with Residential Crisis Stabilization at Sunshine Lady House." The Planning District 16 localities would partner with the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board to expand opioid treatment and recovery services through the implementation of mobile services for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and expansion of co-occurring residential crisis stabilization and detoxification services through the Sunshine Lady House for Wellness and Recovery. The mobile team will include a program manager, nurse practitioner, certified substance abuse counselor (CSAC), and a peer recovery specialist.

Planning District 16 includes rural areas with limited transportation options and mobile services will help alleviate barriers to treatment. The mobile program would be licensed as an Office Based Opioid/Addiction Treatment facility and staff will facilitate inductions, urine and saliva drug screens, medication administration, case management, counseling, peer supports and other harm reduction strategies including Naloxone and fentanyl test strip distribution. The mobile team would connect with each locality at least once per week.

The Sunshine Lady House for Wellness and Recovery, which provides residential crisis stabilization for RACSB, was constructed to offer medical detox services for those experiencing a mental health crisis in conjunction with active substance use. The program shut down the detox services in the spring of 2020, while continuing to provide crisis stabilization. In 2022, RACSB permanently closed detox services voluntarily due to the inability to meet staffing requirements. RACSB will seek funding to renew and enhance medical detox services at the Sunshine Lady House. To enhance services, RACSB is seeking funding to add a full-time certified substance abuse counselor (CSAC), 2 additional part-time nurses and 1 additional certified peer recovery specialist (CPRS) to the existing staffing. Funding will also be sought to for medical provider services required to provide oversight, training for all staff on substance use and co-occurring needs and to offset withdrawal medications not covered by insurance and patient resources.

The other Planning District 16 localities are in the process of working with their governing bodies for formal approval to submit the application. The application will only be considered by the OAA if at least two of the localities participate. The County of Stafford has preliminarily agreed to be the fiscal agent for this project. City staff is proposing that the City's commitment be reevaluated if not all of the other four localities participate in the program as the total cost for the local share would increase.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of the "Gold Standard" resolution qualifies the City for an additional 25% of litigation settlement funding, a supplement that cannot be calculated precisely at this time, but which is significantly more than the City would receive without the resolution.

The grant application for the Mobile MAT vehicle is being requested from OAA regional funding and therefore would have no local fiscal impact. The amount being requested of these OAA funds is \$695,704 for year one and \$525,704 for years two through five. The Detox Beds with Residential Crisis Stabilization at Sunshine Lady House would require an annual local match in the amount of \$37,050. The funds used for the local match would come from the direct distribution the City is receiving from the settlements administrators which is reserved in Fund 0210.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution – City Manager authorization for the Virginia OAA Cooperative Agreement.

Resolution – City Manager authorization for the incentive application for the “Gold Standard” with the Virginia OAA.



April 25, 2023
Regular Meeting
Resolution 23-

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Incentive Application to the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and to Execute All Documents in Connection Therewith.

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

The Fredericksburg City Council seeks to mitigate and abate the impacts of the opioid epidemic in the City of Fredericksburg.

The mission of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth through financial support in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance.

The OAA has invited each city and county in Virginia to submit proposals for grants to support efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid use disorder and the misuse of opioids in the Commonwealth.

The financial assistance offered by the OAA is needed to provide opioid mitigation and abatement efforts in the City of Fredericksburg.

The City of Fredericksburg voluntarily agrees to meet the OAA's "Gold Standard" requirements in return for a 25% increase in OAA funding eligibility.

The Fredericksburg City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the incentive application to the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and to execute all documents in connection therewith.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

Clerk's Certificate

I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 23-__, adopted at a meeting of the City Council held April 25, 2023, at which a quorum was present and voted.

***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council***



**April 25, 2023
Regular Meeting
Resolution 23-**

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: Resolution for the City Manager to Authorize the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Cooperative Agreement

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

The mission of the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) is to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth through financial support in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance.

The OAA operates a financial assistance program to support certain cooperative partnerships of cities and/or counties in Virginia that implement regional efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid use disorder and the misuse of opioids.

The counties of King George, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Stafford along with the City of Fredericksburg are seeking approval from the governing body to commit to work together to develop and jointly submit an application for regional cooperative partnership funding from the OAA.

At least two of the cities and/or counties listed are located within the same region of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

The counties listed and the City agree they will execute a legally binding agreement formalizing the cooperating partnership if the application for financial assistance is approved.

The counties listed and the City agree that Stafford County will serve as the fiscal agent for the cooperative partnership if it is awarded.

The counties listed and the City seek a total of \$695,704 in grant funding from the OAA for Fiscal Year 2024 and \$525,704 per year for years two through five.

The City of Fredericksburg has committed to allocate \$37,050 of its Individual Distribution from the OAA to this project for Fiscal Year 2024 and the remainder of the five-year program.

The counties listed and the City hereby authorize Stafford County acting as fiscal agent to execute the cooperative partnership grant application to the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority and to execute all documents in connection therewith.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

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