

Appendix A: Opioid Restitution Fund Community Grant Unallowable Uses

This Request for Proposals also outlines the following unallowable uses:

1. Law Enforcement–Centered or Carceral Approaches
 - a. Salaries, stipends, or equipment for police, sheriff's departments, or corrections staff
 - b. Drug-related arrest programs or stings
 - c. Drug courts, mandated treatment, or incarceration-based services or partnerships
2. Coercive or Abstinence-Only Services
 - a. Mandatory treatment programs or any services or programs that require abstinence or deny service based on continued drug use
 - b. Drug testing not requested by the participant or not tied to clinical need
3. Stigmatizing or Discriminatory Practices
 - a. Marketing or educational materials that promote fear, shame, or stigmatizing messaging, or abstinence-only drug education
4. Indirect or Overhead Costs
 - a. Capital campaigns, large-scale construction, or real estate purchases will not be considered for these community grants.
 - b. Fundraising costs or development staff
 - c. General organization overhead above 15% of the grant award:
 - i. Organization-wide trainings are allowable as direct costs only when they are essential for the continued provision of services. Costs must be proportionally allocated if training includes staff whose time is not charged to this grant. Trainings must be directly tied to providing services allowable by the executive order and aligned with the strategic plan, and documented in the budget narrative.
 - ii. Costs associated with clinical/support software systems may be charged as direct costs when the software is used exclusively or primarily to support the funded program's service delivery and data management requirements. This includes software licenses, subscriptions, and maintenance fees. If the organization's system supports multiple programs or organizational functions, costs must be proportionally allocated based on the percentage of use attributable to the grant-funded activities, with clear documentation of the allocation method included in the budget narrative.
 - iii. Costs incurred for program-specific evaluation data collection and administrative activities are allowable as direct costs when they are directly related to the funded program. This includes expenses for staff time dedicated to collecting, managing, and analyzing data necessary for measuring program outcomes and performance, as well as grant administration. These costs are essential for assessing program effectiveness, informing continuous quality improvement, and meeting reporting requirements. All evaluation and data collection activities must be described in the budget narrative and aligned with the program's objectives as outlined in the strategic plan.
5. Other
 - a. Services or supplies already funded through Statewide Settlements unless clearly distinct and non-duplicative (e.g., naloxone already provided by Maryland Department of Health)