

South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund Board

Guidelines and Unallowable Expenses for SCORF Funding

The fund is mostly permissive, but we do need to consider a rational nexus to determine if projects or items are truly able to be linked back to opioid abatement. The determination is that the “services funded are services and items that can be linked back to opioid abatement, which results in breaking the cycle or patterns of generational use”. For those items that will be determined “unallowable” under this funding program, we can remind agencies that they can braid funding with dollars that are better suited to their requests, but, ultimately, the funding is to provide services to end the opioid epidemic.

For a cost to be allowable for settlement funds, it must first be detailed in the approved budget, must benefit (or be allocable) the recipient or subrecipient, and must be consistent with the goals and objectives of the fund.

Money in the Opioid Funds may not be used to replace existing state or local government funding.

Money in the Settlement Fund may not be used in a manner inconsistent with the terms of the settlement.

Prohibited Items: (subject to review and update):

GENERAL

- Activities that are not evidence-based or promising practices for opioid abatement; Activities that are funded through other program grants or activities;
- Law enforcement activities related to interdiction or criminal processing
- Police equipment: vests, guns, batons, uniforms, K-9, tasers, bola wrap:
- Vehicles: squad cars and upfitting of vehicles is not allowable, unmarked and directly related to abatement strategies is allowable and should be purchased through state fleet or state contracts,
- Mass spectrometers of any kind, are not allowable for interdiction purposes;
- Cell phone extraction software, equipment;
- Fingerprint scanner;
- Non-FDA-approved medications related to the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD);
- Medications, medical services, or equipment not related to the treatment of SUD or mental health conditions (e.g., automated external defibrillators (AEDs), first aid kits, gloves, etc.);

PERSONNEL

- Executive Directors who provide direct service are limited to up a maximum of 25% of salary.
- Salaries and benefits of individuals not performing opioid remediation activities, administrative staff, electronic medical records, human resources, office managers, and insurance are considered part of the admin cost and non-allowable as a direct line item.
- Positions that provide direct billable services.
- Bonuses of any kind.
- Fringe benefits for positions are not to exceed 40% of salary

MISC

- Rent is not an allowable expense under occupancy for administrative services. That should be paid through administrative expenses.
- Developing infrastructure or investing in equipment not directly related to prevention, treatment, harm reduction or recovery services;
- Foster care/kinship care;
- Pill counters;
- Kitchen supplies and janitorial supplies (including, but not limited to, paper products, cleaning supplies, and beverage service) are not allowable unless they are direct program supplies.
- Program supplies (i.e. diapers, wipes, structure toys, etc.) unless is directly relates to opioid abatement purposes.
- SCORF funds do not pay for general auditing or the completion of the 990 forms for nonprofits. SCORF funding may contribute to comply with the State Audit requirement as a percentage.
- Covering administrative and indirect costs beyond five (5) percent of the Participating Subdivision's total allocation per year;
- all types of insurance coverage other than vehicles purchased and used for abatement program; and employee fringe benefits
- meals for trainings, meeting, etc. (ALLOWABLE snacks or drinks not to exceed \$3.00 per person)