

# The Orange County Government Gazette

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## OC Opioid Advisory Committee Opens Grant Cycle for Opioid Settlement Funds

The Orange County Opioid Advisory Committee is proud to announce the opening of the grant cycle for distributing opioid settlement funds. The funds come from national opioid settlement agreements and will support community organizations as they implement programs to address the opioid crisis and improve recovery services for Orange County residents. Application materials and timeline can be found on this webpage: <https://www.orangecountync.gov/3577/43277/Opioid-Settlement-Funds-Awards>



The grant application period will run from December 16, 2024, through February 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Local organizations are encouraged to apply for funding to support innovative programs focused on prevention, treatment, recovery, and public education.

### Grant Objectives:

- **Prevention:** Initiatives to curb opioid misuse, particularly among vulnerable populations.
- **Treatment:** Expanding access to effective, evidence-based care for those impacted by opioid use disorder.
- **Recovery:** Providing support for sustainable recovery efforts, including housing, peer support, and vocational training.
- **Education and Awareness:** Promoting public understanding and reducing stigma around opioid addiction and recovery.

"This grant cycle represents a significant opportunity to empower our community to combat the opioid crisis with tailored, effective solutions," said Tonya Stancil, Harm Reduction Coordinator with the Orange County Health Department. "We are eager to collaborate with local organizations to address this critical issue and build stronger support systems."

### Grant Information Workshops:

The Health Department will host in-person workshops to guide applicants through the

process and answer questions about eligibility and funding priorities.

Whitted Human Services Building, Donna Baker Meeting Room (Google Maps)  
300 West Tryon, Street, Hillsborough, NC

• Monday, January 6: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

• Thursday, January 15: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Southern Human Services Building, Board of Commissioners Meeting Room (Google Maps)  
2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC

• Thursday, January 9: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, January 14: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

For further information, contact Tonya Stancil, [tstancil@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tstancil@orangecountync.gov) or 919-245-2429. About the Orange County Opioid Advisory Committee:

The Opioid Advisory Committee is charged to discuss opioid-related health concerns and issues impacting the residents of Orange County and advise the Board of Commissioners on options to expend funds to remedy opioid impacts.

For more information about the Opioid Advisory Committee and Opioid Settlement Funds in Orange County, please visit:

<https://www.orangecountync.gov/2998/Opioid-Settlement-Funds>

For further information, contact Tonya Stancil, [tstancil@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tstancil@orangecountync.gov) or (919) 245-2429.

## EnergyFundsForAll.org: Highlights for Residents

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides funding for YOU to help lower your energy bills, make energy efficient home upgrades, and more! Here are a few of the opportunities available:

- **Weatherization Assistance Program:** offers free home inspections, energy audits, minor repairs, and energy efficiency improvements to low income households.
- **Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit:** a tax credit to offset the costs of window, door, and heating improvements in your home or apartment (with landlord approval).
- **Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Programs** (note: expected early 2025): direct rebates to help lower the costs of window replacement, new appliances, water heaters, and more.
- **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** a one time payment every 12 months to your utility to lower your energy bill.



- **Clean Electricity Investment Tax Credits** for your Home: a tax credit that covers up to 30% of the costs to install solar or other renewable energy in your home.

Note that this list is NOT exhaustive. Please visit our website and click either "Homeowners" or "Renters" to see the full list of programs.

Want more information, help in applying, or don't know where to start? Email us at [info@energyfundsforall.org](mailto:info@energyfundsforall.org)!

## Adopt. Foster. Donate.

**ORANGE COUNTY NC ANIMAL SERVICES**  
in Chapel Hill  
(919) 942-7387  
[www.orangecountync.gov/AnimalServices](http://www.orangecountync.gov/AnimalServices)

## Urgent Need for Foster Families!

Consider opening your home to a child in your community!

If interested in becoming a foster parent, contact Tracey Trask at 919-245-2710, or Courtney Byrd at 919-245-2708, or email us at [beafosterparent@orangecountync.gov](mailto:beafosterparent@orangecountync.gov)

Orientation and Informational Session  
**January 14, 2025 • 6pm**  
Orange County Dept. of Social Services, 113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough, NC

Scan for more information!  
[orangecountync.gov/Foster](http://orangecountync.gov/Foster)

## Orange County Community Giving Fund

Find out more about [orangecountync.gov/CGF](http://orangecountync.gov/CGF)

## VOLUNTEER TO SERVE

Residents can have a positive impact on the future of Orange County by serving on a volunteer board or commission.

The Board of Commissioners is currently recruiting applicants for the following:

- Adult Care Home and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
- Affordable Housing Advisory Board
- Animal Services Advisory Board
- Animal Services Hearing Panel Pool
- Board of Equalization and Review
- Carrboro Board of Adjustment
- Chapel Hill Board of Adjustment
- Commission for the Environment
- Hillsborough Planning Board
- Opioid Advisory Committee
- Orange County Parks and Recreation Council

[www.orangecountync.gov/Boards](http://www.orangecountync.gov/Boards)  
For additional information contact Tara May at 919-245-2125 or [tmay@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tmay@orangecountync.gov).

## Get Support for Your Business

SizeUp helps Orange County businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs by providing industry data analysis.

You can:

- Discover potential customers and suppliers.
- Optimize advertising and marketing to ideal customers.
- Analyze the characteristics and spending of consumers in the area.
- Use objective industry data to validate or reject assumptions about future business performance.

Orange County Business Investment Grant and Agriculture Grant Programs support the development and expansion of our established business and entrepreneurial communities.

**SizeUp Orange County**  
www.orangecountync.gov/SizeUp

## Orange County Property Taxes Due by January 6, 2025

To avoid interest charges, payments must be received or postmarked by Monday, January 6, 2025.

After the grace period ends, a 2% interest penalty will be added to unpaid balances.

There are many convenient options to pay:  
[www.orangecountync.gov/PayTaxes](http://www.orangecountync.gov/PayTaxes)

**Orange County Tax Administration**  
(919) 245-2100

## Travel Interest Meeting

The Friends of Seymour need your input regarding future travel opportunities, be it international or domestic trips!

Come out and make your voice heard so that we can plan trips that are of interest to you and your friends!

**Monday, January 13 • 10-11:30am**  
Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, NC

For more information, call 919-968-2070  
[www.orangecountync.gov/Aging](http://www.orangecountync.gov/Aging)

## THE WAY TO RESILIENCE Plan, Prepare, Prosper

**February 10, 2025**  
8:00am-2:00pm

Inclement weather date: Feb. 17, 2025

To Register:  
[orangecountync.gov/AgSummit](http://orangecountync.gov/AgSummit)

Cedar Grove Community Center  
5800 NC Hwy 86 N, Hillsborough, NC

## COLD WEATHER SHELTERS

IFC Shelter Available EVERY NIGHT November - March

Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC)\*  
(Men) 1315 M.L.K. Jr Blvd., Chapel Hill  
(Women) 2505 Homestead Rd., Chapel Hill  
CALL: 919-929-6380  
(Men) ext. 3000, (Women) ext. 4000

Arrive between 6pm and 8pm (let staff know if you're working and will be late). Leave by 8am.

\*Must check daily for availability.

Orange County Shelter Available ONLY When Temps Drop Below 32 Degrees ("White Flag Nights")

Orange County Shelter  
University Baptist Church,  
100 S. Columbia St., Chapel Hill  
CALL: 919-245-2490  
Men, Women, and Families.

Check-in starts at 7pm, check out by 7am.  
Walk-ins accepted. Cots/blankets and snacks provided.

Check current weather at [www.weather.gov/RAH](http://www.weather.gov/RAH)

Apart from cold weather shelter, dinner is provided weekdays from 5:15-6pm at IFC Commons Community Kitchen, 110 West Main Street, Carrboro

For more info:  
[ocpehnc.com/resources](http://ocpehnc.com/resources)

## WE ARE HIRING!

To learn more about job opportunities available in Orange County Government, please visit [www.orangecountync.gov/Careers](http://www.orangecountync.gov/Careers) or contact the Human Resources Recruitment Manager at (919) 245-2557