



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 4/19/2022

New Business

Department: County Manager

Presenter(s): John Hudson, Budget

Contact(s): DK Wesley, Assistant County Manager
Victoria Reichard, Behavioral Health

Subject: Opioid Settlement

Brief Summary:

An allocation of funds to be received and expended over an 18-year period in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceedings Related to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation to abate the impacts of the opioid epidemic. Buncombe County will be receiving \$16,175,039 over the period and this amendment budgets the first allocation of \$621,438. A payment schedule has been received and future payments will be budgeted with the annual budget ordinance. These funds must be held in a fund dedicated to their use and we have established the Opioid Settlement Fund (Fund 229). These funds can be used to create, expand, or sustain programs or services that serve persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) or any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or mental health conditions. Funded programs or services may include evidence-based addiction treatment, recovery support services, recovery housing support, employment-related services, early intervention, Naloxone distributions, post-overdose response team, syringe service program, criminal justice diversion programs, addiction treatment for incarcerated persons, and/or reentry programs.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation: County Manager recommends as presented