

RESOLUTION #

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids;

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions (“Opioid Settlement Funds”) are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“MOA”) and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (“SAAF”);

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and

WHEREAS, section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government’s governing body must adopt a resolution stipulating that:

- a) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- b) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- c) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County that this resolution be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a) Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
 - b) Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c) Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: #1
 - d) Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$267,277
 - e) Period of time during which expenditures may take place is July 1st, 2023 through End date June 30th, 2024.

2. Second strategy authorized
 - a) Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
 - b) Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c) Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: #3
 - d) Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$2,227,421
 - e) Period of time during which expenditure may take place is July 1st, 2023 through End date June 30th, 2024.

3. Third authorized strategy
 - a) Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
 - b) Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c) Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: #7
 - d) Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$217,297
 - e) Period of time during which expenditure may take place is July 1st, 2023 through End date June 30th, 2024.

4. The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$2,711,995.

5. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

6. This Resolution is effective July 1, 2023.

Adopted This the 7th of November, 2023.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney