

Wake County Opioid Settlement FY 26 and FY 27 Funding Plan

Executive Summary

The FY26 and 27 Funding Plan for Wake County's Opioid Settlement Funds recommends allocating \$19,472,000 to support the following strategies:

1. Collaborative strategic planning
2. Evidence-based addiction treatment
3. Recovery support services
4. Recovery housing support
5. Early intervention
6. Naloxone distribution
7. Criminal justice diversion
8. Addiction treatment for incarcerated individuals
9. Education and primary prevention

Background

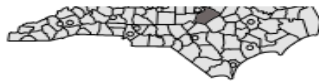
North Carolina is part of a historic agreement that will bring \$ 1.5 billion to the state and will provide much needed relief to communities impacted by opioids. In November 2021, Wake County agreed to participate in the national settlement and will receive approximately \$67.7 million over an 18-year period. The use of these funds is guided by the [North Carolina Memorandum of Agreement \(NC MOA\)](#) and requires formal approval and authorization of an expenditure plan by the Wake County Board of Commissioners. Additional settlement agreements have been reached such as one with McKinsey & Co that provide additional opportunities to invest in needed programs such as education and primary prevention.

Community engagement has been central to Wake County's planning efforts around the opioid settlement funds. Wake County has hosted community input sessions, conducted community surveys, formed an advisory committee, and regularly calls on the Wake Drug Overdose Prevention Coalition for input on funding needs and priorities.

To identify community organizations best suited to implement the settlement strategies, Wake County conducted a competitive funding process in June 2024 and received 39 project proposals. Applications were reviewed by committee and 23 projects were funded because of this request for proposals. These projects will be funded through June 2027 for program stability to allow for time to hire staff, build up the program, and show outcomes of the work. You can find the full list of projects funded [here](#).

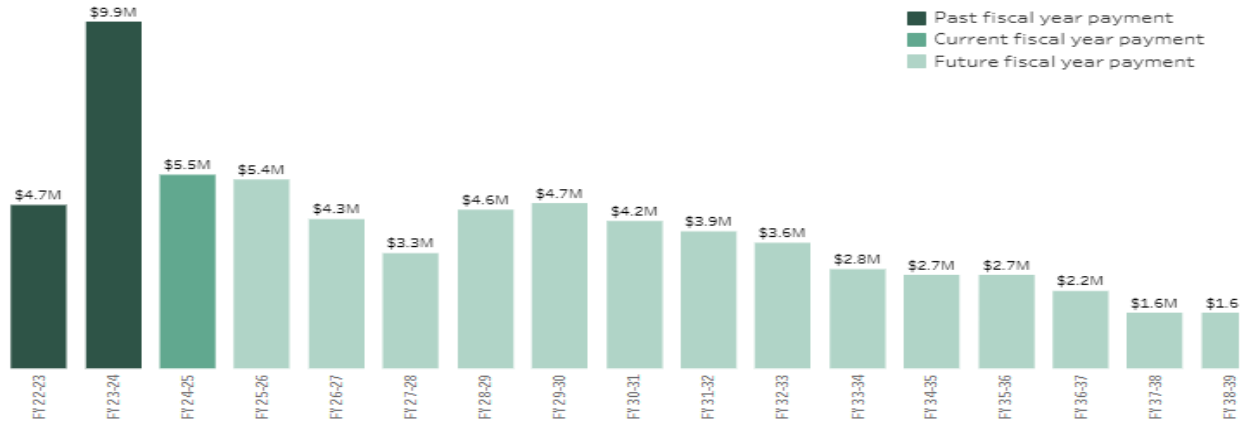
Funding Available

In total, the funds made available to Wake County over the 18-year period of the settlement will be \$67,736,628 (inclusive of Raleigh and Cary funds).



Wake County

Wake County is receiving \$67,736,628 in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2038.



Plan Recommendations

The funding plan recommends allocating \$19,472,000 over FY2026 and FY2027 to support the strategies listed below. This plan will allow Wake County to support its current contracts that were identified through a competitive process and provides flexibility to expand some of the programs over time if needed.

Strategy	Amount
Collaborative Strategic Planning	\$350,000
Evidence-based Addiction Treatment	\$2,700,000
Recovery Support Services	\$7,700,000
Recovery Housing Support	\$4,000,000
Early Intervention	\$2,000,000
Naloxone Distribution	\$800,000
Criminal Justice Diversion	\$500,000
Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Individuals	\$1,100,000
Education and Primary Prevention	\$322,000
Total	\$19,472,000

Collaborative Strategic Planning

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$350,000

This strategy supports collaborative strategic planning to ensure the opioid settlement funds go to the greatest need in our community. This work occurs through the Opioid Settlement Program Manager position, the Advisory Committee, and community engagement opportunities throughout the year.

Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$2,700,000

This strategy supports evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine's national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder including Medication Assisted Treatment. Wake county's priority for expanding access to treatment is for uninsured and underinsured populations through partnerships with Alliance Health, Morse Clinic of North Raleigh, SouthLight Healthcare, and the Wake County Pharmacy.

Recovery Support Services

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$7,700,000

This strategy is focused on providing evidence-based recovery support services such as care navigators and peer support specialists to support people in treatment, recovery, or who currently use drugs, in accessing addiction treatment, harm reduction services, primary healthcare or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being. Funded programs include but are not limited to: Arise Collective, the Carter Clinic, Coastal Horizons, Comprehensive Treatment Center (CTC) Raleigh, Healing Transitions, the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, SMART Recovery USA, SouthLight Healthcare's peer drop-in center, Promise Resource Network, UNC Horizons, VOICE Therapeutic Solutions, and Wake Monarch.

Recovery Housing Support

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$4,000,000

This strategy is focused on supporting programs offering recovery housing support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, such as assistance with rent, move-in deposits, or utilities. Funded programs include but are not limited to: Emmaus House, Fathers Forever, Fellowship Home, and Urban Ministries.

Early Intervention

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$2,000,000

Funded programs include but are not limited to: the Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Communities in Schools of Wake.

Naloxone Distribution

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$800,000

This strategy focuses on expanding access to overdose prevention training and distribution of naloxone, the life-saving overdose reversal medication, throughout Wake County. Funded programs included but are not limited to the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition and Illuminate North Carolina.

Criminal Justice Diversion

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$500,000

This strategy focuses on support pre-arrest, post-arrest, or pre-trial services programs that connect individuals involved or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system to addiction treatment, recovery support services, primary healthcare, prevention, or other supports as needed.

Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Individuals

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$1,100,000

This strategy focuses on providing Medication-Assisted Treatment in Wake County Detention Centers through a partnership with SouthLight Healthcare, including starting people on medications if needed when they enter the detention center.

Education and Primary Prevention

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

\$322,000

This strategy focuses on expanding education and primary prevention activities such as through campaigns or programs in schools. This strategy is funded using funds from the McKinsey & Co Settlement which does not adhere to the NC Memorandum of Agreement.

Final Thoughts

This FY2026 and 2027 funding plan allows Wake County to invest in community-identified strategies over a multi-year period to create program stability and show the impacts of these investments, which will be key to future funding decisions. Wake County will continue to seek opportunities for community engagement throughout the planning and implementation process such as through community surveys, outreach events, and input sessions.

For more information, please find additional information at wake.gov/opioidsettlement.