

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF WAKE
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Wake 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 certain 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”);

WHEREAS Wake 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;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
- b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state 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 (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

WHEREAS, Wake County developed an Opioid Settlement Spending Plan with funding recommendations based on community survey results, community meetings, focus groups, and an Advisory Committee. Wake County also conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) process and identified 23 projects to support the implementation of priority strategies.

WHEREAS, this spending resolution supersedes all previous spending resolutions and reflects Wake County’s spending through FY 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Wake County 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 to the MOA: 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$350,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support program staff position and ongoing costs with program implementation including managing budgets, overseeing contracts, and community engagement.
2. Second strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Evidence-based addiction treatment
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A.
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 2
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$2,700,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support 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. Services may be provided through Opioid Treatment Programs, Office-Based Opioid Treatment, or community-based programs offering evidence-based addiction treatment. This includes funding for MAT programs with a specific emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured populations with medication approved by the FDA for this purpose. Alliance Health, Morse Clinic of North Raleigh, SouthLight Healthcare, and the Wake County Pharmacy.
 3. Third authorized strategy
 - a. Name of strategy: Recovery support services
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 3
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$7,700,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide 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.
 4. Fourth authorized strategy
 - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Housing Support
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 4
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$4,000,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support 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.

5. Fifth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Early intervention
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 6
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$2,000,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fund programs, services or training to encourage early identification and intervention for children or adolescents who may be struggling with problematic use of drugs or mental health conditions. Training programs may target parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human service professional or others in contact with children or adolescents. 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.

6. Sixth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 7
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$800,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support programs or organizations that distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social network such as post-overdose response teams, the Wake County Detention Center, EMS, and other community-based organizations. Funded programs included but are not limited to the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition and Illuminate North Carolina.

7. Seventh strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Criminal justice diversion programs
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 10
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$500,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support pre-arrest, post-arrest, or pre-trial service programs that connect individuals involved or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system to addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, prevention, or other services or supports they need.

8. Eighth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Addiction treatment for incarcerated individuals
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 11
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,100,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide Medication-Assisted Treatment in Wake County Detention Centers through a partnership with SouthLight Healthcare.

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$19,150,000.

Adopted this the 16th day of June 2025

Susan Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Yvonne Gilyard, Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL