



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Chatham 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, Chatham 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 that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government’s governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) 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,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

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

1. 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: **Exhibit A: Strategy 1**
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$330,000**
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **July 1, 2025** through End date **June 30, 2028**
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Funding for this strategy will be used to support the Opioid Overdose Prevention Coordinator role at the Chatham County Public Health Department. This role facilitates county-wide collaborative strategic planning to “address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose or related issues...” per Exhibit A of the MOA.**
2. Strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: **Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment**
 - b. Strategy is included in **Exhibit A**

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- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: **Exhibit A: Strategy 2**
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$330,000**
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **July 1, 2025** through End date **June 30, 2028**
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Funding for this strategy will be used to “support evidence-based addiction treatment consistent with the American Society of Addiction Medicine’s national practice guidelines for the treatment of opioid use disorder...” per Exhibit A of the MOA. Directly funding treatment will remove barriers to care for uninsured and underinsured patients.**
3. 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 to the MOA: **Exhibit A: Strategy 3**
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$150,000**
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **July 1, 2025** through End date **June 30, 2028**
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Funding for this strategy will be used to support people in treatment or recovery “in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need to improve their health or well-being...” per Exhibit A of the MOA.**
 4. Strategy authorized
 - 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: **Exhibit A: Strategy 4**
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$150,000**
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **July 1, 2025** through End date **June 30, 2028**
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Funding for this strategy will be used to “fund 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; or fund recovery housing programs that provide housing to individuals receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment for opioid use disorder...” per Exhibit A of the MOA.**
 5. Strategy authorized
 - 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: **Exhibit A: Strategy 6**
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$120,000**
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date **July 1, 2025** through End date **June 30, 2028**
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Funding for this strategy will be used to “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...” per Exhibit A of the MOA.**
 6. 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: **Exhibit A: Strategy 7**
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: **\$210,000**



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- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
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- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: **Funding for this strategy will be used to maintain the Naloxone Education and Distribution Program coordinated by the Chatham County Public Health Department. The program will “support programs or organizations that distribute naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks...” per Exhibit A of the MOA.**

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is **\$1,290,000**.

Adopted, this the ____ day of _____.

Karen Howard, Chair
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenifer K. Johnson, MMC, Clerk to the Board
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