

**RESOLUTION OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DIRECTING THE INCREASED REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES OF THE WAVE 1
COUNTY ALLOCATION AND CITY REDIRECTED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids in July 2021.

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”), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (“SAAF”), and SAAF-2;

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg 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, pursuant to section B.4.b. of the MOA, a City may direct opioid settlement proceeds governed by the MOA and allocated to the City for remediation (“City Settlement Proceeds”) to a County along with all rights and responsibilities concerning these proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte, authorized the transfer of their first allocation of funds in the amount of \$1,050,000 to the County for Opioid remediation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the settlement, regardless of allocation, requires the funds be utilized only for opioid remediation activities which the County will fund pursuant to Option A of the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the County and the City of Charlotte entered into an Interlocal Agreement whereby the City directed or redirected current and future City Settlement Proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement Funds and other related funds to the County, and in return the County agreed to use any opioid settlement proceeds transferred or re-directed from the City to the County for specific strategies as directed by the City in conformity with the MOA; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County will receive \$75,895,997 from the Opioid Settlement (inclusive of the funding received by the City of Charlotte) to be distributed between 2022 and 2038; and

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, Mecklenburg County developed an Opioid Settlement Spending Plan with funding recommendations based on community survey results, insights from an Opioid Summit community meeting in October 2022, a public hearing with the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners in November 2022, input from the Substance Use Disorder Task Force and other stakeholders. The plan was approved by the Board and restated herein.

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2023, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners approved \$10.9M in Opioid Settlement funds to support eight high impact strategies for expenditure between May 17, 2023 and June 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County will extend the period of authorization for Wave 1 high impact strategies by four years to June 30, 2028 with increased funding in the following areas:

- Collaborative Strategic Planning - \$800,000 (increased by \$450,000)
- Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment - \$4.25M (increased by \$2 million)
- Recovery Support Services - \$4.5M (increased by \$2.5 million)
- Recovery Housing Support - \$5.5M (increased by \$2.5 million)
- Employment - \$1.25M (increased by \$725,000)
- Early Intervention - \$5.5M (increased by \$3.25 million)
- Syringe Services - \$870,000 (increased by \$660,000)

WHEREAS, an additional total of \$12,085,000 million is needed to support and expand these seven strategy areas to meet ongoing community need to address the opioid epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with Option A of the NC MOA, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
- b. Strategies included in [Exhibit A](#)
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 1
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$800,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2028
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
 - Utilize funding to support collaborative strategic planning to address opioid misuse, addiction, overdose, or related issues by hiring additional staff and/or contractors for implementation, consultation, or facilitation services.
 - The expanded funding will be utilized to hire at least one additional full-time staff member. Job duties may include assisting with the coordination, implementation, project management, and reporting tasks associated with Opioid Settlement funding.

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: Item 2
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$4.5 million
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2028
 - 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 Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT). Services may be provided through Opioid Treatment Programs, Office-Based Opioid Treatment, Federally Qualified Health Centers, treatment offered in conjunction with justice system programs, or other community-based programs offering evidence-based addiction treatment. This includes funding for MAT programs with specific emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured populations with medication approved by the FDA for this purpose.
3. Third 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: Item 3
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$4.5M
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2028
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
- Provide case-management, navigation services and peer support through programs that can connect people and families to addiction treatment, recovery support and harm reduction services.
4. Fourth 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: Item 4
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$5.5M
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2028
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
- Fund programs offering recovery housing access and support to people in treatment or recovery, or people who use opioids, 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.
 - The total amount listed in 4(d) includes up to \$525,000, but not less than \$500,000 of the City of Charlotte’s initial settlement proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement Funds for programs that offer recovery housing support.
5. Fifth strategy authorized
- a. Name of strategy: Employment-Related Services

- b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 5
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1.25M
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2028
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
- Fund programs offering employment support services for people engaged in substance use or at various stages of treatment or recovery, including job training, job skills, job placement, interview coaching, resume review, professional attire, relevant courses at community colleges or vocational schools, transportation services or transportation vouchers to facilitate any of these activities, or similar services or supports.
 - The total amount listed in 5(d) includes up to \$525,000, but not less than \$500,000 of the City of Charlotte's initial settlement proceeds from the National Opioid Settlement Funds for programs that offer employment-related services.
6. Sixth strategy authorized
- a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
 - b. Strategies included in [Exhibit A](#)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 6
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$5.5M
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2028
 - 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, including Youth Mental Health First aid, peer-based, or similar approaches.
 - Training programs to target parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health or human services professionals or others in contact with children or adolescents who are showing signs of struggle.
7. Seventh strategy authorized
- a. Name of strategy: Syringe Service Program
 - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: Item 9
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$870,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of May 17, 2023 through end date of June 30, 2028
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
- Support Syringe Service Programs operated by any governmental or nongovernmental organization authorized by section 90-113.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes that provide syringes, naloxone, or other harm reduction supplies; that dispose of used syringes; that connect clients to prevention, treatment, recovery support, behavioral healthcare, primary healthcare, or other services or supports they need; or that provide any of these services or supports.

- The County was awarded grant funding of \$70,000 a year for three years from Vital Strategies to increase community impact. During the authorization period, Mecklenburg County matched the Vital Strategies grant for a total of \$210,000 from County settlement dollars. This county match is included in the total from 7(d).

WHEREAS, an additional total of \$12,085,000 million is needed to support and expand these seven strategy areas to meet ongoing community needs to address the opioid epidemic.

The updated dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$23,000,000 (which is an increase of \$12,085,000 from the original resolution amount of \$10,915,000).

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mark Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board