

North Carolina is set to receive **\$1.6 billion** from the national opioid settlements, with **85%** of these funds going directly to local governments. Before spending any opioid settlement dollars, local governments must approve and share spending plans with details on strategies they intend to fund. **Exhibit A strategies** are high-impact strategies that address the opioid overdose epidemic. **Exhibit B strategies** are from the national settlement agreements and are available once a local government first engages in a **Collaborative Strategic Planning process**. Local governments must report annually to CORE-NC on opioid settlement funds received and spent, along with the impact of those funds. Below is a summary for this community.

Watauga County

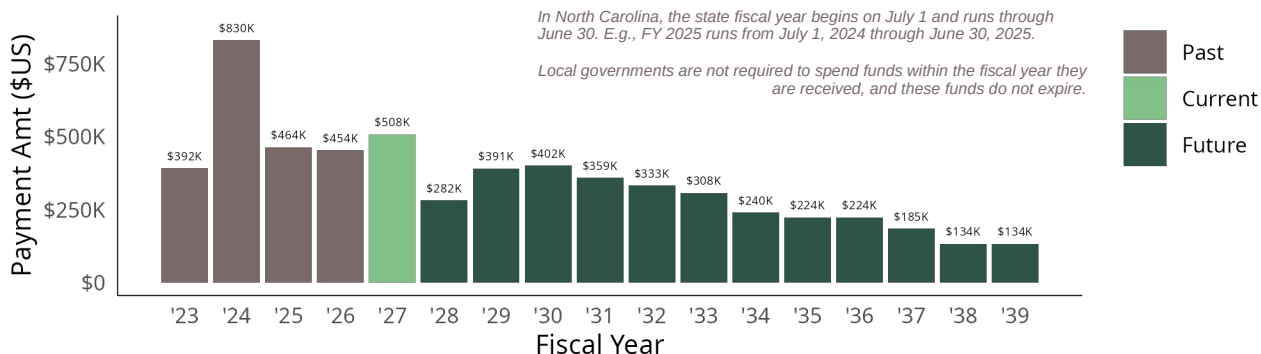
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PAYMENTS

Watauga County is set to receive approximately **\$5.86M** in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2038. They have received **\$2.14M** through June 2026 with **\$3.72M** more anticipated.



SPENDING PLANS

Watauga County has approved and shared **3** spending plans authorizing **9** unique strategies as of June 15, 2026.



Local governments must approve and share **spending plans** before spending opioid settlement funds. Local governments may not spend more than they have approved, though they may spend less.



PAST SPENDING

Watauga County has spent **\$1.06M** on **9** unique **Exhibit A strategies** as of June 2025.

TOP LOCAL STRATEGIES

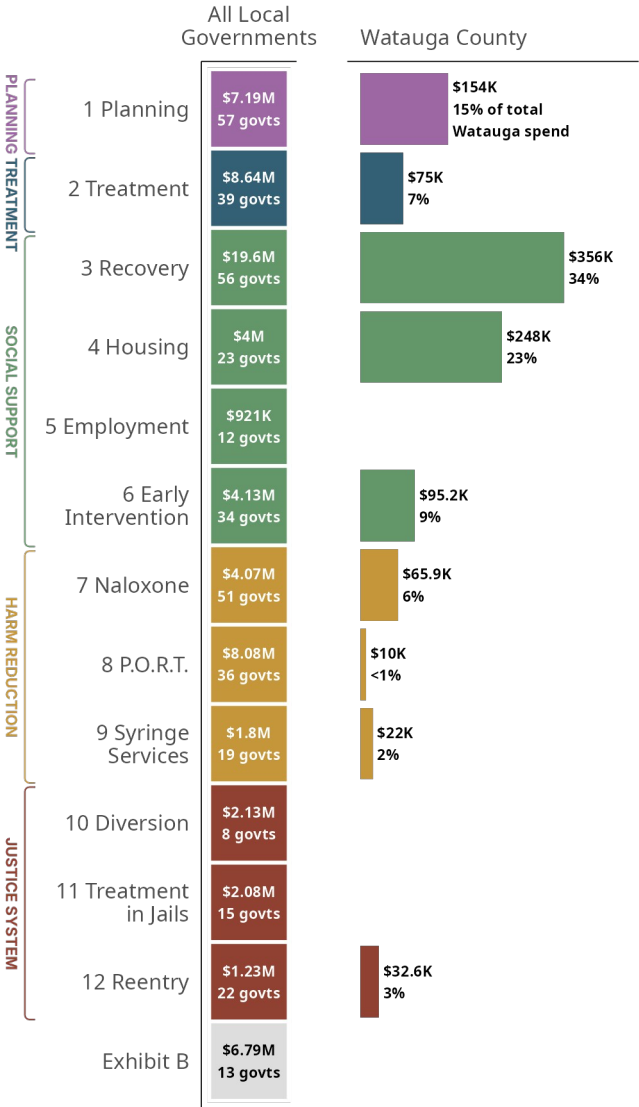
Watauga County's most-funded strategies are:

- **Recovery Support Services: \$356K.**
- **Recovery Housing Support: \$248K.**
- **Collaborative Strategic Planning: \$154K.**

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ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA

Local governments in **North Carolina** have collectively spent **\$70.7M**; the three most locally-funded strategies across North Carolina are:

- **Recovery Support Services: 56** governments have spent a total of **\$19.6M**.
- **Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment: 39** governments have spent a total of **\$8.64M**.
- **Post-Overdose Response Team: 36** governments have spent a total of **\$8.08M**.



Spending through June 2025

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