

**RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE FY25 EXPENDITURES OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS
TO AMENDED STRATEGIES**

WHEREAS Forsyth County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and others;

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 Forsyth County, consistent with the MOA, Section B Allocation of Settlement Proceeds, item 5(b)(ii), established a Community Stakeholder Committee that informed a Report submitted to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners on December 1, 2022;

WHEREAS Forsyth 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 Government Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a state amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose of those purposes during a specified period of time;

b. Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution shall (i) include that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) 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 The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners authorized FY25 Opioid Settlement expenditures at the May 2, 2024, meeting as follows:

Addiction Care Recovery Association, Inc. \$88,650
Advancing Forward Healthcare, PLLC \$39,000
ASKK LLC dba Southside Discount Pharmacy \$20,734
ATS of North Carolina, LLC dba Winston-Salem Comprehensive Treatment Center \$300,000
City with Dwellings: A Community First Initiative \$65,500
Exchange Club Center for The Prevention of Child Abuse of North Carolina, Incorporated \$65,000

Forsyth County Health Educator/Prevention Specialist \$65,092
Forsyth County Mobile Integrated Healthcare \$278,407
Forsyth County MOUD Medications \$512,500
Forsyth County Naloxone \$446,000
Forsyth County Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis \$50,000
Forsyth County partially funded office assistant and health educator \$99,000
Forsyth County Stepping Up \$5,000
Forsyth Technical Community College \$231,673
Greentree Peer Support Program \$72,826
HOPE Counseling & Consulting Services, Inc. \$25,000
Insight Human Services, Inc. \$211,908
Into the Wild \$19,040
Open Hearts Healing Minds Corporation \$15,000
Southern Family Medicine, Inc. \$60,000
The Twenty, Inc. \$20,000
THE WELLS CENTER INC. "For Women in Transition" \$70,000
Twin City Harm Reduction Collective \$480,300
Young Women's Christian Association of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Inc. \$83,335

WHEREAS the Department of Justice and North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Team have recommended directing projects to Option A strategies listed in Exhibit A of the Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Agreement where possible as the annual reporting requirements are less stringent;

WHEREAS the dollar amount authorized for ASKK LLC dba Southside Discount Pharmacy is unchanged however the purchase of equipment as an allowable expense has been removed per the recommendation of the Department of Justice and North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Opioid settlement Technical Assistance Team;

WHEREAS other than redirecting prior spending authorizations from Option B to Option A strategies as applicable and removing equipment as an allowable expense for ASKK LLC dba Southside Discount Pharmacy, there are no additional changes to the May 2, 2024, spending authorization; and

WHEREAS the total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above-named and authorized strategies is unchanged and remains \$3,323,965;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in alignment with the NC MOA, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the expenditure of Opioid Settlement funds for Fiscal Year 2025 as set forth in the attached revised Authorized FY25 Expenditures of Opioid Settlement Funds, which is incorporated herein by reference, and authorizes the Chairman, County Manager and the Clerk to the Board to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, agreements with the agencies as identified herein, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, where applicable, and approval as to the form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 3rd day of October 2024.

Adopted October 03, 2024.

AUTHORIZED FY25 EXPENDITURES OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

1. First authorized strategy

- 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: \$50,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Engagement with a vendor to develop a comprehensive needs assessment/gaps analysis to inform community strategic planning.
- g. Provider: Forsyth County

2. Second authorized strategy

- 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: \$1,000,150
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025
 - i. Project 1
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provides funding to expand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).
 2. Provider: Addiction Recovery Care Association, Inc.
 3. Amount authorized for Project 1: \$88,650
 - ii. Project 2
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide funding for implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) including medical monitoring/management and medication.
 2. Provider: Advancing Forward Healthcare, PLLC
 3. Amount authorized for Project 2: \$39,000
 - iii. Project 3
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide Medication Assisted Treatment, peer support services, therapy, and supports for individuals in care.
 2. Provider: ATS of North Carolina, LLC dba Winston-Salem Comprehensive Treatment Center
 3. Amount authorized for Project 3: \$300,000
 - iv. Provide 4
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Dispense prescribed medications used in the treatment of Opioid Use and Substance Use Disorder at no cost to individuals with valid prescriptions
 2. Provider: Forsyth County (pharmacy)
 3. Amount authorized for Project 4: \$512,500
 - v. Project 5
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide Medication for Opioid Use Disorder including transportation to services when transportation is a barrier to receiving services.
 2. Provider: Southern Family Medicine, Inc.
 3. Amount authorized for Project 5: \$60,000

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: \$475,273
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
 - i. Project 1
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide funding to support a substance use navigator and services for substance using parents who have children (in their care or in foster care).
 2. Provider: Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of North Carolina, Inc.
 3. Amount authorized for Project 1: \$65,000
 - ii. Project 2
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Substance Use Peer Support for individuals with substance use disorder and those in recovery; Self-Management and Recovery Treatment Support program; Seeking Safety groups
 2. Provider: GreenTree Peer Support Program
 3. Amount authorized for Project 2: \$72,826
 - iii. Project 3
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Four peer support specialists with the Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) team, a team supporting individuals in treatment or recovery, or people who use drugs, in accessing addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary care, or other services and supports needed to improve health and wellbeing.
 2. Provider: Forsyth County
 3. Amount authorized for Project 3: \$278,407
 - iv. Project 4
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Group and individual outpatient treatment for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorders/ Mental Health Conditions.
 2. Provider: Hope Counseling & Consulting Services, Inc.
 3. Amount authorized for Project 4: \$25,000
 - v. Project 5
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Adventure recovery intensive outpatient program that supports women on their journey to recovery from substance use disorder including evidence-based and trauma-informed therapy.
 2. Provider: Into the Wild
 3. Amount authorized for Project 5: \$19,040
 - vi. Project 6
 1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Clinical services to address co-occurring mental health needs of individuals with substance use disorder.
 2. Provider: Open Hearts Healing Minds Corporation
 3. Amount authorized for Project 6: \$15,000

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: \$308,335

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

i. Project 1

1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide rent and housing assistance for participants of the Stepping Up Program with Substance Use Disorder including deposits, first month's rent and furniture.

2. Provider: Forsyth County

3. Amount authorized for Project 1: \$5,000

ii. Project 2

1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide apartment living for individuals engaged in outpatient treatment utilizing medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD).

2. Provider: Insight Human Services, Inc.

3. Amount authorized for Project 2: \$150,000

iii. Project 3

1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide rent, utilities and food for housing for women with substance use disorder following release from the Forsyth County Detention Center.

2. Provider: The Wells Center, Inc. "For Women in Transition"

3. Amount authorized for Project 3: \$70,000

iv. Project 4

1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Recovery Housing, peer support, counseling and other supports for individuals with opioid use disorders and any co-occurring substance use disorders/mental health conditions

2. Provider: YWCA of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County

3. Amount authorized for Project 4: \$83,335

5. Fifth authorized strategy

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: \$511,500

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

i. Project 1

1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Increase availability of naloxone for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and their friends and family members, individuals at high risk of overdose, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, and other members of the general public. Purchase of additional dispensing units for placement in various locations in the community.

2. Provider: Forsyth County

3. Amount authorized for Project 1: \$446,000

ii. Project 2

1. Description of the program, project, or activity: Increase availability of naloxone for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and their friends and family members, individuals at high risk of overdose, schools, community navigators and outreach workers, persons being released from jail or prison, and other members of the general public.

2. Provider: City with Dwellings: A Community First Initiative

3. Amount authorized for Project 2: \$65,500

6. Sixth authorized strategy

- 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: 9
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$480,300
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support for the local certified Syringe Service Program providing syringes, naloxone and other harm reduction supplies, disposing of used syringes, connecting participants to prevention, treatment, recovery support, behavioral and physical healthcare and other needed supports/services.
- g. Provider: Twin City Harm Reduction Collective

7. Seventh authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Part 1, Treatment, A9
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$231,673
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support workforce development for addiction professionals who work with persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/Mental Health (MH) conditions including an accelerated addictions program, specialized training for Peer Support Specialists, and interdisciplinary training.
- g. Provider: Forsyth Technical Community College

8. Eighth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Misuse of Opioids
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Part 2, Prevention, G3
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$61,908
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the programs, project, or activity: Increase barriers to medication in homes through education regarding safe storage and appropriate disposal and availability of secure storage devices
- g. Provider: Insight Human Services, Inc.

9. Ninth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Misuse of Opioids
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Part 2, Prevention, G7
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$20,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Collaboration between multiple agencies and the public school system providing youth drug prevention through Safety-First curriculum to high school students, community and business engagement, connecting individuals to services/supports/resources, and distribution of educational materials.
- g. Provider: The Twenty Incorporated

10. Tenth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Misuse of Opioids
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B

- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Part 2, Prevention, G8
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$65,092
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Prevention Specialist to primarily work with youth, plan and coordinate community-wide messaging, plan social media and media campaigns, and engage with the community in prevention efforts.
- g. Provider: Forsyth County

Start/end dates for the 11th authorized strategy added by CORE-NC at the request of Forsyth County

11. Eleventh authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms (Harm Reduction)
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: Part Two: Prevention, H1
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$20,734
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Increase availability of naloxone for first responders, overdose patients, individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and their friends and family members, individuals at high risk of overdose, schools, community navigators and outreach members, persons being released from jail or prison, and other members of the general public, drug takeback/disposal and community education.
- g. Provider: ASKK LLC dba Southside Discount Pharmacy

12. Twelfth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Leadership, Planning and Coordination
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B, Part 3, Other Strategies
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit B to the MOA: J4
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$99,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Partial funding of a Substance Use Health Educator and a Senior Office Support to provide oversight and management of opioid abatement programs.
- g. Provider: Forsyth County

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$3,323,965.