**BURKE COUNTY**
**NORTH CAROLINA**

# A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF BURKE TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

**WHEREAS** Burke 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"), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF"), and SAAF-2;

**WHEREAS** Burke 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:

- indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and
- states the specific strategy or strategies the county intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B; and
- states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Burke County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

**1. Strategy authorized**

a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning: Opioid Response Director
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: $250,000
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support the Opioid Response Director position and associated operational costs, including:
    - Salary and benefits
    - Professional services (strategic planning, communications, engagement)
    - Staff travel

- Departmental supplies and operational expenses

g. Provider: Burke County

**2. 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: $40,000
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support naloxone distribution and harm reduction supplies, including:
   - Naloxone kits
   - Distribution supplies and materials
   - Community outreach and education materials

g. Provider: Burke County

**3. Strategy authorized**

a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning: Opioid Response Deputy Director
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: $150,000
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support the Opioid Response Deputy Director position and program support costs, including:
   - Salary and benefits
   - Insurance, retirement, and payroll taxes
   - Staff travel
   - Program supplies, including PPE (Peers Partnering for Excellence), a coordinated network of peer support specialists facilitated by the County to support recovery initiatives and community engagement
   - Operational and administrative support expenses

g. Provider: Burke County

**4. Strategy authorized**

a. Name of strategy: Criminal Justice Diversion Programs: Burke County Recovery Court
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: $217,000
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support Recovery Court operations and services, including:

- Personnel (contracted coordinator and 1 FTE peer support staff)
- Contracted treatment and service providers
- Participant services and supports
- Program supplies and materials
- Staff travel and training

g. Provider: Burke County and contracted service providers

**5. Strategy authorized**
a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team: BEAR Team
b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA: 8
d. Amount authorized for this strategy: $730,760
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support the BEAR Team, including:

- Salaries and overtime for team members
- Insurance, retirement, and payroll taxes
- Professional services
- Vehicle purchase, maintenance, and fuel
- Medical and program supplies
- Technology, software, and equipment
- Staff travel and operational costs

g. Provider: Burke County

**6. Strategy authorized**
a. Name of strategy: Care Coordination: Community Navigator
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: $114,219
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support the Community Navigator role, including:

- Salary and benefits
- Insurance, retirement, and payroll taxes
- Travel and transportation costs
- Supplies
- Technology and equipment
- Vehicle and fuel expenses

g. Provider: Burke County

**7. Strategy authorized**
a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services (SAIOP/SACOT)
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: $240,000
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support:

- Outpatient and intensive outpatient treatment
- Clinical staffing and service delivery
- Program operations and supplies

g. Provider: Contracted service providers

**8. Strategy authorized**
a. Name of strategy: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment: Low-Barrier MAT
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: $242,304
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support:

- Medication-assisted treatment
- Integrated primary care services
- Clinical staffing and operations

g. Provider: Contracted service providers

**9. Strategy authorized**
a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services (Family-Centered Treatment-R)
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: $365,000
e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date of July 1, 2026, through End date of June 30, 2027
f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding will support:

- Family-centered recovery support services
- In-home treatment and stabilization services
- Peer support, program staffing, and care coordination

g. Provider: Contracted service providers

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is $2,349,283.

Adopted this 15th day of June 2026.

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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Morgan Buchanan
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners