RESOLUTION #

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Buncombe 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 Agreements for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF")

WHEREAS, Buncombe 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; and

WHEREAS, Section E.6 of the MOA states that before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a resolution stipulating that it:

a) Indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,

b) 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,

c) States the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the residents of the County that $3,648,282 of the Opioid Settlement Funds be spent as set forth below in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAFs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners authorize the expenditure of up to 3,648,282.00 in Opioid Settlement Funds as set forth below:

A. First strategy authorized:
   1. Name of Strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning.
   2. Strategy is included in Exhibit A.
   3. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: #1.

4. Amount authorized for this strategy: not to exceed $165,521.
5. Period of time during which expenditures may take place is July 1st, 2026 through end date June 30th, 2027.

B. Second strategy authorized:
1. Name of Strategy: Recovery Support Services.
2. Strategy is included in Exhibit A.
3. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: #3.
4. Amount authorized for this strategy: not to exceed $2,517,651.
5. Period of time during which expenditures may take place is July 1st, 2026 through end date June 30th, 2027.

C. Fourth strategy authorized:
1. Name of Strategy: Naloxone Distribution.
2. Strategy is included in Exhibit A.
3. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: #7.
4. Amount authorized for this strategy: not to exceed $636,610.
5. Period of time during which expenditures may take place is July 1st, 2026 through end date June 30th, 2027.

D. Fifth strategy authorized:
1. Name of Strategy: Recovery Housing Support.
2. Strategy is included in Exhibit A.
3. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: #4.
4. Amount authorized for this strategy: not to exceed $328,500.
5. Period of time during which expenditures may take place is July 1st, 2026 through end date June 30th, 2027.

2. That the County Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute such documents as may be required to affect the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

3. That this resolution is effective on July 1, 2026.

Adopted this day, the 21st of July, 2026.

ATTEST

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Sarah Gross, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____
Amanda Edwards, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney