

RESOLUTION
WILSON COUNTY

EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Wilson 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, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals;

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, Wilson 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 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 (refer to Exhibit B in the MOA), 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, Wilson County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Expand Equitable Substance Use Disorder (SUD)/ Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Treatment Access
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: A1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$100,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 03/01/2023 through End date June 30, 2024

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County will supplement funding that will allow for primary treatment (in-patient, out-patient, and detox services) to be accessible to all parties including both insured and uninsured community members. All referrals for treatment access will be done via a localized and pre-existing program (Hope Alliance) and providers will be authorized and listed as subcontractors with Wilson County prior to any funding allocations being released. The Opioid Multidisciplinary Team, which already serves as an advisory council as it relates to localized treatment provision, will continue to serve in the same capacity as it relates to oversight of funding provisions and overall Substance Use Disorder/Opioid Use Disorder treatment access and/or services rendered. All clients/community members served will be documented per the Hope Alliance's current intake forms, and all funding will only be disseminated once a financial invoice and/or billing statement has been received. Per current community efforts, both the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition and Wilson County DSS have the capacity to administer and/or allocate funding to providers as needed or required by Wilson County Government.
 - g. Provider: Wilson Police Department, Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition, Wilson County Government, Wilson County DSS, Opioid Multidisciplinary Team, Treatment Providers (list available upon request)
2. Second strategy authorized
- a. Name of strategy: Expand Availability of Naloxone (Narcan)
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: H1
 - d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$100,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 04/01/2023 through End date June 30, 2024
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County will seek to expand current community access to Naloxone/Narcan by providing the training, education, and materials needed to supplement said expansion. Funding will be used to supplement the cost of Naloxone at a State average rate of \$100 per box (two 4mg nasal doses per) as well as provisional materials via "Onebox" which provides Naloxone Emergency Kits that allow the consumer to not only access vital and life-saving materials, but also a short video that walks the participant through the administration process step-by-step in both English and Spanish (to ensure equitable competency)
 - g. Provider: Wilson County Government, Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition, Wilson County Health Department, Wilson County EMS
3. Third authorized strategy
- a. Name of strategy: Expansion of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Access to person(s) dealing with OUD
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: A2
 - d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$50,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 04/01/2023 through End date June 30, 2024
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County will seek to provide community stipends to allow equitable access to MAT services within Wilson County. The stipends will be maxed at the amount of \$500 per participant per month

(based on current costs associated with both Methadone and buprenorphine) and all requests for funding will be made by a clinical provider (WPS, CFHC, Eastpointe) prior to any financial considerations being made available. The provider will be tasked with showing proof of program enrollment, as well as billing statements that justify the cost listed under each specific request. This funding will also be made available to our justice involved population pending the implementation of MAT programming within our local jail and potential referrals from justice serving programs such as localized probation/parole.

- g. Provider: Wilson County Government, Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition, Wilson Professional Services, Carolina Family Health Center, Eastpointe (Carter Clinic)

4. Fourth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Expand Reach and Availability of Trauma Informed Programming within the Public School System
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: A6
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$125,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 04/01/2023 through End date June 30, 2024
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County will seek to expand Trauma Informed programming to 5 public academic institutions to address traumatic experiences and resource access as it relates to such within our localized youth populations. The Miss Kendra program (an evidence based and federally approved service) will be the model used for the above referenced expansion given that our local county-based entities have prior experience implementing the service within the elementary, middle, and high school private school sector(s). The goal of this expansion will be to provide early interventions and education as it relates to ACES in hopes of providing resiliency focused resources to offset the heightened risk of long-term SUD/OD associated with early onset ACES and/or Traumatic Experiences (per NIH and DEA statistics)
- g. Provider: Wilson County Department of Social Services

5. Fifth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Sustainment of previously established localized Syringe Services Programming (SSP)
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: H9
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$50,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 04/01/2023 through End date June 30, 2024
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County will seek to support previously established Syringe Exchange Programming by purchasing supplies and materials (such as Syringes which currently list as unallowable cost(s) under federal statute) to ensure the availability of service provision past the current lifecycle of available local, state, and federal resources. Wilson County will also seek to purchase Fentanyl testing strips to be paired with current SSP materials to combat the current trend(s) of overdose caused by the high quantity (and potency) of Fentanyl available within the Wilson Community. These services are administered both physically (brick

and mortar site(s) and in a mobile capacity to reach rural high impact populations. Services will also be rendered by locally trained Recovery Coaches, who will also walk through localized treatment and recovery resources during the administration process. Participants will be tracked via intake forms and follow-up documentation, which will be housed via the Wilson County Health Department for record keeping purposes.

- g. Provider: Wilson County Health Department, Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition

6. Sixth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Provide Stipends to expand housing access to individuals in Recovery
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: B4
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$25,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 04/01/2023 through End date June 30, 2024
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County will partner with localized recovery homes and supportive services to supplement stipend base funding as it relates to the accessibility of safe, stable, and reputable recovery centered housing. Wilson County will use the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition and it's local Recovery Center (RC3) as a safe access point for community members to receive information about funding availability and each recipient will be charted/recorded via an application request that will be confirmed by entities such as the Opioid Multidisciplinary Team prior to the release of any funding allocations.
- g. Provider: Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition, Flynn Christian Fellowship Home, Oxford House, Wilson Crisis Center

7. Seventh authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Creation and sustainment of a localized OUD Data Dashboard
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: J2
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$25,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 04/01/2023 through End date June 30, 2024
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County will seek to use Settlement Funding to create a publicly accessible data dashboard (housed via the local Governments website) to give real time data as it relates to expenditures itemized under the Opioid Settlement Action Plan, as well as how said expenditures have directly impacted high need/underserved populations within our community (I.E. Demographics, # of trainings held, # of Naloxone kits disseminated, etc..)
- g. Provider: Wilson County Government, AFIA Technology Solutions, Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition, Wilson County Department of Social Services

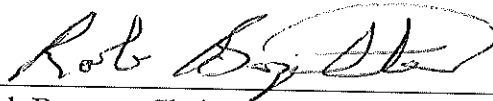
8. Eighth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Creation of a flexible funding pot to supplement local nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and others actively engaged in current OUD Prevention, Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Recovery Efforts

- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: G5-G7
 - d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$125,000
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date April 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2024
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition to provide drug prevention efforts, educational campaigns, provide outreach to civic groups, educational groups, and training organizations on evidence-informed implementation and prevention efforts.
 - g. Provider: Wilson County Government
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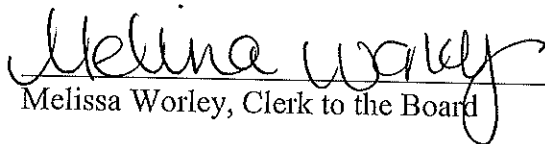
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$575,000.

Adopted this the 3rd day of April 2023.



Rob Boyette, Chair
Wilson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Melissa Worley, Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL

