

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF ASHE  
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS** Ashe 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** Ashe 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, 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, Ashe County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative strategic planning
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A,
    - i. Strategy 1: Collaborative strategic planning
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$23,426.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date March 1, 2023 through End date July 1, 2024
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Coordinate and/or contract with a professional consultant to lead strategic planning efforts for future opioid settlement projects in collaboration with the County, partner agencies, and community stakeholders.
  - g. Provider: AppHealthCare

2. Second strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Evidence-based addiction treatment
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A,
    - i. Strategy 2: Evidence-based addiction treatment
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$125,000.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date March 1, 2023 through End date July 1, 2024
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Purchase a converted recreational vehicle to be outfitted for mobile health use.
  - g. Provider: AppHealthCare
3. Third strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Recovery support services
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A,
    - i. Strategy 3: Recovery support services
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$5,000.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date March 1, 2023 through End date July 1, 2024
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide linkages to care for medication-assisted treatment, substance use treatment services, peer support, and harm reduction services for clients impacted by substance use disorder to prevent and/or reduce overdose deaths in alignment with the Vital Strategies matching funds grant.
  - g. Provider: AppHealthCare
4. Fifth strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Naloxone distribution
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A,
    - i. Strategy 7: Naloxone distribution
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$5,000.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date March 1, 2023 through End date July 1, 2024
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide naloxone distribution, and training to prevent and/or reduce overdose deaths in alignment with the Vital Strategies matching funds grant.
  - g. Provider: AppHealthCare
5. Sixth strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Post overdose response team
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A,
    - i. Strategy 8: Post-overdose response team
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$5,000.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date March 1, 2023 through End date July 1, 2024
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide post overdose response to prevent and/or reduce overdose deaths in alignment with the Vital Strategies matching funds grant.
  - g. Provider: AppHealthCare

6. First strategy authorized
- a. Name of strategy: Syringe service program
  - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A,
    - i. Strategy 9: Syringe service program
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$5,000.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date March 1, 2023 through End date July 1, 2024
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide syringe services to prevent and/or reduce overdose deaths in alignment with the Vital Strategies matching funds grant.
  - g. Provider: AppHealthCare

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategy is \$168,426.00.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Todd McNeill, Chair  
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Adam Stumb, County Manager

**COUNTY SEAL**