

**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.

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 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 that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government’s governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) 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,
- (iii) 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, 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 or Exhibit B to the MOA: 1
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$78,300.00 (\$26,100.00/year)
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
 - Start date July 6, 2026 through End date July 5, 2029
 - 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, oversee and administer opioid settlement funds approved by the County, complete reports in compliance with the NC MOA, develop data and map systems to contribute to future collaborative strategic planning efforts.
 - g. Provider: AppHealthCare

- 2. Second 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 or Exhibit B to the MOA: 3
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$45,000.00 (\$15,000.00/year)
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date July 6, 2026 through End date July 5, 2029

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide linkages to care for medication-assisted treatment, opioid use treatment services, peer support, and harm reduction services for clients impacted by opioid use disorder to prevent and/or reduce overdose deaths in alignment with the Vital Strategies matching funds grant.
- g. Provider: AppHealthCare

3. Third authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 6
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$150,000.00 (\$50,000.00/year)
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 6, 2026 through End date July 5, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: estern Youth Network's Mentoring Program to serve students in the mentoring program, all of who will be referred by school mental health professionals, juvenile court case workers, or Department of Social Services due to substance misuse in the household, as well as to provide Youth Mental Health training sessions for volunteers.
- g. Provider: Western Youth Network

4. Fourth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 11
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$375,000.00 (\$125,000.00/year)
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 6, 2026 through End date July 5, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Ashe County Sheriff's Office to support evidence-based addiction treatment, including Medication-Assisted Treatment with at least one FDA-approved opioid agonist. Ashe County Sheriff's Office will also house a Detention Center Liaison to connect inmates with histories of opioid use to additional services, including Medicaid enrollment support, appointments with AppHealthCare, and other services in the community.
- g. Provider: Ashe County Sheriff's Office

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$648,300.00.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Todd McNeill, Chair
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Adam Stumb, County Manager

COUNTY SEAL