

**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: \$59,595.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through End date **July 5, 2026**
 - 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,
 - i. Strategy 3: Recovery support services
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$20,000.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through End date **July 5, 2026**
 - 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 strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Early intervention
 - b. Strategy is included in [Exhibit A](#)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A,
 - i. Strategy 6: Early intervention
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$21,200.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through End date **July 5, 2026**
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Western Youth Network's Mentoring Program to serve students in the mentoring program, all of whom 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 strategy authorized
 - 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,
 - i. Strategy 11: Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$365,190.00
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through End date **July 5, 2026**
 - 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 strategy is \$465,985.00.

Adopted this the 15th day of September, 2025.

Revised and amended this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Todd McNeill, Chair
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Adam Stumb, County Manager

COUNTY SEAL