

# Annual Budget Ordinance for the Durham County Opioid Settlement Funds

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the County commissioners of Durham County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following annual budget ordinance is hereby adopted:

**Section 1:** This ordinance is to establish an annual budget for County programs and services to be funded by Durham County’s opioid settlement funds. According to a Memorandum of Agreement (NC MOA) executed by the County and State of North Carolina, the opioid settlement funds are legally restricted to certain purposes:

Option A: A county may fund one or more strategies from a [shorter list](#) of high-impact strategies to address the epidemic; or

Option B: If the county first undertakes a collaborative [strategic planning process](#) it may choose a strategy from the [shorter list](#) of Option A strategies or a [longer list](#) of strategies included in the national settlements.

**Section 2:** Pursuant to the NC MOA, the County Commissioners have adopted an Authorizing Resolution that identifies the strategies that the county intends to undertake. The appropriation below is consistent with the strategies identified in that Authorizing Resolution.

**Section 3:** The following amounts are appropriated for the programs and services and authorized for expenditure:

Function	Program Description	Appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds	Appropriation of Other County Revenues
<b>Opioid Fund</b>	The Opioid Settlement Manager: will lead the coordination, strategy, and oversight of the County’s opioid settlement program, ensuring effective implementation, compliance, and collaboration with key stakeholders.	<b>\$179,532</b>	\$0
<b>Opioid Fund</b>	Recovery Support Services: Community Linkage to Care Peer Support Specialist to provide critical, lived-experience guidance and support to individuals navigating substance use disorder.	<b>\$412,873</b>	\$0
<b>Opioid Fund</b>	Public Health Harm Reduction Specialist position to lead community naloxone training and distribution. Funding also includes two contracted positions to provide additional capacity	<b>\$371,143</b>	\$0

	and support for broader harm reduction efforts. In addition, funding will cover the purchase of one new harm reduction vending machine and continued support for the two existing machines.		
<b>Opioid Fund</b>	Safer Syringe Program: To provide safer syringe supplies to the DCo Pharmacy and community partners, enhancing access to harm reduction tools.	<b>\$47,402</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Opioid Fund</b>	Post-Overdose Response Team: Support two Community Paramedics and peer support specialist to expand overdose response and follow-up efforts, allowing for timely engagement with individuals at the time of overdose and within 24 to 72 hours post-incident.	<b>\$297,128</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Opioid Fund</b>	Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons: Support for an evidence-based approach aimed at addressing opioid use disorder (OUD) within correctional settings. This strategy focuses on early identification, clinical assessment, and the provision of effective, patient-centered treatment during incarceration.	<b>\$200,000</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,508,078</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Section 4:** The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the strategies:  
**Opioid Settlement Funds:** **\$1,508,078.00**  
**Total:** **\$1,508,078.00**

**Section 5:** The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting and other compliance records to satisfy the requirements of the NC MOA and state law.

**Section 6:** The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the program(s) to the governing board on a quarterly basis.

**Section 7:** Copies of this budget ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and to the Clerk to Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted this on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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[ \_\_\_\_\_ ], Chair

[ ] County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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[ ] Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL