

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

WHEREAS Durham 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”) and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (“SAAF”);

WHEREAS Durham 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 and SAAF, Durham 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: \$165,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date: July 1, 2026, through End date: June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support for the Opioid Program Manager to lead and coordinate Durham County's opioid abatement and remediation efforts, including strategic planning, implementation of evidence-based opioid settlement initiatives, cross-sector stakeholder engagement, contract and program oversight, performance monitoring, evaluation of funded activities, compliance with settlement requirements, and reporting on outcomes to support the County's comprehensive response to the opioid crisis.
- g. Provider: Durham County Department of Public Health

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: \$540,163
 - Recovery Innovations: \$369,860
 - BAART: \$87,500
 - Durham County Justice Services Department: \$82,803
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date: July 1, 2026, through End date: June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
 - Recovery Innovations: Support for peer support specialists and one supervisory staff position through a contracted behavioral health provider. Peer Support Specialists are state-certified individuals with lived recovery experience who provide outreach, peer support, navigation, care coordination, and linkage to treatment and recovery services for individuals with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders.
 - BAART: Financial assistance to reduce barriers to treatment engagement and retention, including limited support for co-pays and other treatment-related expenses for individuals with opioid use disorder who would otherwise be unable to access or continue care.
 - Justice Services Department: Support for Peer Support Specialists who engage individuals in developing personalized recovery plans and connecting them to substance use treatment, mental health services, parenting classes, vocational rehabilitation, employment readiness programs, housing resources, and other community-based supports to promote sustained recovery from opioid and other substance use disorders.
- g. Provider: Recovery Innovations, BAART, and Durham County Justice Services Department

3. Third strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Recovery Housing Support
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 4
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$61,394
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date: July 1, 2026, through End date: June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support for recovery housing through entry deposits and time-limited housing assistance for individuals in recovery from opioid and other substance use disorders, reducing housing barriers and promoting housing stability, treatment engagement, and long-term recovery.
- g. Provider: SouthLight Health Durham

4. Fourth strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 7
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$443,395
 - Durham County Department of Public Health: \$382,000
 - Together for Resilient Youth (TRY): \$61,395
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date: July 1, 2026, through End date: June 30, 2027

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
- Durham County Department of Public Health: Support for overdose prevention and naloxone distribution activities, including personnel, two contracted outreach staff positions, including one individual with lived experience, outreach and programmatic supplies, naloxone purchasing and distribution through the Durham County Department of Public Health Pharmacy and four naloxone vending machines, vending machine maintenance and calibration, and community outreach to increase access to naloxone and reduce opioid overdose deaths.
 - Together for Resilient Youth (TRY): Support for community-based naloxone distribution and overdose prevention education, including naloxone training, overdose recognition and response training, outreach to individuals at increased risk of overdose, and distribution of naloxone to community members, organizations, and other priority populations to reduce opioid overdose deaths.
- g. Provider: Durham County Department of Public Health and Together for Resilient Youth (TRY)

5. Fifth 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 or Exhibit B to the MOA: 8
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$436,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date: July 1, 2026, through End date: June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support for a Peer Support Specialist to expand post-overdose response services by strengthening outreach and engagement efforts, connecting individuals to treatment and recovery supports at the time of overdose, and providing timely follow-up within 24 to 72 hours to reduce the risk of future overdoses and support long-term recovery.
- g. Provider: Durham County Office of Emergency Services

6. Sixth 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 or Exhibit B to the MOA: 9
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$338,737
- North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition: \$288,037
 - Durham County Department of Public Health: \$50,700
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date: July 1, 2026, through End date: June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity:
Support for harm reduction services through the purchase and distribution of safer syringe program supplies, community outreach, overdose prevention education, and linkage to treatment, recovery, and other supportive services for individuals at risk of opioid overdose and other substance use-related harms.
- g. Provider: Durham County Department of Public Health and North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition (NCHRC)

7. Seventh 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 or Exhibit B to the MOA: 11
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$225,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date: July 1, 2026, through End date: June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support for a Medical Director position within the Durham County Detention Center to provide clinical leadership for the identification, assessment, and treatment of individuals with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders during incarceration, including oversight of evidence-based treatment and continuity of care planning to support successful reentry into the community.
- g. Provider: Durham County Sheriff's Office

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above-named and authorized strategies is \$2,209,689

Adopted this the _____ day of _____ 2026.

[_____], Chair
[_____] County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

[_____] Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL