

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
Opioid Fund	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.	\$179,532	\$0
Opioid Fund	Recovery Support Services: Community Linkage to Care Peer Support Specialist to provide critical, lived-experience guidance and support to individuals navigating substance use disorder.	\$412,873	\$0
Opioid Fund	Public Health Harm Reduction Specialist position to lead community naloxone training and distribution, as well as broader harm reduction efforts.	\$320,770	\$0

Opioid Fund	Safer Syringe Program: To provide safer syringe supplies to the DCo Pharmacy and community partners, enhancing access to harm reduction tools. Funding will also support the purchase of one harm reduction vending machine and contract with an individual with lived experience to strengthen outreach and service delivery within vulnerable communities.	\$67,775	\$0
Opioid Fund	Post-Overdose Response Team: Support two Community Paramedics 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. Additionally, funding will support the purchase of a dedicated vehicle to enhance mobility and outreach capacity for the Community Paramedic team.	\$224,568	\$0
Opioid Fund	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.	\$200,000	
	TOTAL	\$1,405,518	\$0

Section 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the strategies:

Opioid Settlement Funds: **\$1,405,518**
Total: **\$1,405,518**

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 _____ 2025.

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

ATTEST:

[_____] Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL