

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 |
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| Opioid Fund | Support for the Opioid Program Manager to coordinate Durham County's opioid abatement and remediation efforts, including strategic planning, program oversight, stakeholder engagement, compliance, and reporting activities. | \$165,000 | \$0 |
| Opioid Fund | Recovery Innovations: Support for Peer Support Specialists and one supervisory staff position to provide peer support, care coordination, and connections to treatment and recovery services for individuals with opioid and other substance use disorders. BAART: Financial assistance to reduce barriers to treatment access and | \$540,163 | \$0 |

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| | <p>retention for individuals with opioid use disorder.</p> <p>Justice Services Department: Support for Peer Support Specialists to assist individuals in accessing treatment, behavioral health, housing, employment, and other community-based recovery supports.</p> | | |
| Opioid Fund | 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. | \$61,394 | \$0 |
| Opioid Fund | Support for overdose prevention and naloxone distribution activities, including personnel, contracted outreach staff, outreach supplies, naloxone purchasing and distribution through the Public Health Pharmacy and four naloxone vending machines, community outreach, and community-based naloxone distribution, overdose prevention education, and training to increase overdose recognition, response, and access to naloxone among individuals and communities at increased risk of overdose. | \$443,395 | \$0 |
| Opioid Fund | 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. | \$436,000 | \$0 |
| Opioid Fund | 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 | \$338,737 | \$0 |

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| | supportive services for individuals at risk of opioid overdose and other substance use-related harms. | | |
| 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. | \$225,000 | \$0 |
| | TOTAL | \$2,209,689.00 | \$0 |

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

Opioid Settlement Funds: **\$2,209,689.00**
Total: **\$2,209,689.00**

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.

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

ATTEST:

 [_____] Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL