



**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LEE  
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS-UPDATED**

**WHEREAS** Lee 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** Lee 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, Lee County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Plan
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 1
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$75,000.
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Lee County Government will allocate responsibilities of the Opioid Funding Strategic Planning, reporting and administration of settlement funds to the Assistant County Manager of Governmental

Support. This position is a full-time benefited position for the County. This position will be responsible for leading Lee County's efforts required by the MOA and therefore these funds will cover a small portion of this position's salary. This position will be responsible for the coordination of the Opioid Settlement Funds to include coordination with multiple community partners to evaluate needs, access needed supplies, evaluate current and future funding streams to support services, work with the subcommittee and Board of Commissioners in providing updates to the strategic plan, develop annual reports, track expenditures and complete all reporting requirements for the use of funds.

- g. Provider: Lee County Government, Administration
- 2. Second strategy authorized
  - a. Name of strategy: Evidence-based Addiction Treatment
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 2
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$900,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    - Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Increase access to evidence-based treatment for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder by providing funding for Medication-Assisted Treatment. The County will contract with approved, licensed MAT providers to cover treatment costs not covered by other resources.
  - g. Provider: County will submit RFP for eligible Office Based Opioid Treatment, OBOT and Opioid Treatment Programs, OTP providers who serve Lee County residents.
- 3. Third authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 3
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$275,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    - Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: A full time certified PEER support specialist position will be hired within the Lee County Government Community Support Services Department to provide individuals in jail and the community support in treatment and recovery and to provide people who use drugs assistance in accessing treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, healthcare or other services or support they need to improve their health and well-being as part of RENEW Lee County.
  - g. Provider: Lee County Government, Community Support Services Department
- 4. Fourth authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Employment-related Services
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 5
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$30,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    - Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support Central Carolina Community College by providing tuition costs for job training classes for individuals in treatment and/or recovery with Opioid Use Disorder that are not covered by other resources.
  - g. Provider: Central Carolina Community College
- 5. Fifth authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 7
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$50,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    - Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide naloxone to organizations that distribute or administer naloxone to persons at risk of overdose or their social networks. Lee County will target those released from jail or prison specifically through our RENEW program.
  - g. Provider: Lee County Government, Community Support Services Department and Lee County Health Department
- 6. Sixth authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Post-overdose Response Team
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 8
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$50,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    - Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide first responders, Community Social Worker and PEER Support Specialist with post overdose response kits that include educational information, naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and other supportive tools to persons who have overdosed, are at risk to overdose, or their social network.
  - g. Provider: Lee County Government, Community Support Services Department
- 7. Seventh authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Syringe Service Program
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 9
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$5,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    - Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support Lee County's Safe Syringe Program through the Lee County Health Department which contracts with the nonprofits Helping Hands Clinic and Health, Healing and Hope.
  - g. Provider: Lee County Government, Public Health Department
- 8. Eighth authorized strategy
  - 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: 11
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$100,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

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- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support and provide payment for continuity of treatment to individuals who present to the Lee County Jail with a valid prescription from an approved, licensed MOUD treatment center if funding is not available through any other source.
  - g. Provider: Sanford Treatment Center
9. Ninth authorized strategy
- a. Name of strategy: Re-entry Programs
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 12
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$285,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Support Lee County's Re-entry Program in connecting individuals in the Lee County jail with addiction treatment, recovery support, harm reduction services, primary healthcare, or other services needed upon release by providing supplies and information to individuals being released from the Lee County jail or from North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections. A portion of this funding will also go to cover the costs of the re-entry services coordinator position who is responsible for linking services to individuals exiting the jail or the Department of Adult Corrections.
  - g. Provider: Lee County Government, Community Support Services Department
10. Tenth authorized strategy
- a. Name of strategy: Support People in Treatment and Recovery
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A: 4
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$50,000
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date January 22, 2024 through End date December 31, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Provide funding through COLTS vouchers for transportation services to transport individuals to and from OUD treatment or recovery programs and treatment for any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions who lack alternative options.
  - g. Provider: Lee County Government, County of Lee Transit System, COLTS

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$1,820,000.

Adopted this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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Kirk D. Smith, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Hailey Hall, Clerk to the Board