

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution – Opioid Settlement Fund Expenditure Authorization

PRESENTER: Jodi Grabowski, Strategic Behavioral Health Director

ATTACHMENT(S): Yes

1. Budget Amendment
2. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

On June 2, 2025, the Board of Commissioners was presented with the plan for FY 2025-2026, including a Post Overdose Response Team (PORT) position embedded at EMS. The PORT Strategy funds a Peer Support Specialist position wherein the Peer will respond to overdoses and other substance-related calls. This request authorizes funding for the purchase of a vehicle assigned to this position and for behavioral health training for the PORT Peer and staff from the Community Paramedic Program.

The Board must adopt a Resolution per the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation which dictates the process for drawing from the Special Revenue Fund. Sufficient available funding exists for this requested resolution.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Resolution authorizing the expenditures and revenues associated with the Opioid Settlement Fund [Fund 51] for a vehicle and training for the previously approved strategy of a Post Overdose Response Team.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board adopt the Resolution authorizing the expenditures and revenues associated with the Opioid Settlement Fund [Fund 51] for a vehicle and training for the previously approved strategy of a Post Overdose Response Team.

**HENDERSON COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

Before the Board of Commissioners

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENACTMENT _____

WHEREAS Henderson County previously joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and,

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain 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

WHEREAS Henderson 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; and

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. *Budget item or resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.*
- b. *Budget item or resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state 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) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the MOA, Henderson County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Post-overdose response team.
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A (Exhibit A, Exhibit B)
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: A,8
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: not to exceed \$44,700.
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place: August 20, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Vehicle and training to support the work of the Post-overdose response team and the Community Paramedic Program.
 - g. Provider: Henderson County

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds at this time appropriated is not to exceed \$44,700.

Adopted this the 20th day of August 2025.

WILLIAM LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISSA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD

COUNTY SEAL