

Board Meeting Agenda Item

MEETING DATE: September 15, 2025

TO: HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: **Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds**

REQUESTED BY: **Christopher Appel - Senior Staff Attorney**

REQUEST:

Legal Department requests the approval of a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds. The Resolution, if approved, will authorize the County to expend funds in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 from September 15, 2025 through December 31, 2027 for the purposes of continuing the funding of a clinical social worker as part of the Medications for Opioid Use Disorder ("MOUD") program at the Harnett County Jail.

FINANCE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:



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

WHEREAS, the County of Harnett (the “County”) has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids; 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, the 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.

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2023, the Harnett County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to direct the expenditure of opioid settlement funds in an amount not to exceed \$215,000.00 to fund a clinical social worker at the Harnett County Jail for a two year period ending June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the June 19, 2023 resolution expired and there is a need to continue funding the clinical social worker position with Opioid Settlement Funds.

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

1. Strategy authorized

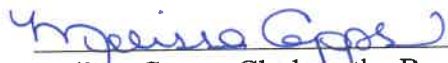
- a. Name of strategies: Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons.
- b. Strategies are included in Exhibit A.
- c. Item letters and/or numbers in Exhibit A to the MOA: Strategy 11
- d. Amount authorized for these strategies: a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take pace:
Start date: September 15, 2025 through End date : December 31, 2027.
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: The settlement funds will be expended to fund a clinical social worker as part of the Medications for Opioid Use Disorder ("MOUD") program at the Harnett County Jail. This position will provide interventions to reduce symptoms and connect individuals to resources as part of the treatment of incarcerated individuals at the jail.
- g. Provider: Harnett County

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategy shall not exceed \$250,000.00.

Adopted this the 15th day of September 2025.


Matthew B. Nicol, Chairman
Harnett County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Melissa Capps, Clerk to the Board

