

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Resolution – Opioid Settlement Fund Expenditure Amended Authorization

PRESENTER: Jodi Grabowski, Strategic Behavioral Health Director

ATTACHMENT(S): Yes
1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the Board’s February 3, 2025 meeting, the Board was presented with an authorization request for Opioid Settlement Funds. This request for authorization included funding for an event under our strategy of Prevention, as follows: “Funding supports a community anti-drug coalition partnering with school staff and faith community representatives collaborating on a prevention and community intervention event that will take place in Fall, 2025”. This authorization was approved via enactment 2025.018. The MOA strategy in enactment 2025.018 is identified as “Exhibit B, G5”.

The strategy number has since been corrected to better align with Henderson County’s planned activities and options in Exhibit B Report & Recommendations. It is now requested to be recategorized as G9 in the MOA Option B (G9: School-based or youth-focused programs or strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing drug misuse and seem likely to be effective in preventing the uptake and use of opioids.)

The attached resolution facilitates the change from G5 to G9.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the amended Resolution for this authorization that recategorizes the authorized item from MOA Exhibit B, G5 to G9.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board adopt the amended Resolution for this authorization that recategorizes the authorized item from MOA Exhibit B, G5 to G9.

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 accepts the amended Resolution for this authorization that recategorizes the authorized item from MOA Exhibit B, G,5 to G,9.

Adopted this the 7th day of April, 2025.

WILLIAM LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISSA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD