



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

**WHEREAS** Jackson 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** Jackson 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, and SAAF-2, Jackson County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

- 1. First authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Early Intervention
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 6
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$234,298.48
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
    - Start date June 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: hiring a Mental Health Addictions Specialist to work with juvenile justice, schools, recovery community agencies, outpatient-based opioid treatment, and social services. Services will include screening, brief intervention, referral to treatment, comprehensive substance use assessments, office-based opioid treatment, youth addiction counseling, recovery community programs and support, and educational programs and early intervention services.
  - g. Provider: HIGHTS, Inc.

2. Second authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Evidence Based Addiction Treatment
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 2
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$225,000.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date June 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: an existing evidence-based addiction treatment program providing residential rehabilitation services that include spiritual and behavioral counseling, life skills training, physical health support, workforce development, and continued care after graduation. Funds will assist with sustaining and expanding the existing program and can be used for operational expenses.
  - g. Provider: Life Challenge
  
3. Third authorized strategy
  - a. Name of strategy: Naloxone Distribution
  - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
  - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: 7
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$72,000.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date June 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: An existing program providing education, as well as the distribution of Naloxone, medication storage boxes and pouches, medication disposal packs and other items that can help reduce opioid related overdoses.
  - g. Provider: Healthy Carolinians Jackson County
  
4. Fourth 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 or Exhibit B to the MOA: 3
  - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$840,016.00
  - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:  
Start date June 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2028
  - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Establishing a peer-led recovery center in Jackson County providing peer support, recovery coaching, resource navigation, and educational programming. Funds can be used for personnel, facility costs, operational expenses, and supplies.
  - g. Provider: Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$1,371,314.48

Adopted this the 20th day of May, 2025.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK A. LETSON, Chairman

Attest:

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ANGELA M. WINCHESTER, Clerk to the Board