

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: Opioid Funding Resolution for Caring Services, Inc.	
FROM: Eric Olmedo, Assistant City Manager	MEETING DATE: June 17, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING: n/a	ADVERTISED DATE/BY: n/a
ATTACHMENTS: Resolution Budget Amendment	

PURPOSE: Consider approval of a resolution directing the expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the City of High Point.

BACKGROUND: The City of High Point City Council approved a resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding proceeds related to the Settlement of the Opioid Litigation on June 21, 2021. A supplemental resolution and agreement for “Wave Two” settlements was approved on April 3, 2023. The City of High Point has received \$537,293 to date and is expected to receive \$2,404,065 through fiscal year 2039.

These funds can be used to create, expand, or sustain programs or services that serve persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), or any co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD) or mental health conditions. Funded programs or services may include evidence-based addiction treatment, recovery support services, recovery housing support, employment-related services, early intervention, Naloxone distributions, post-overdose response team, syringe service program, criminal justice diversion programs, addiction treatment for incarcerated persons, and/or reentry programs.

Before funds can be disbursed, it is required under the NC Memorandum of Agreement for Opioid Settlement Funds that cities need to approve an authorizing resolution that includes information on the selected strategy.

The selected strategy for the City of High Point is Naloxone distribution, with funds supporting Caring Services, Inc. for \$33,400. The attached resolution authorizes staff to obligate and disburse Opioid Settlement under the NC Memorandum of Agreement.

BUDGET IMPACT: A budget ordinance amendment appropriating \$33,400 from Opioid Settlement Funds is included with this item.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED: Staff recommends and requests that the City Council approve the resolution and budget ordinance amendment.



**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF HIGH POINT
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City of High Point 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 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"); and

WHEREAS, the City of High Point 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 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, the City of High Point authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. Strategy authorized:

- 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: \$33,400
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date 6/4/24 through End date 6/30/25
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: The City of High Point intends to direct the funds to Caring Services, a private, non-profit providing state licensed mental health and outpatient substance use disorder treatment in High Point, NC. The Caring Services clinic will operate by prescribing naloxone products to those participants who are seeking medication to treat an Opioid Use Disorder.
- g. Provider: Caring Services

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$33,400.

Adopted by High Point City Council, this the 17th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA
TO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of High Point, North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. The proposed amendment appropriates Opioid Settlement Funds totaling \$33,400. The funds will be used for naloxone treatment strategies by Caring Services, Inc.

Section 2. The 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance of the City of High Point should be amended as follows:

(A) That the following Opioid Settlement Fund revenues be amended as follows:

Opioid Settlement Funds	\$33,400
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(B) That the following Opioid Settlement Fund expenditures be amended as follows:

Operating Expenses	\$33,400
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Section 3. That all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage."

Adopted by High Point City Council, this the 17th day of June 2024.

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

ATTEST

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk