

Report from the Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, requesting allocation of \$9,103,671 in Opioid Settlement Funds to support recommended projects in FY26-FY2, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has among the highest rates of overdose deaths in the State of Wisconsin (the State), and record numbers of emergency calls related to overdoses have been seen in the last two years; and

WHEREAS, according to the County’s Overdose Dashboard, in 2024, the opioid overdose fatality rate in the County was 47.4 per 100,000 persons, down from 71.0 per 100,000 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in adopted File No. 17-722, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) authorized the Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) to retain outside counsel under a contingency-fee arrangement, and to file a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors, as the OCC deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, 2021 Wisconsin Act 57 created Section 165.12, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), relating to the settlement of all or part of the litigation; and

WHEREAS, Section 165.12(4)(b)2, State Statutes, provides that the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement (the Agreement) must be deposited in a segregated account, known as the Opioid Abatement Account (the Account), and may be expended only for approved uses for opioid abatement, as provided in the Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted File Nos. 21-1127 and 23-490, which authorized OCC to enter into the Agreements to receive funds from three Opioid Settlement Distributors and five pharmacies, and the settlements resulted in an approximate net amount of \$111 million paid to the County over the next 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Comptroller projects that the County will receive approximately \$53 million in Opioid Settlement Agreement funding through 2028, based on a disbursement schedule provided by advisors:

**Table A: Anticipated Disbursement by Fiscal Year (FY)**

FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Total
\$4,410,751	\$19,814,016	\$8,640,466	\$6,811,025	\$6,347,950	\$7,267,026	\$53,291,234

; and

WHEREAS, adopted File No. 21-1127 called for the establishment of a segregated Account that is not part of the General Fund, and any unused funds that remain at the end of the year will be carried over to the new year; and

WHEREAS, the Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, gathered input from County stakeholders and facilitated a process to make allocation recommendations for the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, County departments submitted proposals for projects that include one-time expenses, such as equipment, technology or capital items, or programmatic expenses; and

WHEREAS, Opioid Settlement Funds allocations requested in this file (cohort 3) are planned to be expended in years 2026, 2027, and 2028; and

WHEREAS, projects are recommended for County Board authorization after a panel reviewed and scored the project proposal reflected in Table B; and

**Table B: Projects Recommended for Funding for FY 2026, FY2027, and FY2028**

Project Title	Remediation Category	Lead Department	Request Amount
Community Regranting	Other Strategies	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	\$2,295,087
Office of the Medical Examiner (ME) Staffing Needs	Other Strategies	ME	\$1,755,636
Harm Reduction Supplies	Harm Reduction	DHHS	\$1,719,145
Substance Use Disorder Residential Room and Board	Treatment	DHHS	\$1,412,501
Aging and Disabilities Prevention Program	Prevention	DHHS	\$1,018,341
Harm Reduction Data Analytics	Harm Reduction	Office of Emergency Management	\$487,777
Prevention Integration	Prevention	DHHS	\$415,184
<b>Total Amount Requested:</b>			<b>\$9,103,671</b>

; and

65 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General  
66 Services, at its meeting of July 15, 2025, considered File No. 25-465 for informational  
67 purposes only per Section 59.60(8), State Statutes; and  
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69 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 17, 2025,  
70 recommended adoption of File No. 25-465 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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72 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
73 hereby appropriates \$9,103,671 of the Opioid Settlement Funds (the Funds) to fund  
74 seven proposals to address the opioid crisis in Milwaukee County (the County), as  
75 detailed in the report attached to this file and the resolution; and  
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77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of  
78 the Comptroller (the Comptroller) to work in conjunction with the Office of Strategy,  
79 Budget, and Performance (OSBP), to process an administrative transfer in the amount  
80 of \$9,103,671 to fund the approved opioid crisis projects in this file; and  
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82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, projects will be reviewed annually by OSBP, and  
83 the Comptroller; and  
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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the carryover  
86 of unspent Funds allocated in Cohort 3 for use through December 31, 2028; and  
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88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the  
89 administering departments, OSBP, the Office of Corporation Counsel,  
90 Risk Management, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Office of  
91 Economic Inclusion, DAS, the Comptroller, and the County Executive, to prepare,  
92 review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions as  
93 required, to administer the above-referenced projects funded by the Fund.  
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