

Report from the Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, requesting authorization to carryover unspent Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Cohort 1 recipients into FY26, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 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 in adopted File No. 17-722; and

WHEREAS, 2021 State of Wisconsin (the State) 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 the proceeds from the Settlement Agreement must be deposited in a segregated account (the Opioid Abatement Account), and may be expended only for approved uses for opioid abatement, as provided in the Settlement Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted Files Nos. 21-1127 and 23-490, which authorized OCC to enter into Settlement Agreements to receive funds from three Opioid Settlement distributors and five pharmacies, which resulted in a net amount of \$111 million paid to Milwaukee County (the County) over 18 years; and

WHEREAS, adopted File No. 21-1127 called for the establishment of a segregated Opioid Abatement Account that is not part of the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, any unused funds that remain at the end of the year will be carried over to the new year; and

WHEREAS, in December 2022, the process for making allocation recommendations for the Opioid Settlement Funds was led by the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP), and was developed with input from County stakeholders and presented to the County Board in adopted File No. 22-1135; and

WHEREAS, adopted File No. 23-114 granted fund authorization for 15 projects implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of the Medical Examiner (Medical Examiner), Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and Office of the Sheriff (Sheriff), totaling \$11 million; and

WHEREAS, adopted File No. 23-799 provided supplemental funds for four of the first 15 projects; and

47 WHEREAS, these actions allocated funds to the first cohort of Opioid Settlement
 48 Fund projects (listed below) to use within a three-year period, ending on December 31,
 49 2025, for activities that met the criteria for opioid remediation uses as outlined in the
 50 settlement guidance, which are listed below:

Project Title	Remediation Category	Lead Department	Request Amount
Medication Assisted Treatment – Behind the Walls	Treatment	DHHS	\$2,514,909
Medical Examiner Staffing Needs	Other Strategies	Medical Examiner	\$ 2,290,541
Coordination of Opioid Prevention Services Project	Prevention	DHHS	\$4,845,607
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity	Treatment	DHHS	\$1,821,140
Aging and Disability Services Opioid Prevention Project	Prevention	DHHS	\$843,661
Education and Treatment for Justice-Involved Youth	Treatment	DHHS	\$799,190
Harm Reduction Data Analytics	Harm Reduction	OEM	\$719,909
Opioid Treatment in the Prehospital Environment	Treatment	OEM	\$536,550
Homeless Outreach Project	Treatment	DHHS	\$481,570
Opioid Educator- Emergency Medical Services	Harm Reduction	OEM	\$407,798
Harm Reduction Supplies	Harm Reduction	DHHS	\$910,889
Portable Body Cooler	Other Strategies	Medical Examiner	\$192,448
Harm Reduction Kit	Harm Reduction	OEM	\$97,906
Patrol Division Narcan Deployment and Education	Harm Reduction	Sheriff	\$66,500
Autopsy Carts	Other Strategies	Medical Examiner	\$19,450
Total Amount Authorized			\$16,548,068

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 54 WHEREAS, in April 2024, the County Board Received and Placed on File the
 55 2023 Annual Report contained in File No. 24-448, which outlined the opioid epidemic's
 56 impact nationally and locally, accompanied by an update on the first cohort of projects,
 57 and the County's plan to allocate Opioid Settlement Funds; and
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59 WHEREAS, this analysis of implementation progress led to the realization that a
60 subset of projects from the first cohort need additional time to expend authorized funds
61 and achieve intended project outcomes; and
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63 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 12, 2024,
64 recommended adoption of File No. 24-934 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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66 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
67 hereby approves the carryover of unspent Opioid Settlement Funds (the Funds)
68 allocated in cohort 1 for use through December 31, 2026; and
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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the
71 administering departments: Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, Office of
72 Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, Department of Administrative Services (DAS),
73 Office of Economic Inclusion, DAS, the Office of the Comptroller, and County Executive,
74 to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all
75 actions as required for administering the above-referenced projects funded by the Fund.
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