

From the Director, Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, requesting additional allocations of \$1,653,769 in Opioid Settlement Funds to support recommended projects in FY23-FY25, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A REVISED 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 from 2014-2020, the opioid overdose fatality rate in the County was 30.9 per 100,000 persons, more than twice the State rate of 14.8 per 100,000; and

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 suit against opioid manufacturers and distributors as the OCC deemed appropriate in adopted File No. 17-722; and

WHEREAS, 2021 State Act 57 created Section 165.12, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), relating to the settlement of all or part of the Litigation, and Section 165.12(4)(b)2, State Statutes, provides that the proceeds from the Settlement Agreements 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 File No.s 21-1127 and 23-490, which authorized OCC to enter into Settlement Agreements to receive funds from two separate lawsuits, and the settlements resulted in a net of \$102 million to be paid to the County over the next 18 years:

**Table A: Summary of Opioid Settlement Awards**

<b>Settlement</b>	<b>State Total</b>	<b>County Total</b>	<b>County Net (after attorney fees)</b>
First Settlement	\$420 million	\$71 million	\$56.6 million
Second Settlement	\$321 million	\$56.7 million	\$45.4 million
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$102 million</b>

; and

36 WHEREAS, adopted File No. 21-1127 called for the establishment of a  
37 segregated Opioid Abatement Account that is not part of the general fund, and any  
38 unused funds that remain at the end of the year will be carried over to the new year; and  
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40 WHEREAS, adopted File No. 23-114 approved \$11 million in funding for 15  
41 projects from four County departments; and  
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43 WHEREAS, the award of a second settlement has provided the County with a  
44 one-time opportunity to provide additional funds to the currently funded projects, not-to-  
45 exceed \$5.67 million per year in total expenditures for all authorized projects; and  
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47 WHEREAS, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance recommends the  
48 approval of \$5,106,375 in supplemental Opioid Settlement Fund allocations for the  
49 projects in Table B:  
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51 **Table B: Projects Recommended for Supplemental Funding for Fiscal Year**  
52 **(FY)2023, FY2024, and FY2025**

Project Title	Remediation Category	Lead Department	Authorized Amount	Supplemental Request Amount	Total Project Amount
Medical Examiner (ME) Staffing Needs	Other Strategies	ME	\$1,904,942	\$ 385,599	\$2,290,541
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity	Treatment	Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)	\$1,071,140	\$ 750,000	\$1,821,140
Harm Reduction Supplies	Harm Reduction	DHHS	\$ 392,719	\$ 518,170	\$ 910,889
Coordination of Prevention Services	Prevention	DHHS	\$1,407,402	\$3,438,205	\$4,845,607
<b>Total Supplemental Amount Requested:</b>				<b>\$5,106,375</b>	

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56 WHEREAS, the County maintains resources in the Opioid Settlement Trust  
57 Account to fund the supplemental requests; and  
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59 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General  
60 Services, at its meeting of September 11, 2023, laid over File No. 23-799 to the Call of  
61 the Chairperson (vote 4-0); and  
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63 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 14, 2023,  
64 recommended adoption of File No. 23-799 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby appropriates \$5,106,375 in supplemental Opioid Settlement Funds to fund four proposals to address the opioid crisis in Milwaukee County (the County) as detailed in this report and resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of the Comptroller (the Comptroller) to work in conjunction with the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP), to process an administrative transfer in the amount of \$5,106,375 to fund the supplemental requests of the approved opioid crisis projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the administering departments, OSBP, Office of Corporation Counsel, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Risk Management Division-DAS, Office of Economic Inclusion-DAS, Comptroller, and County Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions as required for the purpose of administering the above-referenced projects funded by the Opioid Settlement Fund.

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