City Council – Action Request Form

Date:	October 9, 2023
To:	Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council
From:	Patrice Toney, Interim City Manager Kristin Ryan, BEAR Team Director Tiffany Oliva, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives

Council Action Requested:
Resolution Ratifying a Submission of a Forsyth County Opioid Settlement Fund Application for the Behavioral Evaluation and Response (BEAR) Team.

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community
Strategic Objective: No
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No

Summary of Information:

On September 5, 2023, Forsyth County Government opened a mid-cycle FY24 Request for Application for Opioid Settlement funding. Applications were accepted through September 26, 2023. Funds shall be used to respond to the negative impacts of the opioid epidemic to Forsyth County residents through implementation of high-impact strategies.

The City of Winston-Salem submitted a request for funding from Forsyth County Opioid Settlement Funds in the amount of $532,123 during the application period. Specifically, under the Option B Strategies of B(B) Supporting People in Treatment and Recovery, B(C) Connecting People Who Need Help to the Help They Need, and B(G) Preventing Misuse of Opioids. Requested funds are to add four peer support specialists to the BEAR Team, four additional vehicles upfitted for BEAR needs, associated expenses with staffing and vehicles, marketing and communications, and incidentals in service to BEAR clients.

Committee Action:

Committee	PS – 10/09/2023	**Action**	Approval
For	Unanimous	**Against**	

Remarks: