

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: October 9, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Directing the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the City of Winston-Salem, NC for the Fiscal Year 2023-2034.

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: Improve Public Safety Service Quality

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City of Winston Salem received \$412,840 in National Opioid Settlement funds throughout Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. Before funds can be disbursed, it is required under the NC Memorandum of Agreement for Opioid Settlement Funds that cities also need to approve an authorizing resolution that includes information on the selected strategy. The selected strategy for the City of Winston-Salem is Criminal Justice Diversion Programs, with funds supporting the Behavioral Evaluation and Response (BEAR) Team housed in the City's Fire Department. Opioid Settlement funds were allocated to support the BEAR team in the FY 2024 budget document.

The attached resolution authorizes staff to obligate and disburse Opioid Settlement Funds under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, G.S. 159, Art. 3 and the NC Memorandum of Agreement.

Committee Action:

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Remarks: