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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT  
FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions (“Opioid Settlement Funds”) are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (“MOA”) and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (“SAAF”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and

**WHEREAS**, section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government’s governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, the Mayor and City Council of Winston-Salem authorize the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. Strategy Authorized:

- a. Name of strategy: Criminal Justice Diversion Programs
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A to the MOA:10
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$480,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date: July 1, 2026 through End date: June 30, 2027

- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: The City of Winston-Salem intends to use opioid settlement funds to partially fund an alternative response team, known as the Behavioral Evaluation and Response (BEAR) unit. The BEAR unit responds to emergency calls as a substance use-related pre-arrest diversion program as defined in “Environmental Scan of Substance Use-related Pre- and Post-Arrest Diversion Programs in North Carolina, 2022,” which was published in conjunction with the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.
- g. Provider: Team housed in the City of Winston-Salem’s Fire Department

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$480,000.