

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Rutherford County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids.

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 by three additional Supplemental Agreements for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation (collectively, the “SAAF’s”);

WHEREAS Rutherford County 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;

WHEREAS section E of the MOA limits the use of Opioid Settlement Funds to specifically approved strategies falling under Option A or Option B, with additional requirements for those strategies identified as Option B; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County retained R. Scott Luetgenau dba Gatespring to provide and assist in collaborative strategic planning, project management and technical assistance in the planning, management and delivery of projects employing Opioid Settlement Funds held by Rutherford County in a manner to best combat opioid use disorder and its impacts on the Rutherford County community in full compliance with the MOA and SAAF’s; and

WHEREAS, R. Scott Luetgenau dba Gatespring has undertaken research, site visits, and conversations with those affected by opioid abuse and has engaged in the collaborative strategic planning process required by the MOA for Option A and Option B activities for use of the Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, R. Scott Luetgenau dba Gatespring has presented fifteen (15) potential activities balanced to address prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery support and authorized by Option A and Option B under the MOA, these activities being recommended to best meet the specific needs of Rutherford County and its citizens in fighting opioid use disorder and those closely affected by it, including the addicted, their families, health care and mental health professionals, law enforcement, the judicial system, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Rutherford County desires to accept the recommendations as presented in order to proceed to identify the best opportunities to engage in these activities through the use of the Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to the MOA and the SAAF’s.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with and pursuant to the NC MOA and SAAF’S, the Board of Commissioners of Rutherford County accepts the fifteen (15)

prioritized strategies under Option A and Option B as set forth on the Gatespring Brief presented by R. Scott Luetgenau attached hereto and authorizes their public submission to CORE-NC in order to expedite the process of best using Option A and Option B activities in the best interests of our community and those affected by opioid use disorder.

Adopted this the 8th day of September, 2025.

Bryan A. King, Chair
Rutherford County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Hazel Haynes, Clerk to the Board

COUNTY SEAL