



RUTHERFORD COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT RFA · FY 2026–2029

Funding Recommendations: Commissioner Summary

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This one-page summary previews the scoring committee’s funding recommendations for the FY 2026–2029 opioid settlement cycle. Complete per-application scoring, rationale, and compliance detail are in the accompanying *Consensus Meeting Briefing* and *Compliance Crosswalk*.

10 APPLICATIONS · 8 ORGANIZATIONS	7 RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING	\$2.10M TOTAL RECOMMENDED (3- YEAR)	Within THE \$2.1M–\$2.6M CYCLE ENVELOPE
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How the slate was built

Ten applications across six MOA strategy categories were each independently scored by a seven-member, cross-sector committee against a published 100-point rubric, then settled in a consensus meeting on May 13. Conflict-of-interest screening kept flagged reviewers off flagged applications, and the slate entered consensus with zero conflicted scorings. Gatespring facilitated, recorded, and produced the audit trail; the committee owned every decision. Recommended awards total **\$2,098,176** against applicant requests of \$3,265,383, landing within the County’s published cycle envelope.

Recommended for funding

APPLICANT & PROJECT	STRATEGY	RECOMMENDED (3-YR)
McLeod Centers for Wellbeing Treatment Access Fund	A2	\$362,976
McLeod Centers for Wellbeing Peer Support & Transportation Access Program • WITH CONDITIONS	A3	\$150,000
U & I Enrichment Center Recovery Community Center Expansion & Peer Support • WITH CONDITIONS	A3	\$150,000
Mosaic Hope Rutherford County TBRI Collaborative — Early Intervention • WITH CONDITIONS	A6	\$265,200
McLeod Centers for Wellbeing Naloxone Initiative • WITH CONDITIONS	A7	\$30,000
United Way of Rutherford County Rutherford Mobile Harm Reduction Team	A9	\$270,000
Preferred Choice Healthcare Detention Center MOUD • WITH CONDITIONS	A11	\$870,000
Total recommended — 7 awards		\$2,098,176

Five of the seven recommended awards advance with conditions. Conditions are documented per application in the *Consensus Meeting Briefing* and will be finalized with each awardee after the Board’s vote.

Not recommended this cycle

Rutherford Housing Partnership Rutherford Family Stabilization Program · A3	Gaps in opioid-use-disorder linkage, single-point accountability, and evaluation design. Gatespring will offer technical assistance toward a future round.
United Way of Rutherford County Rutherford Recovery Support Services · A3	A3 funds directed to two complementary providers by population and geography. United Way is recommended for funding through its separate A9 award above.
Rutherford County Sheriff’s Office Inmate Overdose Prevention Monitoring (Cell Guardian) · A11	Set aside this cycle; jail-based MOUD delivered through Preferred Choice Healthcare addresses the underlying need. Recommended for revisit in the next cycle.

What happens next

June 1	Board of Commissioners votes on the spending authorization (6:00 PM). Gatespring attends in person to present the recommendations and answer questions.
July 1	Funded programs may begin. Awards operate on a monthly cost-reimbursement basis for documented, MOA-allowable costs.