

LOCAL SPENDING PLANS DASHBOARD

LEGAL AND TECHNICAL NOTES

About This Dashboard

This dashboard shows how local governments plan to spend opioid settlement funds. It features data from local governments that took formal action to authorize spending opioid settlement funds and reported that information to the Community Opioid Resources Engine (CORE-NC) before July 1, 2023. The data on the dashboard does not reflect reports that were received after July 1, 2023 or reports for which we are seeking additional information or clarification. See our Report Tracker [LINK].

How Local Governments Authorize Opioid Settlement Spending

North Carolina has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that governs the allocation, use, and reporting of opioid settlement funds. The MOA provides that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the governing board of a local government must adopt a resolution that states the specific strategies to be funded, amount dedicated to each strategy, and relevant period of time. To learn more about these requirements, read the “New guidance to local governments on how to authorize the expenditure of opioid settlement funds” from the North Carolina Department of Justice (NC DOJ). This and other relevant documents are available on NC DOJ’s [MorePowerfulNC](#) website by clicking on “Opioid Settlements” and then “NC Memorandum of Agreement.”

How Local Governments Select Strategies to Fund

Under the MOA, a local government may spend opioid settlement funds on opioid remediation strategies authorized under Option A or Option B or both. [MOA § E.5]

Under Option A, a local government may fund one or more strategies from MOA Exhibit A, which is a shorter list of evidence-based, high-impact strategies to address the epidemic. This option allows for but does not require specific planning activities at the local level.

Under Option B, a local government undertakes the following steps:

1. The local government engages in a collaborative strategic planning process described in MOA Exhibit C.
2. The local government drafts a report and recommendations, the contents of which are described in the right-hand column of MOA Exhibit C.
3. The local government presents the report and recommendations to its governing body.

4. The local government submits the report and recommendations to CORE-NC within 90 days of the date the report and recommendations were presented to the local governing body.

Once the report and recommendations have been submitted to the local governing body for consideration, the local governing body may decide to fund one or more strategies from the shorter list of approved strategies listed in MOA Exhibit A or the longer list of strategies from the national settlements in MOA Exhibit B.

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