

Chippewa County

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE OPIOID SETTLEMENT SPENDING

At a meeting of the County Board of the County of Chippewa (the "County"), Chippewa County, Michigan, held on June 12, 2025, located at Sault Ste. Marie, MI at 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Knepper and supported by Commissioner Traynor.

- WHEREAS, Chippewa County is the 41st most vulnerable county in Michigan related to substance use, with a rate of 15.5 overdose fatalities per 100,000 people, and
- WHEREAS, Chippewa County participated and signed on in national litigation against manufacturers, distributors and pharmacies for their role in the opioid and overdose crisis; and
- WHEREAS, Chippewa County is projected to receive \$1,689,836.78 over a total of eighteen (18) years, beginning in January 2023, because of litigation; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the ability to file lawsuits for any forthcoming opioid-related settlements; and
- WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to gather community voices related to community needs associated with the drug overdose crisis; and
- WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee (Steering Committee) has been created by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners released a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process for opioid settlement funds; and
- WHEREAS, there were three organizations who submitted proposals within the parameters of the RFP seeking opioid settlement funds; and
- WHEREAS, the use of opioid settlement funds must meet certain requirements as outlined in Settlement Agreement Exhibit E and by the definition of opioid remediation as outlined in the settlement agreements; and

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- **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**; the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the process to work with attorneys retained for purposes of opioid settlements to ensure allowability of activities outlined in submitted proposals.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the process of developing contracts for the allowable proposed services up to the \$90,000.00 limit set forth in the request for proposals.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, no funds will be distributed until the fully executed agreements have been received by Chippewa County.

YEAS:	Jim Martin.	Scott Shackleton	Justin Knepper	Damon Lieurance	and Jim Traynor
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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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		J/m Martin	, Chairman, Chippewa	Steve Woodgate, C	
STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)) ss.)				

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Steve Woodgate, County Clerk