

RESOLUTION NO.: 55—2023-24

TO THE HONORABLE, THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

2/3 MAJORITY – 24 VOTES

1 Outagamie County was a party seeking relief from the opiate litigation (National
2 Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No.: MDL 2804). The first initial award(s) were
3 received in 2022 in the amount of \$867,510, with subsequent payments in 2023
4 (\$34,574 received to date) and additional payments in subsequent years.
5 Administration met with various departments to identify the best use of these dollars to
6 have the greatest impact for our community. Both the Sheriff’s Office and Department
7 of Health and Human Services (DHHS) have identified expenditures relating to the
8 Opioid settlement.
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10 Expenditures for DHHS will include personnel, purchased services, and other supplies
11 that will be used for treatment, prevention, or other strategies. (See attached memo
12 from DHHS with additional explanations of expenditures to be incurred.) The Sheriff’s
13 Office expenditures include testing kits and strips and various types of filters that will
14 be used with the department’s vent hood where suspected fentanyl or other powdered
15 substances are tested, as well as specialized narcotics/Opioid electronic testing
16 equipment and the maintenance on the equipment.
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18 The DHHS personnel request was included in the DHHS 2023 mid-year position
19 requests which were adopted by the County Board on September 12, 2023 (Resolution
20 44—2023-2024). The Sheriff’s Office will be coming forward later this year requesting
21 two sunset positions assigned to the Meg Unit to continue to fight the Opioid issue at
22 the dealer level.
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24 The financing sources will cover the cost of these expenditures in 2023 and will
25 automatically revolve each year (segregated fund balance) given the statutory
26 requirements of this funding source.
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28 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the Health and Human Services Committee
29 and Public Safety Committee recommend adoption of the following resolution.

30 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors does authorize and approve
31 of increasing the following Opioid Settlement cost center line items: Supplies by \$10,648; Purchased
32 Services by \$189,985; Fund Balance Applied by \$200,633, as noted on the attached fiscal note and memo
33 which by reference are made a part hereof, and

1 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Outagamie County Clerk be directed to forward a copy
2 of this resolution to the Outagamie County Health and Human Services Director, the Outagamie County
3 Sheriff, and the Outagamie County Finance Director.

4 Dated this ____ day of October 2023

5 Respectfully Submitted,
6 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
7 COMMITTEE
8 AND
9 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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36 Board Chairperson

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42 County Executive

**Health and Human Services Request to Expend Opioid Settlement Dollars
September 11, 2023**

The Department of Health and Human Services requests permission to draft a County Board Resolution to allow us to expend the following dollars from the county's opioid settlement fund. These requests are for expenditures anticipated to occur during the final quarter of 2023 (from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023) and fall into three anticipated categories.

Substance Use Treatment Services – Our mental health and alcohol and other drug abuse division is anticipating a need to provide treatment to current and prior opioid addicted county residents at various treatment facilities that would provide inpatient, outpatient and community support services during the last quarter of 2023. ***Anticipated budget needs to provide necessary treatment is \$93,909.***

Regional Opioid Use Awareness Campaign – Outagamie, Oconto and Shawano Counties have all agreed to partner with Brown County to bring awareness of the opioid crisis to our four counties. This awareness we be accomplished by airing two Public Service Announcements on our local television stations. An assessment will be conducted to determine which television stations and what programming time frame to target maximum impacted viewers. Pre-selected and pre-developed Public Service Announcements will be used in preparation for this media campaign. ***Anticipated budget needs for our share of this aware campaign is \$50,000.***

Local Opioid Prevention Efforts- Outagamie County Public Health has been awarded a Department of Health Services grant to install a Public Health Vending Machine at the downtown government complex to help distribute items that will assist our county residents with the prevention of Opioid addictions as well as other public health hazards. We request local opioid dollars to help print infographics and flyers/brochures to help spread awareness of this new vending machine and how the general public can use and access its contents. A portion of the opioid funds will also be used to run digital ads and to boost posts on Facebook, YouTube and other social media sites that will include a how-to-use the new vending machine video. The video will be created within the Public Health Division. ***Anticipated budget needs for these local opioid prevention efforts is \$10,000.***

Health and Human Services is thus requesting to expend up to \$153,909 of county opioid settlement dollars to implement the three projects highlighted above during the final quarter of 2023.

We appreciate the county board committee and board support of these efforts.