



RESOLUTION

Number 2021-050

To Create an Expendable Trust for Opioid Mitigation and Response and to Authorize Acceptance of Settlement or Judgment Proceeds

WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of the Town Charter establishes the Town Council as the governing and legislative body of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been adversely impacted by the Opioid Crisis and anticipates continuing expenses to mitigate, respond and recover from circumstances resulting from the Crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Town has aggressively participated in a national consortium created to hold Opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable for the impacts of their actions upon our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been receiving funds from the State of New Hampshire for a settlement of an action in accordance with RSA 126-A:83; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a separate fund, pursuant to the guidelines set forth below, will assist with the accounting, investment and distribution of proceeds received from settlements or judgments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that an Expendable Trust Fund for Opioid Mitigation and Response is hereby created pursuant to RSA 31:19-a; additionally, the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to accept proceeds from any source resulting from settlements or judgments related to this matter.

Further, the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to accept \$6,961.23 from the State of New Hampshire as proceeds from a settlement and place funds in said Trust, and finally, to designate the Town Council as the Agent to Expend.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: August 17, 2021.

Attest:

x Brian Chirichiello
Brian Chirichiello, Council Chair Pro-Tem
Date: 8/17/2021

x Daniel Healey
Daniel Healey, Town Clerk
Date: 8/17/2021

Expendable Trust for Opioid Mitigation and Response

Pursuant to Resolution #2021-051, the Town Council has established the Trust to assist the Derry community with the mitigation and response to the Opioid Crisis. As Agents to Expend, the Town Council may authorize, under subsequent Resolutions, the expenditure of funds, which may include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) Reimbursement for emergency response services related to the Crisis provided by law enforcement and first responders;
- 2) Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services, offered by qualified professionals, for persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and any co-occurring Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health (SUD/MH) issues or persons who have experienced an opioid overdose;
- 3) Support detoxification services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues, including medical detoxification, referral to treatment or connections to other services;
- 4) Provide access to housing for people with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues, including supportive housing, recovery housing, or housing assistance programs, within or outside of the Town's General Assistance Program;
- 5) Provide or support transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues;
- 6) Provide employment training or educational services for persons in treatment for or in recovery from OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH;
- 7) Improve oversight of opioid treatment programs (OTPs) to assure evidence-based, evidence-informed practices;
- 8) Provide funding for mental and behavioral health providers involved in addressing OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues, including, but not limited to, emergency response services available to the Town's first responders during the execution of their duties;
- 9) Supplemental counseling, assistance and support available to Town employees necessitated by their response and care of OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH emergencies;
- 10) Support the education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs.
- 11) Purchase of equipment, vehicles and other tools to assist first responders responding to the effects of this Crisis.