

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2026 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT FROM THE OKLAHOMA OPIOID ABATEMENT BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000.00 TO FUND A PARTNERSHIP WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OKLAHOMA TO IMPLEMENT THE “A BETTER WAY – OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS” SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

- § 1. WHEREAS, from 2018 through 2022, Cleveland County had the fifty-eighth highest drug overdose death rate in the state, and of those deaths, more than half were due to opioids; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, from 2020 through 2022, Cleveland County had the twenty-fourth highest nonfatal drug overdose hospitalization rate in the state, and opioids were one of the most common substances involved in hospitalizations; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act (the "Act") "to promote and protect the health of Oklahomans by using monetary grants to abate the opioid crisis in a comprehensive manner that includes cooperation and collaboration with political subdivisions" (74 O.S. §30.4); and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board (the "Board"), created as an oversight body for the distribution of opioid settlement funds, opened another round of Opioid Abatement Grant funding for 2026, with the application period from February 1 to March 31, 2026; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025, the City partnered with Mental Health Association Oklahoma on the “A Better Way – Opportunity Knocks” program through Contract K-2425-109 utilizing opioid settlement funding provided from the State through the Distributors Settlement Agreement; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, such opioid settlement funding is to be utilized for different programs and the City desires for the “A Better Way – Opportunity Knocks” program to continue after contract expiration in April 2026; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, grant applications must be accompanied by a resolution from the City authorizing the application and setting forth how the funds shall be used or expended.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. That, an application for grant funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 is hereby authorized for the purpose of funding a three-year partnership with Mental Health Association Oklahoma to provide for the continued implementation of the “A Better Way – Opportunity Knocks” program.

Approved by Council this 10th day of March, 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk