

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2025 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT FROM THE OKLAHOMA OPIOID ABATEMENT BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$498,000.00 TO FUND A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VIRTUE CENTER TO IMPLEMENT A NEW STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM, EXPANSION OF OUTPATIENT TREATMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS ADDICTED TO OPIATES, AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO MEDICATION FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER.

- § 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 2025, with the application period from May 12, 2025 to June 13, 2025; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City issued Request for Proposal RFP-2425-60 to seek out potential partnerships with entities that could provide services for approved purposes authorized by the Act; and
- § 6. 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:

- § 7. That, an application for grant funds in the amount of \$498,000.00 is hereby authorized for the purpose of funding a three year partnership with The Virtue Center to implement a new Strengthening Families Program, expansion of outpatient treatment and case management services for adolescents and adults addicted to opiates, and improving access to medication for Opioid Use Disorder.

Approved by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2025.

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Larry Heikkila, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Hall, City Clerk