

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANT FROM THE OKLAHOMA OPIOID ABATEMENT BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,000 TO FUND A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VIRTUE CENTER TO IMPLEMENT A FREE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM, EXPANDING OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS ADDICTED TO OPIATES, AND PROVIDING TRAINING FOR THERAPISTS IN EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT MODALITIES.

- § 1. WHEREAS, from 2017-2021, Cleveland County had the fifty-sixth highest drug overdose death rate in the state, and of those deaths, more than half were due to opioids; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, from 2019-2021, Cleveland County had the twenty-fifth 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, issued a Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity for counties, incorporated municipalities, public school districts, career tech school districts, and public trusts solely benefiting any of the aforementioned subdivisions; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution R-2324-71 on October 10, 2023, authorizing the City Manager to submit a letter of intent to submit an application for an Opioid Abatement Grant award; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City issued Request for Proposal RFP-2324-49 to seek out potential partnerships with entities that could provide services for approved purposes authorized by the Act; 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 \$190,000 is hereby authorized for the purpose of funding a partnership The Virtue Center to implement a free opioid education and awareness program, expand outpatient treatment services for adolescent and adults addicted to opiates, and provide training for therapists in evidence based treatment modalities.

APPROVED by the Council of the City of Norman the ____ day of _____,
2024.

By: _____ Date: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____
CITY CLERK