

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-121 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO
3 ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BERNALILLO
4 COUNTY TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE METROPOLITAN DETENTION CENTER
5 FOR OPIOID TREATMENT AND RECOVERY.

6 WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the National Prescription Opiate
7 Litigation Plaintiffs' Executive Committee confirmed participation of over 90%
8 of litigating local governments nationwide in the \$26 billion global opioid
9 settlements finalized with three drug distributors, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal
10 Health and McKesson, and opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson; and

11 WHEREAS, the settlements require that 85% of funds be allocated to
12 programs that will help address the ongoing opioid crisis through treatment,
13 education, and prevention efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, in total, the settling distributors will make 18 annual payments
15 to settling states and entities; and

16 WHEREAS, the passage of R-22-32 created the LG Abatement Fund for
17 timely receipt, appropriation, and expenditure of the opioid settlement proceeds;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the Distributor Master Settlement Agreement and the J&J Master
20 Settlement Agreement outline Core Strategies, Approved Uses, and Other
21 Strategies for the LG Abatement Fund; and

22 WHEREAS, treatment for incarcerated persons is listed as a Core Strategy;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, many incarcerated individuals have overlapping distinctions
25 which are addressed by the Core Strategies, Approved Uses, and Other
26 Strategies; and

1 WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association supports research
2 showing treating prisoners' addiction issues during incarceration and after
3 release helps keep them off of drugs, out of prison, and employed; and

4 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Prisons note studies show when in-prison
5 programs are well-designed, carefully implemented, and utilize effective
6 practices, they reduce relapse, criminality, recidivism, increase the level of the
7 offender's stake in societal norms, increase levels of education and
8 employment upon return to the community, improve health and mental health
9 symptoms and conditions, and improve relationships; and

10 WHEREAS, Bernalillo County partners with Recovery Services of New
11 Mexico to administer Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) to prisoners at the
12 Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC); and

13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico three-year recidivism rate was 54% in FY19 and
14 FY20, with substance use as one of the main drivers for return to prison after
15 release;

16 WHEREAS, treating opioid addicted inmates helps the individual start on the
17 road to recovery, helps the families of the individuals, our overburdened prison
18 system, and society as a whole.

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
20 ALBUQUERQUE:

21 SECTION 1.

22 The Department of Family and Community Services (FCS) shall enter
23 into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bernalillo County to provide
24 \$1.5 million dollars from the LG Abatement Fund 201 to provide opioid treatment
25 and recovery services at MDC.

26 SECTION 2.

27 The City is expected to receive allocations from the Opioid Settlement
28 Fund for the next 18 years. FCS is hereby directed to allocate 30% of future
29 settlement allocations to Bernalillo County to provide opioid treatment and
30 recovery services at MDC.

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