

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-121

ENACTMENT NO. R-2023-088

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa Peña

1 RESOLUTION

2 DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
3 TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BERNALILLO
4 COUNTY TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE METROPOLITAN DETENTION
5 CENTER 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,
10 Cardinal Health and McKesson, and opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson;
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12 WHEREAS, the settlements require that 85% of funds be allocated to
13 programs that will help address the ongoing opioid crisis through treatment,
14 education, and prevention efforts; and

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, many incarcerated individuals have overlapping distinctions
2 which are addressed by the Core Strategies, Approved Uses, and Other
3 Strategies; and

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

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

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

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

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

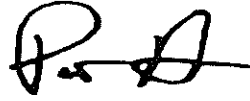
22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
23 ALBUQUERQUE:

24 SECTION 1. The Department of Family and Community Services (FCS) shall
25 enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bernalillo County to
26 provide \$1.5 million dollars from the LG Abatement Fund 201 to provide opioid
27 treatment and recovery services at MDC.

28 SECTION 2. After one year, the Department of Family and Community
29 Services shall produce a report to City Council detailing the effectiveness and
30 outcomes of the treatment and recovery program. Future allocations to
31 Bernalillo County to provide opioid treatment and recovery services at MDC
32 from Fund 201 will be determined based on the outcomes in the report.

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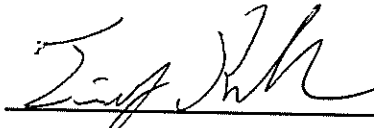
1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF October, 2023
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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10 Pat Davis, President
11 City Council
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14 APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF October, 2023
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17 Bill No. R-23-121

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20 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
21 City of Albuquerque
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26 ATTEST:
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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk
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