

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO.  R-25-141  ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Nichole Rogers, Tammy Fiebelkorn, Renée Grout, Dan Champine, by request

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**RESOLUTION**

**APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER.**

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2023, R-23-174 was enacted establishing a policy for the expenditure of opioid settlement monies and requiring that City and County leadership develop a strategic plan on how to spend opioid settlement monies; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2025, City Council passed R-25-128 Approving and Adopting The Local Government Coordinating Commission Joint Opioid Settlement Implementation Plan and Appropriating Opioid Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque’s opioid settlement funding allocation is guided by the recommendations outlined in the List of Opioid Remediation Uses of the settlement agreement in the New Mexico Opioid Allocation Agreement, informed by the Vital Strategies report, and responsive to the targeted eight (8) categories the LGCC identified in its Joint Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County System Gap Analysis identified individuals experiencing opioid-related crisis require immediate access to specialized care that addresses both substance use and behavioral health needs outside of the emergency department or criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the City has constructed a comprehensive stabilization system—including the Medical Sobering Center, First Responder Center, Medical Respite Center, and Recovery Housing—that is designed to reduce

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1 repeat overdoses, hospital strain, and incarceration by providing evidence-  
2 based treatment and harm reduction services; and

3 WHEREAS, these centers, once fully operational, will provide capacity for  
4 more than 26,000 patient encounters per year, offering low-barrier, trauma-  
5 informed services that connect individuals to long-term recovery supports;  
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7 WHEREAS, opioid settlement funding will allow the City to operationalize  
8 these centers with wraparound supports, medical staffing, and peer-led  
9 engagement, ensuring that the people in crisis receive stabilization and  
10 recovery resources without delay; and

11 WHEREAS, 24-hour access to inpatient treatment is critical for individuals  
12 with severe opioid use disorder (OUD); and

13 WHEREAS, the VOICES New Mexico Study found that 92.4% of individuals  
14 experiencing housing instability reported drug use in the past 30 days,  
15 underscoring the urgent need for stable recovery housing as a foundational  
16 component of overdose prevention and long-term treatment success; and

17 WHEREAS, the City’s investment in recovery housing will provide long-  
18 term, stable housing options for individuals in early recovery, particularly  
19 those transitioning from incarceration or unstable environments; and

20 WHEREAS, the City operates sheltering centers that not only provide  
21 emergency housing but also offer onsite services—such as case management  
22 and housing navigation—serving as stabilization pathways and a critical entry  
23 point into recovery; and

24 WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring full transparency,  
25 accountability, and community engagement in the allocation and  
26 implementation of opioid settlement funds; and

27 WHEREAS, the City’s investments prioritize timely, flexible, and evidence-  
28 based strategies that deliver immediate impact while building a foundation for  
29 long-term recovery.

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
31 ALBUQUERQUE

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1 SECTION 1. PROGRAMMING. The departments of Finance and  
2 Administrative Services (DFAS) and Health, Housing and Homelessness (HHH)  
3 shall create two programs within Fund 201 as follows:

- 4 (1) Leveraging the Sobering Center
- 5 (2) Recovery Housing

6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. That opioid settlement funds in the amount  
7 of \$4,589,736 are hereby appropriated from Fund 201.

8 (A) LEVERAGING THE SOBERING CENTER. (Vital Strategies  
9 Recommendation #15)

10 i. *Intent.* These funds shall be used to expand medical support, harm  
11 reduction, in-patient treatment, and overdose prevention services. This shall  
12 include expanding access to crisis stabilization to help reduce hospital strain  
13 by providing services at the First Responder Receiving Area, Medical  
14 Sobering Center, and Micro Community Recovery Housing.

15 ii. Funds in the amount of \$2,339,736 are hereby appropriated to the  
16 Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department for fiscal year '25.

17 First Responder Receiving Area	\$1,389,736
18 Micro Community Recovery Housing	\$950,000

19 iii. Funds in the amount of \$2,250,000 are hereby appropriated to the  
20 Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department for fiscal year '26.

21 Medical Sobering Center	\$2,250,000
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22 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,  
23 clause, word or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid  
24 or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall  
25 not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The  
26 Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each  
27 section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of  
28 any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Office of the Mayor

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

April 14, 2025

**TO:** Brook Bassan, President, City Council

**FROM:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor




**SUBJECT:** Appropriating Funds to Serve Individuals Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

This resolution seeks to appropriate \$4,589,736 from opioid settlement funds to support initiatives addressing substance use disorder and recovery. The funding will be distributed across the following key project areas:

1. **Leveraging The Sobering Center** - These funds shall be used to expand medical support, harm reduction, in-patient treatment, and overdose prevention services. This shall include expanding access to crisis stabilization to help reduce hospital strain by providing services at the First Responder Receiving Area, Medical Sobering Center, and Micro Community Recovery Housing.

Approved:

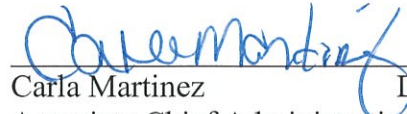
Approved as to Legal Form:

 4/14/25  
Samantha Sengel, EdD Date  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Lauren Keefe, City Attorney Date

Recommended:

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Gilbert Ramirez, Director Date

  
Carla Martinez Date  
Associate Chief Administrative Officer

## **Cover Analysis**

### **1. What is it?**

A resolution appropriating funds to serve individuals experiencing substance use disorder.

### **2. What will this piece of legislation do?**

This resolution seeks to appropriate \$4,589,736 to serve individuals experiencing substance use disorder.

### **3. Why is this project needed?**

This appropriation resolution is needed to deploy funding to serve individuals experiencing substance use disorder.

### **4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?**

This resolution will appropriate \$4,589,736 to the Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department to serve individuals experiencing substance use disorder. The funding source is Fund 201.

### **5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?**

There is no revenue associated with this resolution.

### **6. What will happen if the project is not approved?**

Failure to appropriate these funds will prevent the implementation of vital services to help individuals experiencing substance use disorder.

### **7. Is this service already provided by another entity?**

The appropriation of these funds will allow the City to enhance vital services to serve individuals experiencing substance use disorder.

**FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

TITLE: Appropriating Funds To Serve Individuals Experiencing Substance Use Disorder

R:   X                    O:  
FUND: 201

DEPT: Various

- No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
- (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

	2025	Fiscal Years 2026	2027	Total
Base Salary/Wages				-
Fringe Benefits at				-
Subtotal Personnel	-	-	-	-
Operating Expenses	\$2,339,736.00	\$2,250,000.00		
Property		-	-	-
Indirect Costs	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,339,736.00</b>	<b>\$2,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$4,589,736.00</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenues not affected				
<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenue impact				
Revenue from program				0
Amount of Grant			-	
City Cash Match				
City Inkind Match				
City IDOH	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.

\* Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions created

**COMMENTS: Apprioring Opioid Settlement funds to the Health, Housing, and Homelessness Department.**

**COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:**

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