

HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-109

WHEREAS, opioid addiction and other substance uses continue to negatively impact the lives of people in Hardin County;

WHEREAS, there were an average of 41 fatal overdose deaths in Hardin County in the last 5 years and so far in 2024 there have been 24 fatal and 64 non-fatal overdoses in Hardin County;

WHEREAS, in 2017 Hardin County joined as a Plaintiff in litigation seeking to recover financial compensation for government services expended as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, as a result of the litigation, Hardin County was awarded settlement funds in 2021 to be used to address the effects of addiction to opioids and other substances;

WHEREAS, Hardin County designates those funds received from the settlement with wholesale distributors to be "Phase 1 Opioid Settlement Funds" and those funds received from the settlement with retail distributors to be "Phase 2 Opioid Settlement Funds";

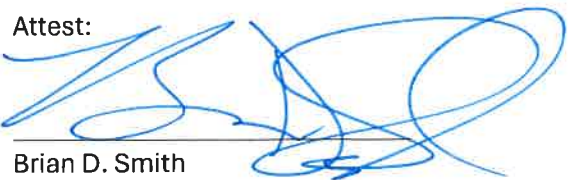
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee, and consistent with KRS 15.291, that Phase 2 Opioid funds be designated and budgeted to the Hardin County Coroner's office to hire a Rapid Response Officer to assist emergency responders in providing voluntary drug and alcohol treatment opportunities and placement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these funds shall be budgeted for the salary, benefits, necessary equipment and furnishings for a full-time or part-time Rapid Response Officer to be hired by the Hardin County Coroner in an amount equal to the actual expenses but not to exceed \$90,000 in Fiscal Year 2025 and continuing and in an amount as determined by the regular budget process.

ADOPTED, by Hardin County Fiscal Court at its regular meeting on this the 28th day of May 2024.



Keith L. Taul
Hardin County Judge/Executive

Attest:


Brian D. Smith
Hardin County Clerk

Prepared:


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