

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE OKLAHOMA OPIOID ABATEMENT BOARD TO QUALIFY FOR THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR GRANTS PROVIDED UNDER THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OPIOID ABATEMENT GRANTS ACT; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 the Oklahoma Legislature enacted HB 4138 creating the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this Act created the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board oversight body for the distribution of opioid settlement funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of the Act outlines the purpose, which is “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. 2021 30.4*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act restricts grant applicants to the following: counties, incorporated municipalities, public school districts, career tech school districts and a public trust solely benefitting any one of the above-mentioned subdivisions; and

**WHEREAS**, grant awards will be provided on an application basis; and

**WHEREAS**, applicants must demonstrate strong use of funds for abatement, need for funds, capacity for implementation, evidence base for proposed projects, and community partnership and support; and

**WHEREAS**, over 1,200 subdivisions are eligible to apply for an opioid grant award and the funding is limited to \$23 million, the Opioid Abatement Board has decided to require prospective applicants to notify the Board of their intent to seek an opioid grant award no later than Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Oklahoma City is eligible to apply for these grant funds and has a demonstrated need to address the effects of opioid addiction in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this resolution is to authorize the attached Letter of Intent to be submitted before the deadline.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of The City of Oklahoma City:

The Mayor is authorized to sign and submit a Letter of Intent to the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board to serve as notification that The City of Oklahoma City intends to submit an opioid abatement grant award application.

**ADOPTED** by the Council of The City of Oklahoma City and **SIGNED** by the Mayor this 26TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

Amy K Simpson  
CITY CLERK



David Holt

**REVIEWED** as to form and legality.

Matthew Collin

Deputy Municipal Counselor