

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-43  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO THE AIKEN CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPIOID MISUSE AND DISORDER ABATEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, On February 25, 2022, the National Prescription Opiate Litigation Plaintiffs' Executive Committee (PEC) finalized settlements totaling \$26 billion with three of the nation's top wholesale pharmaceutical drug distributors, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, McKesson, and opioid manufacturer Johnson & Johnson.; and

WHEREAS, The South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act, approved by Governor Henry McMaster on May 23, 2022, established the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund (SCORF) and the administration, accountability, and operation of the Fund in accordance with the terms of the *In re South Carolina Opioid Litigation* settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Augusta is eligible for this funding; and

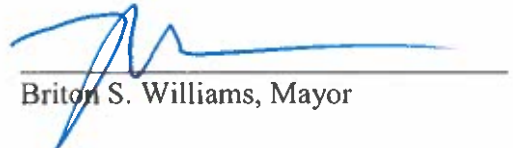
WHEREAS, The City of North Augusta is partnered with The Aiken Center in their mission to promote hopeful, healthy living and freedom from substance misuse through prevention, treatment, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, The Aiken Center has requested North Augusta SCORF funding in the amount of \$25,000 to complement funding provided by the City of Aiken and Aiken County for the purpose of drafting a strategic plan which would be used for further SCORF funding requests to mitigate the effects of opioid addiction within our City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that:

1. The Council authorizes the City Administrator to request \$25,000 from the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund.
2. The Council authorizes the City Administrator to disburse that \$25,000 funding to the Aiken Center for the purpose of developing an Aiken County-wide strategic plan to mitigate the impacts of opioid use on our community.
3. The Council authorizes the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Aiken Center and other governmental entities as required for the adoption and implementation of the strategic plan.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

  
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Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jamie Paul, City Clerk