RESOLUTION # 79-2024

Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of a Local Match to a 2027 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant.

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, in 2021, a nationwide settlement agreement was reached by and between several pharmaceutical companies and a class containing most states, counties, and a number of cities and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Governor signed legislation (2021 Wisconsin Act 57) which outlines the distribution and use of Wisconsin's share of settlement funds of over $400 million, with 70% of the proceeds being allocated to Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance approved a plan which earmarks counties' use of the funds toward abatement efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Oneida County adopted Resolution #58-2022 agreeing to the settlement terms with total settlement proceeds estimated to be $1.48 million; and

WHEREAS, projects and programs benefiting from the funds must comply with the Settlement Agreement restrictions of expenditures limited to defined categories of Treatment, Prevention, and Other Strategies; and

WHEREAS, according to the Oneida County Finance Director the balance of available Opioid Settlement Funds and investment income thereon, net of any previously approved commitments, is $921,360.92 as of August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the project meets the requirements of Exhibit E – List of Opioid Remediation Uses; Schedule B – Approved uses; Section D – Addressing the needs of Criminal Justice involved person; #3 - 3. Support treatment and recovery courts that provide evidence-based options for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions.

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is requesting $60,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds as the local match for a 2027 Treatment Alternative and Diversion Grant to further the Oneida County Treatment Court and Diversion Program. The programs are intended for justice-involved people living with addiction, participants engage in substance use treatment, case management and work to address mental health, employment, housing and other needs, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin treatment courts and diversion programs are evidence-based, statutorily supported alternatives designed to reduce recidivism, improve public safety, and address underlying substance-use and mental-health disorders; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee is in agreement and recommends this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that this project / program be funded using Opioid Settlement funds contingent upon passage of the proposed 2027 budget.

Vote Required: Majority = ✓ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes ✓ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: 11/4/26

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Executive Committee this 4th day of November 2026.

Consent Agenda Item: X YES _____ NO

Fiscal Impact

- [X] Included in Resolution
- [X] Attached
- [ ] N/A

Offered and passage moved by:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Supervisor Billy Fried	X		
Supervisor Scott Holewinski	X		
Supervisor Ted Cushing	X		
Supervisor Michael Tautges	✓		
Supervisor Dan Hess	X		
Supervisor Debbie Condado	X		
Supervisor Russ Fisher	X		

Youth in Governance

21 Ayes 4

0 Nays 0

Ø Absent

Ø Abstain

X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of November, 2026.

____ Defeated

Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair

Consent Agenda

Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Condado	X			
Sorgel	X			
Lopez	X			
Almekinder	X			
Newman	X			
Hess	X			
Burns	X			
Fisher	X			
Jensen	X			
Schultz	X			
Kilbourn	X			
Fried	X			
Hamburg	X			
Timmons	X			
Oettinger	X			
Briggs	X			
Tautges	X			
Campbell	X			
Sheppard	X			
Cushing	X			
Holewinski	X			
TOTALS	21			
Youth In Governance				
L. Deede	X			
Tautges	X			
Walden	X			
J. Deede	X			
Carpenter				
Novak				
Tran				
Wotachek				

Motion Jensen / Second Sorgel

Resolution # 76 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed Real Estate Parcel Identification Number RH-1327 to Abbey Dall Lukowski.

Resolution # 77 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee to Convey Tax Foreclosed Real Estate Parcel Identification Number PE-533-6 to Lori Marschke.

Resolution # 78 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Designate Oneida County Public Depositories.

Resolution # 79 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of a Local Match to a 2027 Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) Grant.

Resolution # 80 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Authorize the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in Accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021 and Oneida County Resolution #58-2022 for the Purpose of Funding Improvements to Morgue Cooler & Equipment.

Resolution # 81 – 2026 / Ordinance Amendment # 06 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Solid Waste Committee to Amend Chapter 8, Solid Waste Management of the General Code of Oneida County.

Resolution # 82 – 2026: Offered by the Supervisors of the Executive Committee to Provide a General Wage Increase for General Municipal Employees.

Appointments to Committees, Commissions and other Organizations:
Re-Appoint Harry Whidden to the Civil Service Commission for a 5-year term to expire in December 2031.

Oneida County

Opioid Settlement Funding Request Form

2027 - 2029

Purpose: Form used to request preliminary approval for the use of Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Oneida County in accordance with Wisconsin Act 57 of 2021. Detail on permitted opioid related expenditures available by request.

	Project Overview
Project Title	TAD Grant Match
Department(s)	Human Services
Proj. Manager(s)	Beth Hoerchler

select one	Committee of Jurisdiction Ranking
X	High - resolves serious health/public safety opioid-related crisis; has a widespread impact; ancillary benefits are well-defined; reduces and/or does not burden ongoing operating budget(s).
	Medium - provides short-term fix for existing opioid-related issue; addresses anticipated health/public safety opioid-related concern; serves broad community needs; impact on operating budget is minimal.
	Low - address an issue indirectly correlated to the opioid abuse; new project or program which may require long-term funding; impact on larger community is minimal; will require on-going operating budget support.

select one	Expenditure Category
	Treatment (support treatment & recovery; connect to care criminal-justice /parent / neonatal)
X	Prevention (appropriate prescribing/dispensing; misuse of opioids; prevent overdose)
	Other Strategies (first responders; leadership/planning; training; research)

Project Description & Justification

Purpose:Oneida County Human Services applied for the Treatment and Diversio Grant. The Department was notified on August 13th that we have been approved to apply for $240,000 in grant funding. ($180,000 in state funds and local match of $60,000). during the final application. Forms and guidelines will be posted late September, with submissions due approximately 30 days later.
Oneida County currently has a diversion program that supports low to moderate risk individuals with substance use disorder involved in the criminal justice system. In 2025 we re-established our Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) Court to provide an avenue for treatment for those with charges related to OWI third offense. We have a committed group of professionals that have been working to establish a treatment court since 2019, and our Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) believes that a Hybrid Treatment Court that can serve a broader range of OWI offenses and those with substance use disorder is an effective way for Oneida County to provide this needed resource. Oneida County has a well-documented need for a hybrid treatment court because substance use is driving both serious public health harm and substantial court involvement. Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) data show that alcohol-related harm in Oneida County remains among the highest in the state, with 33 alcohol-related deaths in 2023 (86.4 per 100,000 residents, 5th highest statewide) and 30 in 2024 (79.0 per 100,000, 6th highest statewide). Alcohol-related inpatient stays are also elevated, with 304 stays, or 796.3 per 100,000 residents, ranking 7th in Wisconsin in 2024. The county also experienced 23 opioid-related deaths between 2020 and 2024, and the Northern Region, which includes Oneida County, reported stimulant-related overdose hospitalizations at 10.4 per 100,000 residents between 2015 and 2025, compared with a statewide rate of 3.2 per 100,000. Together, these data show sustained alcohol and drug-related harm that warrants a court response centered on treatment, accountability, and recovery. The court and criminal justice data reinforce this need. In 2024, the Oneida County District Attorney's Office received 2,705 felony and misdemeanor referrals from law enforcement, including 977 referrals---about 36%—that were specifically alcohol and/or drug-related. Wisconsin State Court records also show 4,261 alcohol or drug-related charges in Oneida County from 2023 through 2025, including 1,546 in 2023, 1,371 in 2024, and 1,344 in 2025. The most common charges for the three years combined were OWI offenses (1,267), operating with a prohibited alcohol concentration (720), possession of THC (523), possession of drug paraphernalia (508), and possession of methamphetamine (445). Court data also show that individuals ages 31–40 accounted for the largest share of these charges (1,364, or 32.01%). Taken together, this data shows that substance use is a major driver of local justice-system involvement and support the need for a coordinated, evidence-based hybrid treatment court for high-risk, high-need individuals whose criminal behavior is linked to addiction. Establishing this program would improve public safety, reduce repeat impaired-driving and drug-related offenses, expand access to treatment and recovery supports, and over time lower recidivism and reduce the human toll or psychosocial impact and financial costs of substance-related offenses in Oneida County.
Allowable remediation use (per exhibit E):

Cost & Funding Summary

	Prior Yr Funding	2027	2028	2029	Project Total
Opioid Funds	28,213.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	$ 208,213.00
Dept. Fund Balance					$ -
Tax Levy					$ -
Other (grant)					$ -
Total	$ 28,213.00	$ 60,000.00	$ 60,000.00	$ 60,000.00	$ 208,213.00

ONEIDA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

Better Together

Why Diversion and Treatment Court

Untreated substance use and mental health challenges can affect not just one person, but children, families and future generations. Treatment Courts and Diversion programs can interrupt that cycle by addressing the underlying causes of behavior while holding people accountable.

Oneida County Human Services has two youth who are currently pending out of home placement. When we are able to find a placement that will meet their needs their placement costs will be between $20,000 to $30,000 per month each. Estimating a one-year placement this is $480,000 to $720,000 annually. One will likely need an out of state placement as we have exhausted potential instate placement options.

These youth share a number of common characteristics.

- This will be the second placement in a Residential Care Center for both. Placement costs for one youth totaled $125,550.78. The other youth total cost of care was $52,221.76. This youth was discharged unsuccessfully as the facility felt they could not be kept safe.
- They both have had a significant number of secure detention costs. Between the two over 160 days totaling $44,649.90. The cost includes transportation by the Sheriff's Department and the daily rate.
- They both have significant Mental Health and/or Substance Use issues.
- The Department has attempted placements with parents, relatives, and like-kin and they have failed despite significant amounts of services in the community and frequent team meetings to adjust plans. Their families and friends are supportive and have tried to the best of their ability to keep them in the community.
- They both in different ways engage in high-risk destructive behavior that presents significant danger to themselves and others.
- They both are highly intelligent and capable of being productive members of society.

Their families share a number of characteristics that a Treatment Court or Diversion program would address. This may have assisted with and prevented these "downstream" issues had intervention been available earlier.

- 3 of the 4 biological parents have significant AODA/Mental Health issues (one parent is not available)
- AODA and MH issues have significantly impacted parental capacity
- All 3 parents have been incarcerated for varying periods of time

Treatment Courts offer long term services, supports and follow up that would not be offered in traditional courts. It is unknown if the outcomes above could have been prevented, it is clear the current system as a whole did not change their behavior.

- Treatment Court offers a higher level of supervision than Probation and there is communication among the judge, treatment providers, attorneys and supervision.
- The goal is to reduce future offending/re-arrest by treating the problem verses punishment that does not address the underlying substance-use or behavioral-health problem

Treatment court isn't necessarily "easier". It can involve more supervision and requirements than traditional probation- drug and alcohol testing, treatment sessions, meetings, curfews, employment requirements and strict compliance with program rules.

Had one of these parents successfully addressed their Mental Health and AODA issues earlier the County could have avoided a minimum of $240,000 in placement costs. Four years of the match requirement of Opioid Dollars for the Treatment and Diversion Grant is $163,621.00

Human Services - Court House
1 S. Oneida Ave
Rhinelander, WI 54501
P: 715-362-5695 F: 715-362-7910
TTY/TDD/Relay: Wi Relay 711

Human Services – Timber Drive
705 E. Timber Drive
Rhinelander, WI 54501
P: 715-369-2215 F: 715-369-2214
TTY/TDD/Relay: Wi Relay 711

Aging & Disability Resource Center
100 W. Keenan St
Rhinelander, WI 54501
P: 715-369-6170 F: 715-369-6245
TTY/TDD/Relay: Wi Relay 711