



RESOLUTION # 16-9/25

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**ITEM #9-18**

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted: ☒  
For: 28  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 2  
Vote Req: 2/3 Full  
Other Action: Board

**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN  
SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
ACTION**

Adopted: y  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 2

**EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE  
ACTION**

Adopted: ☒  
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 2

**RE: ACCEPTING MATCHING FUNDS TO MITIGATE THE OPIOID CRISIS IN LA CROSSE  
COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Opioids are a main contributor to drug overdoses, which in La Crosse County increased one thousand percent (from 5 to 55) from 2008 to 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Opioid settlement funds provide an important opportunity to mitigate the opioid crisis, and La Crosse County is using its settlement funds to invest in evidence-based strategies, including the two strategies of (1) creating the ability to start medication assisted treatment for inmates while they reside in the La Crosse County jail and (2) enhancing jail-to-community reentry services; and

**WHEREAS**, Vital Strategies, a global health organization which has an overdose prevention program supported by funding from the Bloomberg Philanthropies Overdose Prevention Initiative, has awarded La Crosse County \$63,776 in grant funding (available from July 21, 2025 through July 20, 2026) to match its use of opioid settlement funds on the two strategies identified above.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$63,776 in grant funding from Vital Strategies and commits to using an equal amount of opioid settlement funding toward jail-to-community re-entry and jail-based medication assisted treatment services; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that La Crosse County is obligated to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the Vital Strategies grant as long as they can be supported with the related funding; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the creation and hiring of a 1.0 FTE Human Services Social Worker position, effective immediately, to fulfill the authorized outreach and case management activities under this grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers relating to accepting this additional funding.

RE: ACCEPTING MATCHING FUNDS TO MITIGATE THE OPIOID CRISIS IN LA CROSSE COUNTY

**FISCAL NOTE:** Award funds of a total \$63,776 with a \$63,776 match from the Opioid Settlement Funds, and the award period ending July 20, 2026. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.500.5270 division within the County financial system under the Justice Support Services section.

Date: 9-9-25

Dillon Mark  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Reimberg  
RECORDING CLERK

Date: 9-10-25

Clinton Z. Jagg  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

L.T.K  
RECORDING CLERK

|               | Reviewed<br>Only | Recommended | Not<br>Recommended |
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| Co. Admin.    |                  | <u>JB</u>   |                    |
| Fin. Director | <u>LM</u>        |             |                    |
| Corp. Counsel | <u>NS</u>        |             |                    |
| Board Chair   |                  |             |                    |

Requested By: Jason Witt  
Date Requested: September 3, 2025  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 18 Day of September, 2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

Ginny Dankmeyer  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk