

**RESOLUTION R-2023-143
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council Approving Use of
Opioid Settlement Proceeds to Fund the Medication Assisted Treatment Program
at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for 2023*

WHEREAS, in 2017, Luzerne County Council recognized that there existed a serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, treatment, morbidity and mortality in Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Manager recommended the initiation of litigation in this regard and Luzerne County Council agreed that the initiation of such litigation was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on September 27, 2017, a majority of County Council for the County of Luzerne approved the initiation of litigation to recover any money from opioid manufacturers and distributors that may be due to the County because of the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, treatment, morbidity and mortality in Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, County Council subsequently approved to engage the legal services of an outside law firm specializing in such litigation; and

WHEREAS, ultimately County Council approved the settlement of litigation in the matter; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Luzerne County began, under medical supervision, administering medication to inmates at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility who were experiencing opioid withdrawal symptoms upon detention at the prison; and

WHEREAS, the County administration has requested use of opioid settlement proceeds in the amount of \$376,875.80 to fund the medication assisted treatment program at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for 2023; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires to approve the use of opioid settlement proceeds in the amount of \$376,875.80 to fund the medication assisted treatment program at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Luzerne County Council hereby approves the use of opioid settlement proceeds in the amount of \$376,875.80 to fund the medication assisted treatment program at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for 2023.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held October 10, 2023.


ROLL CALL VOTE (11-0)

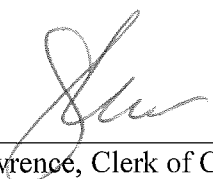
YES: Bienias, Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Mitchell, Perry, Thornton, SJ Urban, Vough and Wolovich

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Kendra Vough, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
Romilda Crocamo, Esq. County Manager

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council