

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 04-14-25-C Approval of Opioid Settlement Fund Uses**

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2020 the Oneida Nation started receiving funds from the Opioid Settlements; and
- WHEREAS,** lawyers for Tribal Nations have brought suits against numerous companies involved in manufacturing and selling opioids in the United States. The lawsuits claim that Opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers knew that Opioids are more addictive than they claimed, causing addiction and the many negative outcomes of addiction. After lengthy litigation, they successfully negotiated settlements; and
- WHEREAS,** Opioid Settlement Funds are expected to be received on an annual basis through 2037. Approximately \$6.5 million is expected to be received by 2037; and
- WHEREAS,** a team of Nation employees met regularly to assess the current state of the Nation as it relates to addressing the Opioid epidemic and developed recommendation for the use of the funds; and
- WHEREAS,** the recommendations were shared with Oneida Business Committee on April 3, 2025, for review and discussion; and
- WHEREAS,** opioid use among Native American populations continues to be a tragic epidemic. Native Americans have died of opioid overdoses at close to three times the rate of white people, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Oneida Business Committee approves the use of the Opioid Settlement Funds as identified below.

- Project Owner: Mark W. Powless, General Manager
- New Construction: 14 Bed Transitional Living - \$3.68 Million
- Healing to Wellness Program serving individuals not facing incarceration - \$1.8 Million
- Youth Driven Multimedia Campaign equipment - \$15,000

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 9 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 8 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."