



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds for use by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds in an amount up to \$909,000.00 for use by the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (Metro Health) for substance use and harm reduction initiatives.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State of Texas, Bexar County, and City of San Antonio participated in settlement agreements with various companies to resolve legal claims against the companies for their role in the opioid crisis. The companies include opioid medication marketing consultants, pharmaceutical companies, opioid manufacturers, and pharmaceutical distributors. Settlement agreements to date include those with pharmacy chains, opioid manufacturers, distributors, and more. Thus far, the State of Texas has secured more than \$1.6 billion in opioid settlement funds, up to 15% of which will be passed through to local governments. The amount of funding Texas anticipates receiving is dependent on the number of local governments that join the settlement agreements. The City anticipates receiving \$6.1 million as its share of an opioid litigation settlement, to be paid over 18

years.

During the FY 2024 Three Plus Nine (3+9) City Council B Session briefing on February 14, 2024, an update on the Opioid Settlement Funds was provided. The presentation noted that the City had received approximately \$1.4 million in settlement funds. The plan presented during the 3+9 briefing recommended \$909,000.00 be appropriated to support substance use and harm reduction initiatives for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Metro Health will use funds for substance use outreach and community capacity building activities, targeted provider education addressing stigma around pregnant people experiencing addiction, medicated assisted treatment for street outreach clients, the creation of a substance use resource portal, and Narcan and harm reduction supplies.

ISSUE:

Metro Health requests City Council approval of the appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds in an amount up to \$909,000.00 for substance use and harm reduction initiatives.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should City Council not approve this request, the Opioid Settlement Fund dollars will not be utilized by Metro Health as proposed, and a new recommended spending plan will be brought to City Council for consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance appropriates Opioid Settlement Funds in an amount up to \$909,000.00 to support substance use and harm reduction initiatives.

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund in the form of a cash-match.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.