



City of San Antonio

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In Control: Community Health Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Council Consideration Request on Opioid-Related Overdoses and Access to Narcan

SUMMARY:

A Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilmember Teri Castillo requesting to designate opioid-related overdoses a public health crisis and focus on efforts to help reduce fatalities among those facing addiction issues.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On June 27, 2023 Councilmember Teri Castillo issued a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting the City Manager, City Attorney, SA Metro Health, and other appropriate departments develop for City Council consideration and adoption of a resolution which designates drug overdoses, specifically Opioid-related overdoses, a public health crisis and operationalizes the following actions to reduce deaths and other community harms caused by Opioid addiction:

1. Establish a budget plan with harm reduction strategies for the expenditure of funds related to the Opioid settlement payments.
2. Explore expanding availability, training, and use of Naloxone (Narcan) for community-based non-profits and workers in all public-facing COSA departments as well as COSA owned, managed, and/or leased buildings.
3. Develop and fund a COSA-sponsored program for pregnant people and new mothers experiencing Opioid addiction.

On November 20, 2023 Governance Committee voted to discuss this CCR at the Community Health Committee in 2024.

ISSUE:

The City of San Antonio anticipates receiving a total amount of \$6,072,227.37 as its share of an opioid litigation settlement, to be paid out over 18 years.

A plan to utilize these funds, that addresses the efforts highlighted in the CCR, will be presented to the City Council as part of the FY 2024 Three Plus Nine Financial Report in February 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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