



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance & Financial Management

AGENDA DATE: May 10, 2023

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A

DEPARTMENT: Budget and Management Services

EXECUTIVE: Jack Ireland

SUBJECT

Authorize (1) acceptance of funds from the Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement; and (2) establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$941,732.69 in the Opioid Settlement Fund - Not to exceed \$941,732.69 - Financing: Opioid Settlement Fund

BACKGROUND

The State of Texas enacted the Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement to manage distribution of money allocated from the opioid abatement trust fund in accordance with a statewide opioid settlement agreement. Senate Bill 1827 (2021) required the State of Texas to establish a fund to receive and distribute payments required by settlements against opioid manufacturers and distributors. The Opioid Abatement Trust Fund was established by the State for distributing the settlement proceeds. The Texas Opioid Abatement Council was established to ensure that money recovered by the state through a statewide opioid settlement agreement is allocated fairly and spent to remediate the opioid crisis in the state by using efficient and cost-effective methods that are directed to regions of the state experiencing opioid-related harm.

Funds will be distributed based on a formula that includes "opioid instances". Cities and Counties will receive 15 percent of the funds and the balance will be distributed to Health Care Region Allocations, Hospital Districts, the Attorney General's Office, and for administrative costs. The City of Dallas received \$941,732.69 from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund.

Eligible uses to combat opioid-related harm include:

- Naloxone distribution and training on administration
- Screening, treatment and wraparound recovery support services, including for pregnant women and infants or other populations
- Community drug disposal and syringe services
- Funding and training for first responders

- Prevention and Education campaigns
- Support to prevent over-prescribing, misuse, and overdose
- Planning and research to abate the opioid epidemic

In November 2022, the City Council established the Opioid Strike Force, which services to aid in prioritizing funding.

This funding is considered one-time funding, as the possibility of future allocations are unknown at this time.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

A confidential memorandum regarding this matter was provided to City Council on December 3, 2021, and February 17, 2023.

On December 8, 2021, the City Council authorized settlements with opioid manufacturer, Johnson & Johnson, and the three major pharmaceutical distributors: AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson by Resolution No. 21-2020.

The Opioid Strike Force was briefed on the “Opioid Settlement Funding” on March 2, 2023.

[The Government Performance and Financial Management Committee was briefed by memorandum regarding this matter on April 24, 2023. <https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=c9536587-a6ed-4648-8466-7739a36e63f8.pdf>](https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=c9536587-a6ed-4648-8466-7739a36e63f8.pdf)

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
Opioid Settlement Fund	\$941,732.69	\$0.00	\$0.00