



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Finance, Budget, & Administration
ECAF: 2023-0431
Proposal: Mot. 23-221

Analyst: Jim Martin
Date: May 19, 2023

Consideration:

Approve an opioid abatement and spending plan.

Background

Snohomish County Council agreed to the terms of the state settlement of \$518 million from its lawsuit against McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp. Under the terms of the settlement, it is anticipated that Snohomish County will receive approximately \$1,400,000 in 2023, and approximately \$700,000 per year from 2024 through 2039. As part of the 2023 Budget adoption, Council included Budget Condition 2 related to the opioid settlement, conditioning the release of these funds on the receipt and adoption of an Opioid Abatement and Spending Plan, developed by the Executive's Office, to be approved by Council by motion.

Current Proposal

The Opioid Abatement and Spending Plan accompanying this motions spells out the Executive's plan for working with the MAC Group, as well as other partners to implement a phased approach that includes in Phase 1 \$671,125 in spending on a Program Manager, and an Epidemiologist, support for the 1st Responder Leave Behind Program, a Data Agreement contract with WA Recovery Helpline, Community Support, and support to the SAFE tram model, which was successfully incorporated to address community impacts throughout the county. Phase 2 of the spending plan includes funding (\$200,000/year) for a Primary Prevention Educator, and funding (\$600,000/year) for mobile medications for opioid use disorder.

Analysis

It should be noted that the actual amount received in 2023 was \$1,106,317.05, which is a two-year payment. Anticipated future installments are now estimated at \$550,000, which is below the \$700,000 amount anticipated initially.

2023 Budget:

Is this in the current year budget: Yes

Future Budget Impacts: Spending plan indicates \$1,400,000 of annual expenditures. Expected revenue from the settlement is anticipated to be approximately \$550,000 annually. Difference is expected to be covered by funding from additional settlements, subject to Council approval.

Handling: Normal.

Approved-as-to-form: N/A.

Risk Management: N/A.

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Attachments: Refer to the submitted ECAF that includes the following attachments:

- (1) Proposed Motion.
- (2) Proposed Abatement and Spending Plan

Amendments: NONE.

Request: Move to GLS on May 31st for consideration.