

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-221

APPROVE AN OPIOID ABATEMENT AND SPENDING PLAN

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2022, Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced a resolution-in-principle that resulted in Washington state receiving a \$518 million settlement in its lawsuit against McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp.; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is an eligible entity under the terms of the settlement; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022, the Snohomish County Council unanimously agreed to the terms of the distributor settlement, which included an allocation agreement and the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding Between Washington Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2022, the Snohomish County Council approved Amended Ordinance No. 22-059, which appropriated the first installment of the settlement funds with a budget condition that states release of these funds is hereby conditioned on the receipt of an Opioid Abatement and Spending Plan, developed by the Executive's Office, to be approved by Council by Motion; and

WHEREAS, Executive's Office staff conducted multiple meetings with leaders and staff from jurisdictions throughout Snohomish County, executive departments, and separately elected officials' offices to develop a proposed opioid abatement and spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed opioid abatement and spending plan addresses the current settlement and anticipates forthcoming additional settlements; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has been briefed on the proposed opioid abatement and spending plan, and recommends its approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council authorizes the Executive to execute on behalf of Snohomish County the opioid abatement and spending plan, and to take such further actions on behalf of Snohomish County as are necessary to carry out the implementation of the plan.


PASSED this 31st day of May, 2023

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Council Chair

ATTEST:



Deputy Clerk of the Council