

Opioid Abatement Funds

Update on Settlements in Response to Budget Note

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Background

- Snohomish County began receiving settlement funds in 2023.
- Executive Office proposed a spend plan for the initial settlement funds.
 - Council approved on April 31, 2023
- The approved spend plan:
 - anticipated future settlements.
 - focused on two phases.

Status of Approved Spend Plan

Phase I

- Program Manager – Complete
- Epidemiologist – Complete
- 1st Responder Leave Behind – Complete
- Data Agreement – Complete
- Support to Non-profits – Complete
- Support SAFE Team – Incomplete*

Phase II

- Mobile Opioid Treatment Program:
 - Contract in place
 - Two locations identified
 - Projected start in Q3 of 2024
 - Annual cost significantly higher than anticipated.
- Primary Prevention Educator:
 - Initially, mixed feedback from school districts
 - Legislative action places the onus on OSPI
 - Determining if there is still a need

Current and Upcoming

- Additional settlement funds are being received.
 - Initial spend plan took future settlement funds into account.
 - Purdue settlement stalled due to SCOTUS decision regarding the Sackler family.
- Requests for settlement funds being made through this budget process.
- Requests align with the approved spend plan with some notes:
 - Additional funds requested for supporting community-based organizations.
 - Reduced amount for community impacts (most activities fall outside of the approved uses).
 - Holding on the primary prevention educator pending OSPI and DOH.
- Programs will be evaluated over the course of the budget cycle.
- Changes to the approved spend plan will be based on program performance.

Questions
