

# Opioid Abatement Funds

Update on Settlements in Response to Budget Note

August 13, 2024

# 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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- 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

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