



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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Executive/Council Action Form (ECAF)

ITEM TITLE:

Motion 23-221, approving an Opioid Abatement and Spending Plan

DEPARTMENT: Executive’s Office

ORIGINATOR: Jason Biermann

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Approved by Ken Klein 5/18/23

PURPOSE: To authorize 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.

BACKGROUND: On September 7, 2022, the Snohomish County Council approved Motion 22-0378 agreeing to the allocation for opioid settlement funds established by the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding Between Washington Municipalities. On November 9, 2022, the Snohomish County Council approved Amended Ordinance No. 22-059, which appropriated \$1.4 million in 2023 with a budget condition that stated release of these funds is conditioned on the receipt of an Opioid Abatement and Spending Plan, developed by the Executive’s Office. Subsequently, 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.

A phased spending plan (attached) represents the outcome of those meetings. Phase I of that plan not only supports some programs already in place, but it also adds resources (epidemiological and contractual) that will provide additional data and analytical capacity that will help us more quickly identify dangerous trends in the opioid crisis such as the emergence of fentanyl and xylazine. Phase I will also provide funding to our community-based and jurisdictional partners and support work done to reduce the impacts on our community.

The Phase II projects require some additional investigation before implementation, which will be led by subject matter experts from the Health Department and Human Services Department. The Phase II projects are listed in order of priority with the highest priority, Mobile MOUD, addressing an evidence-based need and offering an opportunity to partner with jurisdictions.

The County already received the settlement’s initial installment of \$1,106,317.05, which represented two years (i.e., a double payment). We expect another installment of approximately \$550,000 later this year and annual installments of approximately the same amount through 2039. This spending plan accounts for the current settlement and anticipates following settlements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
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TOTAL			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____
AMENDMENT _____ CONTRACT# _____ AMOUNT _____

Contract Period

ORIGINAL START _____ END _____
AMENDMENT START _____ END _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: This proposed opioid abatement and spending plan addresses the current settlement and intentionally anticipates forthcoming additional settlements. Staff worked diligently to create a balance between the various aspects of the issue (e.g., treatment, prevention, etc.) and to ensure the proposal created a way to support community-based organizations providing services throughout Snohomish County.

Approved by Finance - Nathan Kennedy 4/28/23