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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: CONSENT AGENDA

Meeting Date: September 28, 2021

Item Details

Presenter(s): Shawn Purvis, Assistant Town Manager

Department(s): Administration

Requested Motion

Motion to approve resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

In the face of the opioid epidemic, thousands of federal cases to hold accountable several companies involved in manufacturing, marketing, promoting, and distributing prescription opioid drugs were consolidated into Multi-District Litigation (MDL). This consolidation included lawsuits filed by 76 Counties and 8 municipalities in NC. Wake County is not a litigating county. With a National Settlement Agreement, up to \$850 million could be allocated to North Carolina over an 18-year period to address the opioid epidemic. The NC Department of Justice (DOJ) and North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) collaborated to define a settlement fund allocation model with a goal to maximize North Carolina's share of settlement funds to ensure resources reach communities quickly, effectively, and as directly as possible. The group established a MOA that would apply to all 100 counties, whereby distributed funds would only be used to address the epidemic. The settlement funds would be distributed 15% to the State of NC, 80% to all 100 counties and 17 municipalities greater than 75,000 in population, and 5% for a County Incentive Fund for any County and qualified municipality in that county in which every municipality greater than 30k signs the MOA. By signing onto the MOA, Apex would help ensure Wake County receives the maximum payout available. This would be a benefit to the residents of Wake County and Apex.

Attachments

- Resolution
- Memorandum of Agreement

