



# City Commission Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** December 21, 2021  
**From:** Larry Schwartz, City Attorney  
**Item:** Opioid Settlement Matters

**Purpose:** Consider a Resolution approving the execution and delivery of necessary agreements to maximize the City of Arkansas City's allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds. **(Voice Vote)**

**Background:**

Multiple class action lawsuits have been filed throughout the nation concerning the negative impacts to communities and strain on government resources caused by opioid abuse and addiction.

In Kansas, the Attorney General's office joined multiple class action suits on behalf of the state. In addition to the State of Kansas, multiple cities and counties joined various suits.

The various suits have begun to settle and, in many instances, financial compensation will be paid to offset and mitigate negative impacts of opioid abuse and addiction in communities.

Adoption of the attached resolution authorizes the city to execute necessary settlement participation and other forms required to access funds pursuant to House Bill 2079.

**Commission Options:**

1. Approve the Resolution
2. Disapprove the Resolution
3. Table the Resolution for further consideration.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Amount:

Fund: Department: Expense Code:

Included in budget       Grant       Bonds       Other Not Budgeted

**Approved for Agenda by:**

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Randy Frazer, City Manager