



**CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** June 15, 2021

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** B. Francis, City Manager

**Subject:** Resolution 21-08, MOU with State for Opioid Litigation Allocation

**Background:** Since 2018, the State of Florida and several local governments (approximately 100 counties and cities) have been engaged in ongoing litigation against manufacturers and distributors of opioid medications such as Vicodin, Oxycodone, and Hydrocodone seeking damages suffered as a result of the opioid epidemic within the state.

To increase its bargaining power in settlement negotiations with the defendants involved in the opioid supply chain and maximize the amount of any settlement the state and its political subdivisions might realize, the state is requesting that local governments throughout the state, including those governments not currently involved in the litigation, join the state and other local governments in a Memorandum of Understanding to be used as a guide in developing and implementing a statewide unified plan for the allocation and distribution of settlement proceeds.

Belle Isle is not presently involved in the opioid litigation. Regardless, participation in the Memorandum of Understanding and assent to the formal agreements to be developed and executed in connection pursuant thereto would entitle the city to an allocation of funds to be used for the express purpose of prospective abatement of the opioid epidemic, including, but not limited to, programs, services, and training designed to curtail or otherwise mitigate opioid addiction and its consequences.

According to current estimates from the state, the City of Belle Isle could, in exchange for its participation, receive up to \$2,105.66 to be used for Approved Purposes, which are defined as forward looking strategies, programming, and services used to expand the availability of treatment for individuals impacted by substance abuse disorders, including, but not limited to, FDA-approved drugs used to reverse overdoses and other items and programs as more comprehensively set forth in Schedules A & B of the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve Resolution 21-08 and the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that we approve Resolution 21-08 and the Memorandum of Understanding with the state.

**Alternatives:** Do not approve the Resolution or MOU.

**Fiscal Impact:** Revenue of \$2,105.66

**Attachments:**

Clarifying Letter from AGO  
Resolution 21-08  
Proposed MOU