



Staff Report

April 17, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

Washington State Opioid Settlement Discussion

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Time Estimate: 10 minutes

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BACKGROUND: This presentation is to provide City Council information regarding the Washington State Opioid Settlement.

SUMMARY: Half a billion dollars received under a settlement with three opioid distributors must be used for prevention, treatment and recovery. Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced the completion of the \$518 million settlement along with guidance on how the money can be used and how much cities and counties will receive.

The funds must be used in approved ways, which include improving and expanding treatment, supporting people in recovery by providing wrap-around services like housing, transportation and education, addressing the needs of pregnant women, focusing on youth-focused programs, increasing the availability of the overdose medication naloxone, enhancing the prescription drug monitoring program and supporting first responders.

Camas is projected to receive approximately \$578,692 over ten to seventeen years.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: The settlement provides for funding to offset the impact of the opioid crisis.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: Details about the use of funds and reporting are still in process.

BUDGET IMPACT: The City to date has received approximately \$21,000.

RECOMMENDATION: This presentation is for the Council's information only and as more information becomes available, staff will provide details to City Council.