

# Washington State Opioid Settlement

On Oct. 3, 2022, Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced that Washington state will receive the maximum \$518 million under a resolution with three companies found to have played key roles in fueling the opioid epidemic. All 125 eligible local governments signed onto the half-billion dollar opioid resolution stemming from Ferguson's lawsuit.

For Camas, this means approximately, \$578,692 over 17 years.

Local funds will determine how to spend their share of the settlement. Approved strategies include:

- Improving and expanding treatment for opioid use disorder;
- Supporting individuals in treatment and recovery, including providing comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals with opioid use disorder, including housing, transportation, education, job placement, job training or childcare;
- Addressing the needs of pregnant women and their families, including those with babies with neonatal disorder;
- Preventing opioid misuse, oversubscribing and overdoses through other strategies, school-based and youth-focused programs, public education campaigns, increased availability and distribution of naloxone and other drugs that treat overdoses, additional training and enhancements to the prescription drug monitoring program; and
- Supporting first responders.

A city or county that receives a share as well as the State must spend the settlement money on approved uses, must keep records of its spending, must file reports with the Settlement Administrator, and must comply with all terms of the Washington and National Distributor Settlements. A local government can either spend the money itself or elect to pool its money with other local governments on a regional basis.

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