



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Sheriff's Office Request for Opioid Settlement Funds

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of the requested use of \$283,000 in opioid settlement funds by the Sheriff's Office.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2021, a nationwide settlement resolved all opioid claims brought by states and local political subdivisions, awarding \$26 billion for distribution over 18 years. The settlement amount Deschutes County is expected to receive is estimated at \$7.9 million over that time.

To date, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) has not requested any of the opioid settlement funds received by the County. DCSO requests \$283,000 of this funding to cover the cost of one Registered Nurse and to fill the gap between what will be received with grant funding and the actual cost of medication administered through the jail's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. These additional funds will ensure the operation of the MAT program through June 30, 2025.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$283,000 in revenue to the DCSO in FY25. If approved, a resolution will be submitted to adjust the budget to recognize the additional revenue and increase DCSO expense appropriations.

ATTENDANCE:

Michael Shults, Captain
Eden Aldrich, Medical Director
Jessica Vanderpool, Sr. Management Analyst