



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Opioid Settlement Fund Programming

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of the recommended use of opioid settlement funds.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2021, a nationwide settlement resolved all opioid claims brought by states, including Oregon, and local political subdivisions, awarding \$26 billion for distribution over 18 years. The settlement amount Deschutes County is expected to receive is estimated at \$7.1 million over that time.

On July 17, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) asked Deschutes County's Health Services (DCHS) and Community Justice Departments to collaborate on a proposed plan for the Opioid Settlement Funds. On August 30, 2023, the BOCC approved the departments' proposed \$3.4 million multi-strategy five-year plan that added capacity and expanded existing efforts by:

- 1) Adding targeted expert OUD prevention
- 2) Increasing coordination of surveillance and overdose prevention activities
- 3) Sustaining existing crisis interventions
- 4) Adding direct coordination of services to forensic population
- 5) Adding recovery peer services

DCHS is requesting an additional \$168,000 of opioid settlement funding to enhance the BOCC approved strategy of increasing coordination of surveillance and overdose prevention activities. Funding would be used, over fiscal years 2025 through 2028 as follows: \$80,000 for access to life-saving Naloxone medication, \$40,000 to increase surveillance support through an Overdose Dashboard, and \$40,000 to support a more robust public communications "Friends for Life Campaign". 5% would be used for indirect costs.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

If approved, a budget resolution increasing appropriations by \$42,000 in the Health Services Fund for fiscal year 2025 will be forthcoming.

Line Item	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	4-Year Total
Program Supplies	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$80,000
Contract	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$40,000
Advertising	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$40,000
Indirect	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$8,000
	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$168,000

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Director, Health Services
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