



FRUITA COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: DAVID KROUSE, POLICE CHIEF

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AGENDA TEXT: COLORADO OPIOID SETTLEMENT MONIES – Discussion and possible action concerning the distribution of Colorado Opioid Settlement monies

BACKGROUND

The State, as well as several Colorado local governments, have pursued litigation against various pharmaceutical companies for their role in causing the opioid epidemic in Colorado. That litigation recently resulted in settlements with Purdue Pharma, McKinsey & Co., Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson, resulting in up to approximately \$400 million in settlement funds for both the State and Colorado local governments to abate the opioid crisis.

A county-wide governance committee has been formed comprising the entities due to receive settlement funds as well as other subject matter expert partners. This coalition has established a collective strategy for utilizing the settlement funds as most beneficial to all the contributing partners.

The City's share is relatively inconsequential of itself (approximately \$2,000/year) when considered separately, but if contributed to the collaborative fund, could help support initiatives related to the prevention and treatment of opioid addiction.

FISCAL IMPACT

The following shows the anticipated fund allocations over an 18-year period:

County/City	Total Pop.	%	20% LG Share
Mesa County	72,512	1.76%	\$1,370,981.29
Collbran	698	0.00%	\$2,071.91
De Beque	503	0.00%	\$276.73
Fruita	13,406	0.05%	\$37,613.72
Grand Junction	63,374	1.07%	\$836,953.08
Palisade	2,714	0.01%	\$4,974.01
Total	153,207	2.89%	\$2,252,870.73

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The opioid crisis is a significant concern in the community with opioid misuse and addiction having far reaching effects on the lifestyle and economic health of the public. The prevention and treatment of opioid disorders is part of the core values of the City to protect the public's health, safety and welfare. The City's participation in this settlement and contribution of annual allocations to the coalition will help to provide the community with treatment, prevention, education, and alternatives to opioid use.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

Allocate funds designated to the City of Fruita to the established Mesa County governance board (opt out).

Receive the funds allocated to the City of Fruita to the general fund over the next 18 years (opt in).

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS ATTRIBUTED TO THE CITY OF FRUITA TO THE COLLECTIVE MESA COUNTY INITIATIVE AND GOVERNANCE BOARD (OPT OUT) AS PART OF THE MONIES AVAILABLE BY GRANT TO APPLYING AGENCIES PROVIDING PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SERVICES FOR OPIOID ADDICTION.