



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	July 11, 2024
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Approval of Resolution 24-1959/Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Washington State Allocation Agreement Governing The Allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds Paid By Kroger, and execute the Subdivision Participation and Release Form

Legislative History

First Presentation	July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 24-1959 Authorizing Execution of the Washington State Allocation Agreement Governing The Allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds Paid By Kroger and execution of the Subdivision Participation and Release Form
 2. Washington State Allocation Agreement Governing The Allocation Of Opioid Settlement Funds Paid By Kroger
 3. Subdivision Participation and Release Form – Kroger Settlement
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Executive Summary

This agenda item seeks City Council authorization for the Mayor to execute two documents for the city to receive funds from the opioid settlement agreement with Kroger Co. ("Kroger"): 1) the allocation agreement between Washington State, counties and cities – *Washington State Allocation Agreement Governing The Allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds Paid by Kroger*, and 2) the *Subdivision Participation and Release Form* required by the Settlement Agreement with Kroger dated March 22, 2024. The deadline for the city to return the executed documents is August 12, 2024.

Background

Multiple states, counties, and cities throughout the nation have brought lawsuits over the last few years against various entities within the pharmaceutical supply chain that manufacture, distribute, and

dispense prescription opioids (the “Opioid Distributors”). The State of Washington has now reached a settlement with another Opioid Distributor – Kroger.

The City Council previously authorized the city to join the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding Between Washington Municipalities (“One Washington MOU”), which provides what the settlement funds can be used for and the percentage of funds allocated to each participant. Washington cities and counties with populations over 10,000 can join this Kroger settlement. If a sufficient number join, they will receive funds that must be spent on efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and at the percentages agreed in the One Washington MOU.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The City’s execution of these documents will guarantee that the City receives a portion of the settlement proceeds from the Kroger Settlement; however, the amount is dependent on how many other jurisdictions decide to sign.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt Resolution 24-1959 authorizing the Mayor to execute the *Washington State Allocation Agreement Governing The Allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds Paid by Kroger* and the *Subdivision Participation and Release Form*.