



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	April 25, 2024
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Approval of Resolutions 24-1951/Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Settlement Participation Form for the Janssen Washington State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement dated January 22, 2024 "Janssen Settlement".

Legislative History

- First Presentation/Action – April 28, 2022, Resolution 1845 executing the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding
 - Second Presentation/Action – September 8, 2022, Resolutions 1854 and 1855 executing the Allocation Agreement and Participation Forms
 - Third Presentation/Action – March 23, 2023, Resolution 23-1888 and 23-1889 executing the second Allocation Agreement and Participation Forms
 - Fourth Presentation/Action – April 25, 2024, Resolution 24-1951 executing the third settlement Participation Form
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 24-1951 Authorizing Execution of the Settlement Participation Form
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Executive Summary

This agenda item seeks City Council authorization for the Mayor to execute the Settlement Participation Form for the Janssen Washington State-Wide Opioid Settlement Agreement dated January 22, 2024 (Janssen Settlement). The terms of distribution to the City are as previously agreed in the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding, which is an exhibit to the Janssen Settlement. The Settlement Participation Form must be submitted by May 11, 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 – Johnson & Johnson.

Washington cities and counties with populations over 10,000 can join this settlement, and if a sufficient number join, they will receive funds that must be spent on efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. The proceeds can only be used for approved purposes as outlined in the agreement, such as treatment for opioid use disorder (“OUD”), support for people in treatment and recovery, providing connections to care for people who have—or are at risk of developing—OUD, addressing the needs of persons with OUD in the criminal justice system, training, and research. Local governments can spend the money directly or pool the money with other local governments on a regional basis.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The City’s execution of the Settlement Participation Form will guarantee that the City receives a portion of the settlement proceeds from the Janssen Settlement if executed by the required number of counties and cities.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt Resolution 24-1951 authorizing the Mayor to execute the Settlement Participation Form related to the allocation and use of opioid litigation settlement proceeds from the Janssen Settlement.