

CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Authorization Approving the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments and Authorizing Participation in National Opioid Settlements.
Background Information:	<p>On Thursday, December 9, 2021, the League of Minnesota Cities held an informational webinar concerning the national settlement regarding opioid issues. The webinar included presentations from Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, and representatives from the League of Minnesota Cities and the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. Those entities and others have been negotiating the terms for participation in the national settlement regarding opioid matters. It is recommended by all participating agencies and groups that cities in Minnesota opt into the settlement agreement and support settlement agreements. The League and the Coalition are both recommending that individual cities approve a resolution authorizing city officials to participate in the settlement and to sign local Resolution, Memorandum of Agreement and Settlement Agreements with the distributor and manufacturer Johnson & Johnson. In support of the resolution, various documents from the Minnesota Attorney General's office are provided. Enclosed are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1-page letter from Attorney General Keith Ellison dated December 8, 2021 requesting support of the settlement. 2. The 30-page Minnesota Opioids State-Subdivision Memorandum of Agreement. The agreement indicates that the 75% of the total settlement funds will be distributed to all 87-counties, litigating cities, cities over 30,000 population and cities with public health departments. The remaining 25% of the funds will be forwarded to the State of Minnesota. Maximum funds available for distribution could total a maximum of \$296,000,000.00. Funds would be available to all cities through grants from county and state. 3. 4-page Minnesota Opioid Settlement Executive Summary. 4. 1-page Opioid Settlement Agreement Overview. 5. 7-page Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Opioid Settlement from Attorney General's Office 6. 1-page Frequently Asked Questions from the League of Minnesota Cities. <p>City staff believes that the recommendation from the League, the Coalition, and the Attorney General's office is appropriate, and that the City should sign the necessary documents to participate in settlement. Immediate action is necessary as the documents must be approved by January 2, 2022.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	There is potential for future grants under the settlement agreement. Grants can only be accessed if the City participates and therefore it is recommended that the City authorize the appropriate officials (Mayor and Public Safety Director) to sign necessary documents.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative action recommended.
Recommendations:	That the City authorize the Mayor and Public Safety Director to sign any documents necessary to participate in the opioid settlement matter.

