



**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEMO SUMMARY**

<b>DATE:</b> August 22, 2024	<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Resolution to Redirect Opioid Settlement Payments
<b>Presented by:</b> Town Administrator Dawn Collins		

**Background**

The Colorado Opioids Settlement MOU allocates funds from the Local Government Share of any Opioid Settlement directly to Participating Local Governments (PLGs). Alternatively, a PLG may elect to redirect its allocation to its Region. A PLG’s election will carry over from year to year unless the PLG affirmatively notifies the Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) that it wishes to change its election. Any PLG that receives a direct allocation must use funds for Approved Purposes and comply with the reporting requirements detailed in the MOU. Local governments may redirect their Local Government Opioid Settlement Share allocation to the Regional Share where the local government is located.

Below is Region 16, El Paso County and Teller County –



In 2022, the Town Board authorized the participation/IGA in the region and settlement funds were allocated directly to the Town. The share that the Town received is about \$1,478 to date. Noting Exhibit A of the MOU, this amount is not sufficient for the programs suggested nor does PLPD have the capacity for such programs. Currently, a supply of Narcan is provided at no cost to the Town.

Due to the lack of PLPD use of funds, staff suggests that funds be redirected to the Region. This will allow funds to be pooled at a regional level to facilitate regional efforts when needed. [Note: Most of Colorado’s participating local governments (approximately 75-80%) have chosen to redirect funds to date.]

**Recommended Action**

Approve the resolution to redirect opioid settlement funds to the Region.