



Cumberland County

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Position Paper

File #: 23-090

Agenda Date: 9/11/2023

Title For Agenda Item:

Approval of the Current Action Plan for the Allocation of the Cumberland County Opioid Settlement Fund.

Recommended Action:

Accept the proposed approach and current action plan for the allocation of the Cumberland County Opioid Settlement Funds.

Background and Purpose of Request:

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Cumberland County Government has begun receiving direct payments from several Opioid Settlements and will continue to receive payments for the next 18 years. Each year, the total payment amount will fluctuate but the County expects to receive an average of \$211,260 annually. The Public Health Department is proposing a process for spending the settlement funds that includes conducting an assessment, creating an action plan, administering a Request For Proposal process as needed, working in communities most impacted, and completing annual reports for the state, commissioners, and the public.

The proposed approach also includes the Public Health Department's assessment and proposed action plan the opioid settlement funds over the next 3-5 years.

Funding Amount and Source:

Fluctuating amounts around \$210,000 per year for the next 18 years from the Opioid Settlements.

Effective Date:

9/5/2023

Attachments:

- Proposed Approach for Allocation of Cumberland County's Opioid Settlement Funds and Issue Brief: Assessment of Efforts to Prevent and Address Substance Use Disorder in Cumberland County