

# Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0318

LOG NAME: 19INTERVENTIONS OF OPIOID USE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2026

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Approve the Allocation of Texas Opioid Settlement Funds in the Amount Up to \$648,136.56 to the City of Fort Worth Fire Department, the City of Fort Worth Homeless Strategies Division, and the City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department; Authorize the Use of Interest Earnings in an Amount Up to \$75,000.00, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the allocation of Texas Opioid Settlement Funds to implement opioid mitigation activities for the City of Fort Worth Fire Department in the amount of \$410,204.00; the City of Fort Worth Homeless Strategies Division to increase the High ImpACT services contract with My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County in the amount of \$236,625.00; and to the City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department in the amount of \$1,307.56 for administrative costs,
2. Authorize the use of interest earnings in an amount up to \$75,000.00, all subject to receipt of interest earned from the award,
3. Authorize execution of an amendment to City Secretary Contract 64551 with My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County to increase funding by \$236,625.00, to be spread over the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026, Fiscal Year 2027, and a portion of Fiscal Year 2028;
4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund for the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund project in an amount up to \$75,000.00 (City Project No. 104782); and
5. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to administer and allocate the funds to the departments for eligible opioid mitigation activities in accordance with the Texas Opioid Settlement requirements and City policies.

**DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to approve the allocation of Texas Opioid Settlement Funds to implement opioid mitigation activities for the City of Fort Worth Fire Department, the City of Fort Worth Homeless Strategies Division and to the City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department.

Through the adoption of Resolution 5499-11-2021 on November 9, 2021, the City Council approved the City of Fort Worth (City) joining the opioid settlement negotiated by the Texas Attorney General, affirmed its support for the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet, and recognized the need for resources to address opioid-related harms in the City of Fort Worth.

On March 1, 2023, the City received its first opioid settlement payment from the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council in the amount of \$665,760.73. On April 11, 2023, M&C 23-0255 approved the use of these funds and designated the Neighborhood Services Department as the lead department to oversee the allocation and administration of the opioid settlement funds. The settlement program is expected to last approximately 18 years, and the City anticipates receiving an estimated total of nearly \$2.6 million from the initial settlement and nearly \$2 million from a subsequent settlement.

On April 16, 2024, the City received its second settlement payment in the amount of \$129,518.88. On April 10, 2025, the City received its third settlement payment in the amount of \$631,860.97. These funds were deposited into the Grants Operating Other Fund for allowable expenses related to opioid remediation activities as defined by the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council for the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund project (City Project No. 104782).

Staff recommends allocating these funds to support opioid mitigation activities administered by City departments as outlined below:

DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED FUNDING AMOUNT
FIRE	Peer Support, Expanded Treatment Access, and Community Engagement	Supports overdose response through peer support services, expanded medication-assisted treatment on advanced life support ambulances, and community outreach to improve recovery and reduce opioid related harm.	\$410,204.00

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE - HOMELESS STRATEGIES	High ImpACT	Supports the High ImpACT program by providing substance abuse counseling and medications for individuals experiencing opioid addiction who are High ImpACT clients.	\$236,625.00
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	Admin Expenses	Supports administrative expenses for the Neighborhood Services Department to oversee and manage opioid settlement-funded programs and activities.	\$1,307.56
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$648,136.56</b>

The High ImpACT program addresses the intersection of severe mental illness and unsheltered homelessness by providing mobile psychiatric services and housing assistance and is managed by My Health, My Resources of Tarrant County (MHMR). On March 19, 2024, City Council approved M&C 24-0200 to fund the first five months of the 17-month High ImpACT Pilot Program in the amount of \$1,096,847.00. On December 10, 2024, City Council approved M&C 24-1032 allocating \$2,178,304.00 to fund the remaining 12 months of the pilot program. On August 12, 2025, City Council approved M&C 25-0658 authorizing the execution of a \$1,269,005.00 contract with MHMR, along with contracts with Acclaim Health and Partnership Home, to continue the program in Fiscal Year 2026 with options to renew through Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, and 2029.

The City Manager's Office Homeless Strategies Division will utilize the opioid settlement funds allocated through this M&C to increase the MHMR contract through a two-year agreement spanning three fiscal years to provide substance use counseling and medication services for individuals experiencing opioid addiction who are enrolled in the High ImpACT program.

In addition, interest earnings associated with the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund project have accrued and continue to accrue. Currently, \$15,240.10 in interest earnings have been recorded, with additional estimated interest earnings expected to be received. This M&C authorizes the use of interest earnings in an amount up to \$75,000.00, subject to receipt of interest earned, and adopts an appropriation ordinance to increase receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund for the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund project (City Project No. 104782).

The departments will implement eligible opioid remediation activities and establish program timelines necessary to carry out program goals in accordance with the Texas Opioid Settlement requirements and City policies. Awarded funds should be spent within a 24-month timeframe.

The City was notified that a fourth distribution from the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund is forthcoming; however, the amount and timing of the distribution have not been confirmed. Staff will monitor the receipt of these funds and will return to City Council with a future M&C to appropriate and allocate the funds in accordance with applicable requirements.

The programs will be available in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Fire Department and Homeless Strategies

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget in the Grants Operating Other Fund and that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund for the TX Opioid Abatement Fund project to support the opioid mitigation activities and execute the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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