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Submitted By: City Attorney	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Bridget Souffrant, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney
Subject: Opioid Settlement	

Details:

The City has an opportunity to opt into participation agreements for the distribution of settlement proceeds from national opioid litigation. It is not completely clear whether or how much might be distributed to individual local governments at this time. The effects of the opioid epidemic in our community and state are very expensive to address and the monies allocated under the agreement must be used for specified expenditures.

Sufficient participation from local units of government is required in order for the proposed settlement to be finalized. The extent of participation by local units of government will determine how much cash each state and local subdivision receives from the settlement. Generally, the higher the participation rate of local governments, the more money a state will receive from the settlement proceeds.

The city has registered on the national settlement website so that it will receive information and documents required to participate. Request is made at this time for council approval to move forward with the execution of any participation agreement, releases and related documents that are received after review and approval of the city attorney. Certain documents associated with the settlement must be executed by January 2, 2022, so the matter is time sensitive.

Options & Alternatives:**Financial Remarks:**

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