



Memorandum

Date: 6/13/2023

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Finance, Administration, and Communications

File No. CM 23-296

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Internal Committee - Internal Services/Public Safety

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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TITLE:

King County Memorandum of Understanding: Opioid Abatement Council

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

In September 2022 and March 2023, the City Council approved participation in the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to participate in the settlement agreement against opioid distributors and retailers. The One Washington MOU outlined the requirement to create a regional Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) to monitor distributions, expenditures, re-allocations and disputes related to the settlement funds. King County is in the process of setting up an OAC with the participating cities which requires a MOU between King County and the City of Redmond (see Attachment A).

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
One Washington Memorandum of Understanding
- **Required:**
Participation in the regional OAC is required under the One Washington MOU approved by Council in September 2022.
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
The City of Redmond cannot utilize the opioid settlement funds until the City becomes a part of the regional OAC or decides to create a city specific OAC.

OUTCOMES:

The MOU with King County establishing the Opioid Abatement Council stipulates the duties and governance of the OAC, including:

- The OAC does not control the City's expenditure decisions
- Redmond maintains full discretion to use and distribute the city's opioid allocation for approved purposes
- The OAC will monitor distributions, expenditures, reallocations and disputes
- The OAC will fulfill the data collection and reporting duties as outlined by the One Washington agreement
- The OAC will develop and maintain a public dashboard for publication of expenditure data
- The MOU covers the settlements with the current distributors and retailers, but can be amended to add others should other settlement agreements occur
- Representation of the OAC consists of four members (2 King County; 1 Seattle; 1 All other cities)
- The OAC would charge Redmond 10% of the total amount of the City's opioid distribution for administration

Redmond's opioid distribution from the two settlements equals approximately \$104,000 per year. The MOU with King County for Opioid Abatement Council administration would cost the City approximately \$10,000 annually.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:**Total Cost:**

The total administrative cost to participate in the Opioid Abatement Council equals \$10,000 annually.

Approved in current biennial budget:

☐ Yes☒ No☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

Safe and Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☒ Yes☐ No☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

Due to the timing of the settlement agreements and the distribution of the funds, Finance will need to do a budget adjustment to recognize revenues and expenditures related to the new opioid funding allocation.

Funding source(s):

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Opioid settlement funds

Budget/Funding Constraints:

The opioid settlement funds must be spent on opioid abatement strategies as outlined in Appendix A of the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding between Washington municipalities. For Redmond, the money could be spent on programs such as, current and future law enforcement expenditures relating to the opioid epidemic, education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with fentanyl or other drugs, connecting those who need help to the help they need (connections to care) as well as other abatement strategies.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/20/2023	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

King County has asked all participating cities to approve and sign the MOU by July 1, 2023, if possible.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If the MOU is not approved, Redmond could not spend its opioid abatement funds until the City joins another OAC or creates an OAC specifically for Redmond.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Opioid Abatement Council King County Memorandum of Understanding

Attachment B: King County PowerPoint Presentation: Regional Opioid Abatement Council