

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 20, 2023

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and Members of the City Council

From: Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager

Council Action Requested:

Resolution By The City Of Winston-Salem Authorizing Execution Of Opioid Settlements And Approving The Supplemental Agreement For Additional Funds Between The State Of North Carolina And Local Governments On Proceeds Relating To The Settlement Of Opioid Litigation

Strategic Focus Area: Safe and Secure Community

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Attorney General Josh Stein helped lead negotiations for \$21 billion in national settlements released in November and December 2022 with CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Allergan, and Teva (“Wave Two Settlements”). These Wave Two Settlements have the potential to bring significantly greater resources across North Carolina to address the opioid epidemic. North Carolina’s state and local governments stand to receive more than \$600 million over 15 years from the Wave Two Settlements, in addition to the more than \$750 million they will already receive from the Wave One Settlements.

North Carolina will receive its full share of payments from the Wave Two Settlements only if all eligible governments sign onto each settlement. The defendants will finalize the Wave Two Settlements only if the vast majority of local governments across the nation sign onto them. If North Carolina achieves the same 100% participation by counties and larger municipalities, funds from the Wave Two Settlement should start arriving in North Carolina during the second half of 2023.

The attached resolution authorizes staff to execute all documents necessary to enter into opioid settlement agreements with Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Allergan, and Teva, to execute the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds (SAAF), and to provide such documents to Rubris, the Implementation Administrator.

Committee Action:

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