

**City of Missoula, Montana  
New Business Item**

**Item:** **Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Missoula and Missoula County to Establish the Governance Structure for the Opioid Abatement Region from the Distributors' Litigation Settlement**

**Council Meeting Date:** November 28, 2022

**Sponsor(s):** **Jessica Miller**

**Prepared by:** Jessica Miller

**Ward(s) Affected:**

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**Action Required:**

Consider an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Missoula and Missoula County to Establish the Governance Structure for the Opioid Abatement Region from the Distributors' Litigation Settlement.

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council:

Approve and authorize the mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Missoula and Missoula County to Establish the Governance Structure for the Opioid Abatement Region from the Distributors' Litigation Settlement.

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

The City of Missoula and Missoula County are part of an opioid settlement agreement process with the State of Montana. That process divides the state into abatement regions, which must create a governance structure to administer and manage opioid remediation funds in their areas. The City of Missoula and Missoula County are the only two local governments in the Missoula Abatement Region. This interlocal agreement will establish the governance structure for receipt and management of opioid remediation funds. The City and County must approve finalize the agreement and notify the State of our structure no later than December 1.

This agreement only establishes the governing structure for funds and does not allocate funding for specific programs. This Interlocal establishes the governing body as the Mayor of the City of Missoula and the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. The deadline for designating this governing body is December 1, 2022.

The Missoula region is eligible for approximately \$223,000 from the Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) settlement in the first year, and approximately \$150,000 each year for the next 18 years. In addition, the City will receive \$17,000 in direct funds. Funds will be allocated at a later time via a budget amendment for FY23 and during the regular budgeting process for future years. The funds must be used for opioid remediation, which includes but is not limited to care and treatment of individuals, awareness education, addiction services, and support for law enforcement addressing impacts of substance abuse.

**Financial Implications:**

Eventual receipt of funding for opioid remediation.

**Links to external websites:**

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