

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-840

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Vice President Salem

Date of Introduction: November 9, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 8, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation, establishment of special revenue fund, authorization of interlocal agreements and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$261,904 from the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund to pay for equipment and for the salaries and benefits of the new Manager of Opioid Abatement and Program Coordinator – Opioid Abatement positions. This bill creates a new Section 111.265 (Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund), Part 2 (Health and Human Services), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), *Ordinance Code*. This bill also authorizes the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Jacksonville, the City of Atlantic Beach, the City of Jacksonville Beach, the City of Neptune Beach, and the Town of Baldwin for Distribution of Opioid Litigation Settlement Proceeds. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: A national public health epidemic arose as a result of the manufacture, distribution, and over-prescribing of opioid analgesics and resulted in opioid overdoses and addictions throughout Duval County and the entire State of Florida. Settlements have been developed to resolve certain claims brought in the Opioid Litigation. This legislation creates the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund for all opioid settlement proceeds received in accordance with the terms of the Florida Memorandum of Understanding authorized and approved by Ordinance 2021-659-E.

The settlement funds arising out of the Opioid Litigation will be distributed to the State of Florida over multiple years as part of a global settlement. Jacksonville Regional Opioid Settlement Funds will be allocated to the City of Jacksonville and the Municipalities in accordance with the Adjusted Population Estimates for Florida Counties and Municipalities Used for State Revenue-Sharing Calculations as provided in the Local Government Financial Information Handbook. The appropriation in this legislation will provide funds for the salaries, benefits, computers, wireless communication and mobile equipment, and other specialized equipment for the Manager and the Program Coordinator of Opioid Abatement who will oversee and administer the Opioid Abatement Program. These positions will be housed in the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid Litigation Settlement: Positions and Special Revenue Fund

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$261,904 as initiated by B.T. 23-022

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