

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-350

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: May 23, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: May 22, 2023

Type of Action: Repeal of *Ordinance Code* Chapter and creation of new *Ordinance Code* Chapter

Bill Summary: This bill repeals Chapter 84 (Opioid Abuse Mitigation), *Ordinance Code*, in its entirety, and creates a new Chapter 84 (Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants), *Ordinance Code*.

Background Information: The city of Jacksonville has been adversely affected by the opioid epidemic in many ways. In response, the City participated in litigation against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids and the defendants agreed to payment of certain proceeds in settlement of the various claims that will be distributed over multiple years as part of a global settlement. The purpose of this legislation is to designate processes for the oversight and grant distribution of the settlement funds. The new Chapter 84 outlines the establishment of the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee to advise, review, evaluate, and score grant applications to fund projects and programs aimed at combatting the opioid crisis. The OSUD Grants Committee will be composed of 7 members, 3 appointed by the Mayor and 3 appointed by the council president and approved by council. The members will serve 3-year staggered terms. The Mayor and Council President will appoint one member each from these categories: mental health professional, peer specialist and health care professional. The 7th voting, standing member will be the Health Administrator or Medical Director of the Florida Department of Health, Duval County. Additionally, one council member will be appointed to act as a liaison to the committee.

The funding for Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants will come from an initial appropriation in an amount equal to 40 percent of total Opioid Settlement Proceeds deposited in the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund as of July 1, 2023. Thereafter, the annual funding will be, at a minimum, equal to 40 percent of the total Opioid Settlement Proceeds deposited in the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Fund during the immediately preceding calendar year. The OSUD Grants Committee will award funding using categories of prevention, treatment and recovery support. Grantees may not receive funds from other City grant programs, and the maximum amount of grant funds awarded per organization is \$250,000 annually. The Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grant Appeals Board will make final determinations on all appeals made by requesting agencies, and be composed of the OSUD Grants Committee Chair, the Manager of Opioid Abatement and the Chief of Procurement. The Manager of Opioid Abatement will provide staff support to the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee and will report annually to the council and quarterly to the NCSPHS Committee.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid Settlement Grants

Fiscal Impact: The City of Jacksonville will receive an estimated \$80,000,000 over the course of approximately 18 years.

Analyst: Hampsey