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Opioid Settlement Funds: Annual Report to ND HHS

Reporting Year: 2025

Introduction

In accordance with NDCC statute requiring political subdivisions that retain opioid settlement funds to submit an annual report detailing governing body decisions regarding the use of those funds, Western Plains Public Health submits the following report on behalf of the City of Mandan, Mercer County, Grant County, Morton County, and Oliver County.

Western Plains Public Health was designated by each governing body to administer opioid settlement funds in alignment with approved opioid abatement strategies and the previously submitted allocation plan to ND HHS.

This report reflects the formal actions taken by each governing body regarding the use of these funds during calendar year 2025.

Issue Presented to All Governing Bodies:

The respective commissions reviewed the opportunity to allocate opioid settlement funds toward local opioid abatement efforts through Western Plains Public Health in alignment with the approved opioid abatement strategies.

Action Taken / Vote:

The respective commissions voted to allocate their opioid settlement funds to Western Plains Public Health for implementation of opioid prevention, harm reduction, recovery support, and public education strategies as outlined in the submitted allocation plan.

Approved Use of Funds Includes:

- Community opioid prevention education
- Naloxone distribution and training
- Support for recovery and referral services
- Public awareness and stigma reduction efforts
- Data tracking and evaluation of opioid-related trends

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Commission	Date of Commission Action	Funds Received	Funds Expended
City of Mandan	December 19, 2023	\$17793.3	\$13,789.62
Mercer County	July 17, 2024	\$33,279.00	\$15,155.97
Morton County	May 28, 2024	\$97,311.84	\$17,186.55
Oliver County	March 5, 2024	\$8,142.53	\$4,179.15
Grant County	January 3, 2024	\$3,307.52	\$3,307.52

All allocations made by the above governing bodies were directed toward opioid abatement strategies consistent with:

- The North Dakota Opioid Settlement Fund guidance
- The approved Western Plains Public Health Opioid Settlement Allocation Plan submitted to ND HHS
- Approved opioid remediation uses as defined by national settlement agreements

Western Plains Public Health acknowledges the responsibility entrusted by the City of Mandan and the County Commissions of Mercer, Grant, Morton, and Oliver Counties to administer opioid settlement funds in a manner consistent with approved abatement strategies and local community needs.

This report serves as documentation of the formal decisions made by each governing body regarding the use of opioid settlement funds for the 2025 reporting period.

Respectfully submitted by,
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