



FAQ'S ABOUT MINNESOTA'S STATE- LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOIDS SETTLEMENT ALLOCATION AGREEMENT

HOW MUCH MONEY IS COMING TO MINNESOTA AND WHY?

Minnesota, along with a broad coalition of states across the country, has reached agreements with four companies to resolve legal claims for their role in the opioid crisis: manufacturer Johnson & Johnson, and major pharmaceutical distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson. The total settlement is \$26 billion. Minnesota's maximum share of the settlements is projected to be at least \$300 million over 18 years.

WHO WAS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING THE STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT?

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the allocation and distribution of these settlement funds was negotiated by representatives of local governments, the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, and the State of Minnesota.

HOW ARE SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED?

Settlement funds must be used to support specific strategies to fight the opioid crisis that are identified in the MOA. Although not all cities will receive a direct allocation from the settlements, all cities will have the potential to access county and state grants, and will benefit from the opioid remediation efforts by others that take place in their communities.

WHAT IS PROCESS TO OPT IN AND WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

There is a deadline of January 2, 2022, for a sufficient threshold of Minnesota cities and counties to sign on to the State-Subdivision Agreement and to opt into the national settlements. Failure to timely sign on may significantly impact the amount of settlement funds ultimately received by Minnesota. Cities should adopt a resolution or otherwise take action to formally approve the MOA, and affirmatively sign on to the national settlements by visiting [this website](#).

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the settlements, national registration, or the MOA, contact the Minnesota Attorney General's Office at opiods@ag.state.mn.us or reach out directly to Patricia Beety, League General Counsel, at pbeety@lmc.org or 651.281.1270.