



AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: March 11, 2025

Meeting Date: April 1, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration

PRESENTED BY: Christine Moody, Budget & Financial Planning Manager

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **MOTION/ORDER:** In the Matter of Allocating Additional County Opioid Settlement Funding resources in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in FY 24-25 to the Sheriff's Office, allowing carryover of the FY 24-25 allocation into FY 25-26 for Community Justice & Rehabilitation Services, Parole & Probation, and correcting FY 25-26 prior allocation amounts by Department

I. MOTION

Move Approval Allocating Additional County Opioid Settlement Funding resources in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in FY 24-25 to the Sheriff's Office, allowing carryover of the FY 24-25 allocation into FY 25-26 for Community Justice & Rehabilitation Services, Parole & Probation, and correcting FY 25-26 allocation amounts by Department.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

This item is to allocate additional resources from the County's Opioid Funding Settlement to the Sheriff Office, providing for carryover of unspent funds from the FY 24-25 allocation to FY 25-26 for Parole & Probation in the Department of Community Justice and Rehabilitation Services, and to correct an error in Board Order 24-06-25-05 related to the department listed for each allocation for FY 25-26.

These are considered one-time allocations of Opioid funds and other funding sources are anticipated to be available by FY 26-27 to maintain the services.

III. **BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

A. Board Action and Other History

The Opioid Funding Settlement resources stem from four primary groups of defendants listed in the State Agreement. Lane County was among many jurisdictions that sought restitution from damages that resulted from opioid manufacturers and distributors criminal actions. Lane County is estimated to receive a minimum of \$20.1 million dollars in payments through FY 38-39. This will result in an average of \$1.1 million annually and, under the State Agreement, must be spent/obligated/encumbered within 5 years of receipt.

An internal Opioid Committee met multiple times to review funding requests received. On May 15th, 2024, the Committee gave a presentation to the Board on the Opioid crisis, funding information, current steps being taken to address the crisis, and a draft of guiding principles and priorities. The principles and priorities listed the Core Strategies outlined in the National Settlement Agreement along with the additional focus that Lane County plans to utilize when allocating these funds.

On May 29th, 2024, the Committee met with the County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky to discuss recommended initial funding requests. There was a consensus with regard to what was recommended to the Board for approval.

On June 25, 2024, the Board of Commissioners allocated resources from the County's Opioid Settlement funds not to exceed \$924,747 in FY 24-25 and \$1,063,056 in FY 25-26 to three projects —#1 Health & Human Services, Public Health Division, to providing funding for 1.00 Epidemiologist position; #2 Community Justice & Rehabilitation Services, Parole & Probation to provide funding for Parole Officers who work with Justice Involved individuals; #3 Sheriff's Office to provide funding for the Medical Assistant Treatment program at the Lane County Adult Corrections Facility.

B. Policy Issues

None.

C. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Below is a summary of the request for additional funding:

Project #3: Sheriff's Office Corrections division to provide funding for the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. This program is partially funded by a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance use Program (COSSUP) grant which is set to expire on September 30, 2025.

FY 24-25 \$225,000 Original Allocation. Additional request of \$10,000 for FY 24-25 will provide for purchase of additional injectable form of the medication used by the MAT program that were not included in the contract with WellPath for MAT services.

The original allocations of funds were specific to fiscal year and do not carry over if unspent.

Project #2: Community Justice & Rehabilitation Services, Parole and Probation Division, to provide funding for Parole Officers who work with Justice Involved individuals to overcome barriers directly linked to chemical dependency which includes the use of opioids, in the amounts of FY 24-25 \$630,247 and FY 25-26 \$648,056.

Due to position vacancy, the Project #2 FY 24-25 allocation is anticipated to be underspent by approximately \$76,000. Due to salary increases for employees in this program following completion of collective bargaining, additional funds are needed to cover the expenses of the program in FY 25-26. Parole & Probation is requesting to carryforward any unspent Opioid funds from FY 24-25 to FY 25-26 to continue the existing program level. If this request is not granted, a request for Community Corrections Act funds will be made for FY 25-26.

D. Health Implications

The opioid crisis affects all individuals within Lane County and steps must be taken to address this need. Providing services for those individuals that are suffering from addiction benefits our County as it will save and improve lives.

E. Analysis

Board Order #24-06-25-05 incorrectly stated the Department Names and amounts of Opioid funding allocation for FY 25-26. It listed \$648,000 for Sheriff's Office and \$300,000 for Community Justice & Rehabilitation Services. Those amounts by Department should be switched. This change is made on the attached order.

The additional requested allocation of \$10,000 to the Sheriff's Office for use in the Medication Assisted Treatment Program meets the intended purpose for the funds and the terms of the settlement agreement that provided the funds to Lane County.

Allowing the Parole & Probation program to carryforward their unspent allocation from FY 24-25 to FY 25-26 will maintain the existing level of service and eliminate the County's request for Community Corrections Act funding for that program until FY 26-27.

F. Alternatives/Options

1. Allocate County resources to retain the service levels indicated above, up to an additional \$10,000 for the Sheriff's Office and provide for the carryover of the FY 24-25 allocation into FY 25-26 for the Parole & Probation Program within Community Justice and Rehabilitation Services.
2. Do not allocate County opioid resources and instead request Community Corrections Funding in the Parole & Probation program.
3. Request additional analysis and/or different allocations of funding.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Allocate County opioid resources to maintain the service levels indicated above, up to an additional \$10,000 for the Sheriff's Office and provide for the carryover of the FY 24-25 allocation into FY 25-26 for the Parole & Probation Program within Community Justice and Rehabilitation Services.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Decision on funding is needed to prepare FY 24-25 Supplemental #3 budget and the FY 25-26 Proposed Budget.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Adjustments needed to the budget will be made at the next available opportunity.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 25-04-01-

IN THE MATTER OF ALLOCATING
ADDITIONAL COUNTY OPIOID
SETTLEMENT FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 IN FY 24-25 TO
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ALLOWING
CARRYOVER OF THE FY 24-25
ALLOCATION INTO FY 25-26 FOR
COMMUNITY JUSTICE & REHABILITATION
SERVICES, PAROLE & PROBATION, AND
CORRECTING PRIOR FY 25-26
ALLOCATION AMOUNTS BY
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Lane County will receive a minimum of \$20.1 million dollars from the National Opioid Settlements in payments through FY 38-39 with allowable uses outlined within the Settlement Agreements.

WHEREAS, Lane County Board of Commissioners approved Guiding Principles and Priorities to guide the County's opioid settlement funding allocations on May 15, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners allocated initial funding of the County's opioid settlement funds for FY 24-25 and FY 25-26 in BO 24-06-25-05; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for additional funding, carryover of funding from FY 24-25 to FY 25-26 for Community Justice & Rehabilitation Services, and the need to correct the amounts listed by Department for the original FY 25-26 allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS as follows:**

1. Additional allocation of \$10,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as follows:

Sheriff's Office:	\$10,000
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2. Correcting Allocations of \$1,063,056 originally made in BO 24-06-25-05 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 to be as follows:

Health and Human Services:	\$115,000
Sheriff's Office:	\$300,000
Community Justice & Rehabilitation Services:	\$648,056

3. Allowing for carryover of the FY 24-25 allocation to Community Justice and Rehabilitation Services into FY 25-26 to maintain the service.

ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2025.

David Loveall, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners