



City of Longview

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Agenda

City Council

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Thursday, September 4, 2025

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a special meeting in the Longview City Hall Council Chamber, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter.

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Office at 360.442.5004 at least 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

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Webinar ID: 823 9413 2374

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FLAG SALUTE
3. ROLL CALL
4. WORKSHOP

25-00773 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS (APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR)

5. ADJOURNMENT

*** Any invocation that may be offered at the Council meeting shall be the voluntary offering of a private citizen, to and for the benefit of the Council. The views or beliefs expressed by the invocation speaker have not been previously reviewed or approved by the Council, and the Council does not endorse the religious beliefs or views of this, or any other speaker.**

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP

NEXT SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOPS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. – LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP WITH LEGISLATORS AND LOBBYIST

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. - DUTCH ELM PRESENTATION

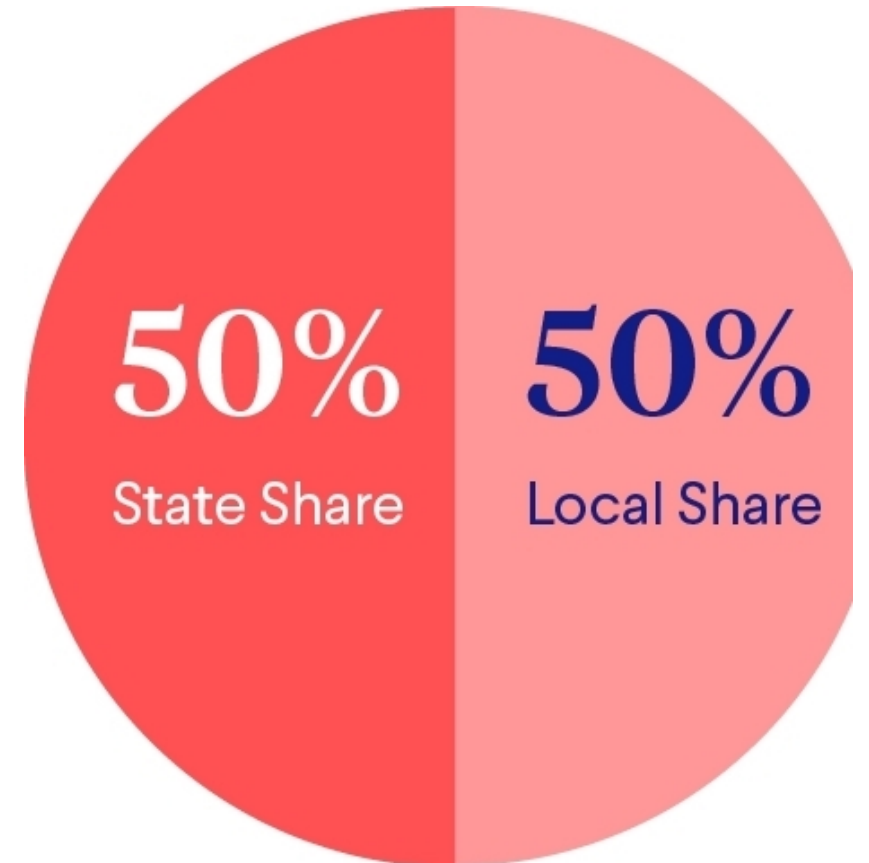
Opioid Settlement Funds in Washington State

Overview, Allocation and Implementation

City Council Workshop
September 4, 2025

What are Opioid funds?

- Washington State has secured billions in opioid settlement funds from lawsuits against pharmaceutical distributors, manufacturers, and retailers for their role in the opioid epidemic. The funds are being distributed over many years, with strict rules governing how they must be used to combat the crisis.
- State and local split:



Participating Jurisdictions

- Local governments with a population over 10,000 are eligible to join the settlements.
- Opt in agreements are required for each settlement
- Longview, Kelso, and Cowlitz County are participating



Approved Uses

Treat

- Treat Opioid Use Disorder

Support

- Support People in Treatment and Recovery

Connect

- Connect People Who Need Help to the Help They Need

Address

- Address the Needs of Criminal Justice-Involved Persons

Address

- Address the Needs of Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Prevent Over

- Prevent Over-Prescribing and Ensure Appropriate Prescribing and Dispensing of Opioids

Approved Uses

Prevent

- Prevent Misuse of Opioids

Prevent

- Prevent Overdose Deaths and Other Harms

First

- First Responders

Leadership

- Leadership, Planning and Coordination

Training

- Training

Research

- Research

Financial projection of funds (See handout)

- Collected funds to date:
\$1,091,181.44
- Anticipated additional
collection: \$1,686,363.79

Total amount collected:
\$2,777,545.23

- Additional settlements are
anticipated





Staff Recommendations

- **(1) Crisis Response Specialist** - A Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Grant funds a 5th BHU Crisis Response Specialist position and we have approximately 12 months of funding remaining but have not been able to fill the position due to the limited duration of the position and the demand for Crisis Responders. Demand exceeds supply so those who are qualified and can pass a background check are choosing employment that is secure (beyond 1 year). Longview Police is requesting to use Opioid Settlement funding for the continuation of this position. Costs include annual salary & benefits with 8% increases for the first 4 years (step increased plus COLA/benefit increases) and 5% increase after year 4.
- These costs would be categorized under the following eligible opioid settlement funding uses:
 - -Schedule A E.5 - Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers to facility expansions above
 - -Schedule B (Part 1)D.1.6 - Co-responder and/or alternative responder models to address OUD-related 911 calls with greater SUD expertise.
 - -Schedule B (Part 3) K 1 - Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis.



Staff Recommendations



(2) Washington Administrative Office of the Courts funded Therapeutic Court:

Longview has received \$124,000 for the start of a Therapeutic Court (misdemeanor cases)

via pass through money from Washington Administrative Officer of the Court (AOC) through Cowlitz County District Court to the City of Longview. The full request was not funded from AOC and success of the program includes the recovery supports that were not funded through AOC. We are requesting Opioid Settlement

funds be used for recovery supports in the amount of \$43,000. In addition, the current funding is for 12 months beginning 7/1/25 - 6/30/26. The funding pays for the hiring of a new Case Manager position.

An annual renewal process is required for this grant and funding is provided on a year to year basis. In the event funding was not renewed (unlikely per AOC), Longview Police is requesting to use the Opioid Settlement

funds to continue this position beyond 7/1/2026 A stable source of funding is help us in recruiting someone to take this position. Annual costs of Case Manager position are \$115,000

These costs would be categorized under the following eligible opioid settlement funding uses:

- Schedule B (Part 1)D.1 - Support pre-arrest or pre-arraignment diversion and deflection strategies for person s with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions

- Schedule B (Part1) D.2 - Support pre-trial services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions to evidence-informed treatment, including MAT and related services.



Staff Recommendations

(3) WASPC Mental Health Field Response Team - Funding through WASPC for 7/1/25 - 6/30/27 was reduced and does not include any training money. Our original grant funding request included \$15,000 to send BHU members to the National Co-Responder Conference and the Washington State Co-Responder Conference along with on-line training in motivational interviewing. Longview Police is requesting to fund training for BHU members through Opioid Settlement Funds

These costs would be categorized under the following eligible opioid settlement funding uses:

- Schedule B (Part 3) K 1 - Provide funding for staff training or networking programs and services to improve the capability of government, community and not-for-profit entities to abate the opioid crisis.



Staff Recommendations

(4) Dark Horse Software Analytics - Longview Fire Department is requesting \$100,000 from the Opioid Settlement Fund to implement enhanced data analytics tools. Our current analytics budget is approximately \$13,000 annually. This proposal replaces our existing analytics platform with the Darkhorse Analytics Response Module and adds the Risk Module to strengthen our data capabilities related to overdose response, naloxone program tracking, and public education.

The funding request includes a one-time onboarding fee of \$50,000 for the Risk Module and five years of Risk Module subscription costs at \$10,000 per year. The annual \$20,000 cost for the Response Module will be absorbed into our existing operational budget starting in year one.

This enhancement will allow LFD to better visualize and respond to emerging public health threats, develop strategic interventions, support succession planning, and create visual tools for educating first responders and the public.

The total request is \$100,000, categorized under the following eligible opioid settlement funding uses:

- H.5: Data tracking software for overdoses/naloxone
- H.6: Public education on overdose response
- J.2: Dashboards to report, track, and visualize outcomes and opioid-related indicators
- L.1 & L.8: Research and evaluation of harm reduction strategies



City Council Recommendations