



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

Title of Item: Annual Aitkin County Opioid Settlement Update

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
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Submitted by: Paula Arimborgo	Department: H&HS Administration
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Presenter (Name and Title): Kelli Crowther, H&HS Public Health	Estimated Time Needed: 20 min
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Summary of Issue:
 A presentation of the Annual Aitkin County Opioid Settlement Update.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Financial Impact:
Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No
What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$
Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*



AITKIN COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Annual Meeting May 12, 2026



WHERE IS THE FUNDING COMING FROM?

Starting in 2020, Attorney General's Offices from multiple states, including Minnesota, sued opioid manufacturers, distributors, and other parties to hold them accountable for their role in creating and perpetuating the devastating opioid epidemic.

THE AGREEMENT



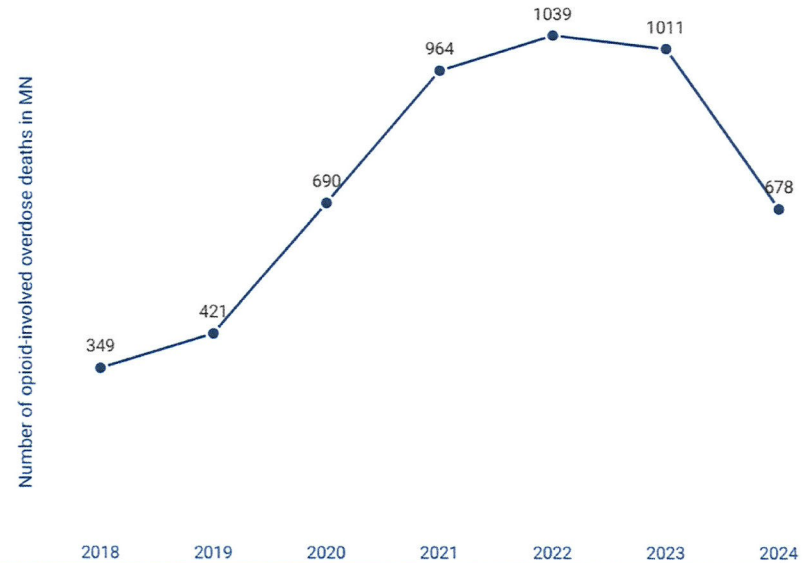
- ✓ Pay billions of dollars nationally for opioid epidemic treatment and prevention
- ✓ Requires data transparency
- ✓ Industry changes to ensure crisis never happens again



IMPACT ON MINNESOTA

Opioid Overdose Deaths

The number of opioid-involved drug overdose deaths decreased significantly in 2024



MINNESOTA OPIOID FUNDING

**21 settlements =
\$633 million for MN**

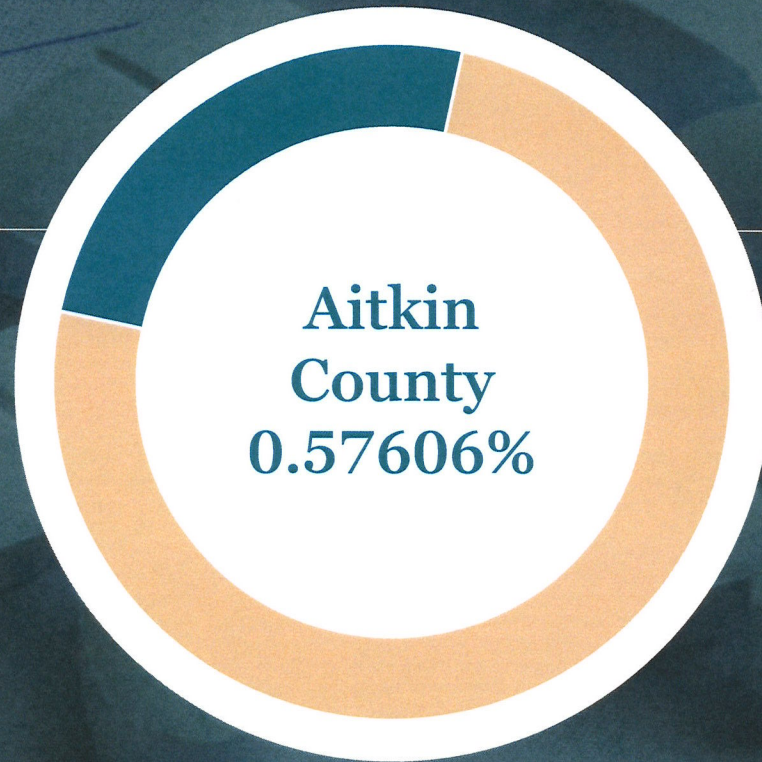
- Distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergan
- Manufacturers: Insys, Mallinckrodt, Endo, Johnson & Johnson, Teva, Pharmaceuticals, Allergan, Purdue Pharma, Sackler
- Consulting/Marketing: McKinsey, Publicis
- Pharmacy Chains: Walmart, CVS, Walgreens

Funding is determined by:

- the impact of the crisis on the state
- the number of overdose deaths
- the number of residents with substance use disorder
- the number of opioids prescribed
- the population of the state

MINNESOTA FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

MN STATE
Funding
25%



MN LOCAL
Funding
75%

AITKIN COUNTY OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING



AITKIN COUNTY STEPS FOR FUNDING



APPLICATION

Application is completed and received.



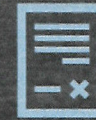
SUBCOMMITTEE

Subcommittee determines whether application meets funding requirements.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board votes for final approval to support funding request.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MOU is a contract to serve between the applicant and AC for funding purposes.



FUNDING

Funding is provided to the applicant either by one-time payment or reimbursement of invoice.

AITKIN COUNTY DISTRIBUTED FUNDING

2025

Administration

Prevention

Treatment

Other Strategies

\$123,023.13

**Funding distributed since
conception:
\$186,209.70**

2025 PROJECTS FUNDED

Applications Received: 10

Applications Funded: 8

'24 Public Health

Tall Cop Presentation for Aitkin County Youth

'24 Public Health

Naloxone: continued distribution throughout Aitkin County

Cannabis and Tobacco Compliance
\$15,150 over 3yrs

Petals of Peace

Recovery Movie Meetup
\$4,465

Youth Prevention Education
\$5,000

Ramon Spectrometer
\$32,900

Robert Nelson LADC

Substance Use Assessments
Up to \$5,000

HOPE Empowerment and Support Programs
\$20,000

ISD1 Interventionalist
\$80,000 over 3 yrs

Luke Gould LADC

Substance Use Assessments
Up to \$5,000- Declined

Q1

Q2

Q3

Q4

2025

THANK YOU



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