

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/21/26	AGENDA ITEM: 4.F. FIN - National Opioid Settlement with Mallinckrodt, McKinsey, and Endo Public Defendants
DATE PREPARED: 04/20/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
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DEPARTMENT: Financial Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda Items / New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Council to take action to ratify and approve the National Opioid Settlement on behalf of the City involving the Mallinckrodt, McKinsey, and Endo Public Defendants under the National Prescription Opiate Litigation (MDL 2804); authorize the City to participate in the Opioid Settlement with said Defendants; and authorize and direct the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the Opioid Settlement with said Defendants.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:
Innovative and High Performing Organizations

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

State and local governments across the country have been litigating against the opioid industry, alleging that the industry utilized unethical and illegal practices with respect to promoting the use of opioids.

In December 2020, Council approved the One Arizona Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State and Participating Local Governments. The MOU served to jointly approach settlement negotiations with the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants. In November 2021, Council approved the One Arizona Opioid Agreement, which establishes Arizona's disbursement of the funds related to a national class action lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors. In December 2022, Council approved the execution and delivery of the National Opioids Distributor Settlement Agreement with three opioid distributors, McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Cardinal, and the Janssen Settlement Agreement with one manufacturer, Johnson & Johnson. In April 2023, Council approved the execution and delivery of the National Opioids Distributor and Settlement Agreements in the National Settlement(s) for five opioid distributors: Teva, Allergan, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS. In August 2025 Council approved the execution and delivery of the Purdue Direct Settlement. In August 2025, a new proposed national opioids settlement was reached with eight opioid manufacturers: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus. That settlement is known as the Secondary Manufacturers Settlement.

Turning specifically to the Mallinckrodt Defendants, these parties also were included in the opioid litigation. Staff recommends that the Council ratify and approve the Opioid Settlement with the Mallinckrodt Defendants. The City received settlement funds from the Mallinckrodt Defendants in the sum of \$6,389.69. At this time, the City has not received a written settlement agreement or a settlement

participation form that specifically relates to the Mallinckrodt Defendants. Should the City receive such a document, it will be presented to Council as necessary for approval.

To receive these critically needed funds to assist in addressing the opioid crisis in our community, the staff recommends Council authorize the City to participate in the Opioid Settlement with the Mallinckrodt Defendants.

BENEFITS:

Funds received from these settlements will be used for personnel costs, treatment, prevention efforts, and education in the Buckeye community related to the opioid crisis.

FUTURE ACTION:

Continue receiving funds from the the Mallinckrodt Defendants.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Funds received from these settlements will be used for personnel costs, treatment, prevention efforts, and education in the Buckeye community related to the opioid crisis.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TOTAL COST:

It is unknown how much the City will receive.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

2026 and ongoing until settlements are satisfied.

FUND/DEPARTMENT:

Police

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[One Arizona Opioid agrmnt signed.pdf](#)

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