



Legislation Text

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Substitute resolution authorizing position authority and funding for a Public Health Strategist Coordinator in the Policy, Innovation and Engagement Division of the Health Department.

This resolution authorizes position authority for a Public Health Strategist Coordinator in the Policy, Innovation and Engagement division of the Health Department. Salary and fringe benefits costs for this position shall be provided solely from the Opioid Settlement Special Purpose Account, when established, which is to be funded by Milwaukee's allocation of settlement proceeds from the National Prescription Opiate Litigation lawsuit. Position authority shall be rescinded in the event monies in the End Overdose MKE Special Purpose Account are insufficient to fund salary and fringe benefits costs for the position.

Whereas, The State of Wisconsin has been allocated \$410 million of settlement proceeds from the National Prescription Opiate Litigation lawsuit to be received over 16 years beginning in 2022; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Act 57, approved in 2021, stipulates that 70% of settlement proceeds be allocated to Wisconsin counties and the 16 litigating municipalities, including the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, A Public Health Strategist Coordinator position is needed to address harm caused by opioid use by providing training on Narcan, Fentanyl Test Strip and other evidence-based harm reduction practices to community-based professionals and paraprofessionals; and

Whereas, The Public Health Strategist Coordinator is expected to identify community stakeholders, develop and launch collaborative efforts with community organizations, and organize and facilitate the implementation of harm reduction strategies; and

Whereas, The Public Health Strategist Coordinator will also serve as the primary educator for the Health Department's harm reduction response and work in tandem with the Public Health Strategist on substance use; and

Whereas, The addition of a Public Health Strategist Coordinator position in the Policy, Innovation and Engagement Division of the Health Department is expected to ensure that the funds received from the settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation lawsuit are used effectively to reduce the harm caused by the over promotion of opioid use; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Health Department is authorized to expend up to \$130,000 from the End Overdose MKE Special Purpose Account, account 0001-3810-0001-S250-006300, to fund the salary and fringe benefit costs for a Public Health Strategist Coordinator in the Policy, Innovation and Engagement Division of the Health Department;

and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Comptroller is authorized to transfer up to \$130,000 from 0001-9990-0001-S250-006300 to 0001-3810-0001-S250-006300 for expenditure by the Health Department; and, be it

Further Resolved, That salary and fringe benefits costs for this position shall be provided solely from the End Overdose MKE Special Purpose Account, which is to be funded by Milwaukee's allocation of settlement proceeds from the National Prescription Opiate Litigation; and, be it

Further Resolved, Position authority for this position shall be rescinded upon expiration of End Overdose MKE Special Purpose Account funding; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the 2023 Positions Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Under

Health Department
Policy, Innovation and Engagement Division

Add one (1) position of Public Health Strategist Coordinator (A)

Add footnote (A) as follows:

(A) Position funded by End Overdose MKE SPA. Position authority will terminate upon expiration of End Overdose MKE SPA funding.

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