



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. BJ
9/26/2023

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Letter of Intent to the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board to qualify for the application process for grants provided under the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act; and authorizing execution of necessary documents.

Background:

In 2020, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted HB 4138 creating the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act. This Act created the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board oversight body for the distribution of opioid settlement funds.

Section 2 of the Act outlines the purpose, which is “to promote and protect the health of Oklahomans by using monetary grants to abate the opioid crisis in a comprehensive manner that includes cooperation and collaboration with political subdivisions.” 74 O.S. 2021 30.4

The Act restricts grant applicants to the following: counties, incorporated municipalities, public school districts, career tech school districts and a public trust solely benefiting any one of the above-mentioned subdivisions.

Grant awards will be provided on an application basis. Applicants must demonstrate strong use of funds for abatement, need for funds, capacity for implementation, evidence base for proposed projects, and community partnership and support.

Because over 1,200 subdivisions are eligible to apply for an opioid grant award and the funding is limited to \$23 million, the Opioid Abatement Board has decided to require prospective applicants to notify the Board of their intent to seek an opioid grant award no later than Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

The City of Oklahoma City is eligible to apply for these grant funds and has a demonstrated need to address the effects of opioid addiction in the community.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize a Letter of Intent to be submitted before the deadline.

Review:

City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.