

# Opioid Abatement Settlement Tribal Set- Aside Listening Session

Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery

# Agenda

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- ▶ Welcome and Acknowledgement, Blessing, and Introductions, *Lucilla Mendoza*
  - ▶ Welcome Tribal Elected Officials
  - ▶ Welcome Tribal IHCP leaders
  - ▶ Welcome Tribal Consortia Leaders
  - ▶ Welcome UIO Representatives
- ▶ Overview of Settlement Abatement, *Kris Shera/Mary Beth Brown*
- ▶ Overview of Settlement Allocations, Legislative Session, *Kris Shera*
- ▶ Allowable uses of funds, *Kris Shera*
- ▶ Tribal Set-Aside Discussion, *Lucilla Mendoza*

# Washington state to receive \$518M after settlement with opioid distributors

by The Associated Press, KOMO News Staff | Monday, October 3rd 2022



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Dec 21 2022

Today's announcement brings Washington's total recoveries to more than \$1.1 billion to address the epidemic

SEATTLE — Attorney General Bob Ferguson filed a lawsuit today against Albertsons, Kroger and Rite Aid, whose pharmacy chains helped fuel Washington state's opioid epidemic. Ferguson asserts the pharmacies served as the last line of defense in the opioid

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# CVS, Walgreens, Teva in opioid agreements with Washington attorney general

Dec. 21, 2022 3:58 PM ET | Walmart Inc. (WMT), CVS, WBA, ABBV | KR, RAD, ACI | By: Jonathan Block, SA News Editor | 15 Comments

# Opioid Abatement Legislature Allocations

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- ▶ Opioid Settlement appropriations are contained in
  - ▶ 2023-2025 Enacted Budget
  - ▶ 2E2SSB 5536 – aka the Blake Bill
- ▶ Over \$80 million dollars in appropriations – including the Tribal set aside – across continuum of uses
- ▶ Attachment to materials contains complete list

# Tribal Set Aside

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- ▶ 15.4 million per biennium.
- ▶ 17-year timespan. Legislature will approve new budget every biennium (*amounts and projects may vary*).
- ▶ Funding is for Tribes and Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHP).
  - ▶ 29 Tribes, 2 UIHPs = 31 total
- ▶ Must be used for opioid response activities in the areas of *prevention, outreach, treatment, recovery supports services, and other strategies to mitigate the effects of the misuse and abuse of opioid related products*.
- ▶ Harm reduction is included in the allowable strategies list.
- ▶ HCA must ensure flexibility for Tribes and UIHPs to use funds as they see fit and allowable under the settlement agreement.

# Approved Usages

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- ▶ Core strategies: naloxone distribution, medication-assisted treatment, pregnant and postpartum women, neonatal abstinence syndrome, warm hand-off and recovery, incarcerated populations, prevention, syringe service programs, data and research.
- ▶ Approved uses - over 120 specific strategies in the areas of prevention, treatment, recovery, harm reduction, capacity building, research, etc.
- ▶ There is flexibility in approved strategies but must be opioid remediation and abatement.
- ▶ *HCA must ensure flexibility for Tribes and UIHPs to use funds as they see fit and allowable under the settlement agreement.*

# Indian Nation Agreement - Contracting and Funding Allocation Process

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- ▶ Funding Allocation Ideas - *Are there recommendations for how HCA allocates these funds to Tribes/UIHPs?*
  - ▶ Shared evenly amongst the Tribes and UIHPs
  - ▶ Base funding plus additional based on population/need? How?
  - ▶ Group projects, pooling funds together for a shared project (i.e., regional recovery housing, regional residential treatment)
- ▶ Contracting Proposal – *Are there recommendations for how HCA contracts for these funds?*
  - ▶ Create a specific INA/UIO contract for all settlement dollars
    - ▶ Utilize INA general terms and conditions for Tribes

# Reporting Requirements

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- ▶ *Goals – What are recommendations for collective reporting goals? How do we tell the story? What reporting elements would Tribes like to capture collectively?*
  - ▶ Reduce administrative burden to pass through these funds
  - ▶ Meet the reporting requirements of the “administrator”
  - ▶ Determine reach of services provided with minimal outcome measures
  - ▶ Share success stories



# Reporting Requirements Cont.

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- ▶ *Is there interest in an indigenous evaluation using qualitative and quantitative data?*
- ▶ *Do Tribes have recommendations on a reporting schedule that may contain the following elements?*
  - ▶ Amount of settlement funds spent on strategies
  - ▶ Information on how many people are served and # of activities that took place.
  - ▶ Demographics
  - ▶ Administrative costs versus direct costs
  - ▶ Information if projects implemented as planned
- ▶ **Public Facing Reporting – Dashboard**
  - ▶ Breakdown of funding expended on each approved category
  - ▶ Breakdown per region
  - ▶ Tribes/UIHPs will not be called out on dashboards but rather rolled up with entities in their regions.

# Next Steps

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- ▶ Decision making on funding allocation 15.4 million for the biennium.
  - ▶ *Are there recommendations on decision making to finalize distribution plan?*
  - ▶ *Other options for decision making?*
    - ▶ GIHAC Reinvestment Account Board
    - ▶ AIHC Delegates decision making and planning
- ▶ Agreement/contract to potentially start Oct 2023.

Questions?  
Concerns?

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# Questions?