



July 3, 2023

Office of the Commissioner
NH Department of Health & Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: City of Keene Annual Report on Opioid Abatement Trust Funding

Dear Commissioner,

In accordance with RSA 126-A:84.IV., I am pleased to submit this annual report regarding the City of Keene Opioid Litigation Settlement distributions totaling \$115,729.65 as of June 30, 2023.

June 2021 = \$7,375.59
June 2022 = \$13,611.92
June 2023 = \$94,742.14

These funds have been deposited into an Opioid Litigation Settlement Revolving Fund established by the Keene City Council on July 1, 2021. As of this date no funds have been expended.

The City of Keene is interested in applying for opioid abatement grant funds to create a new initiative at the city. Unfortunately, the details of our program had not been scoped out quickly enough to apply for the first round of funding. Since that time no new opportunities have opened which would allow us to apply. The 15% distribution received to date includes a one-time payment of \$79,052. The smaller payments ranging from \$2,605.80-\$13,611.92 are not enough alone to create and/or sustain this program.

We have qualifying expenses currently supported by our budget to which these funds could be partially applied. However, we felt it would be more impactful to preserve the funds until we had a complete program/initiative to put forward. Therefore, we await the next opportunity to submit a grant application to the Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission.

If you have any questions please contact City Manager Elizabeth Dragon at 603-357-9804.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Gray
Senior Staff Accountant
kgray@keenenh.gov

Cc: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Tom Mullins, City Attorney



City of Keene

New Hampshire

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

July 27, 2022

Office of the Commissioner
NH Department of Health & Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: City of Keene Annual Report on Opioid Abatement Trust Funding

Dear Commissioner Shibinette,

In accordance with RSA 126-A:84.IV., I am pleased to submit this annual report regarding the City of Keene Opioid Litigation Settlement distributions totaling \$20,987.51 as of June 30, 2022.

June 2021 = \$7,375.59
June 2022 = \$13,611.92

These funds have been deposited into an Opioid Litigation Settlement Revolving Fund established by the Keene City Council on July 1, 2021. As of this date no funds have been expended.

In the near future the City of Keene will be reviewing community needs and developing a fair and transparent process for how best to spend the funds. We are awaiting information regarding availability of other funds coming into the state so that we may understand in totality how these funds may be put best to use.

If you have any questions please contact City Manager Elizabeth Dragon at 603-357-9804.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Gray
Senior Staff Accountant
kgray@keenenh.gov
603-757-1820

Cc: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Tom Mullins, City Attorney



City of Keene
New Hampshire



August 24, 2021

Office of the Commissioner
NH Department of Health & Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

RE: City of Keene Annual Report on Opioid Abatement Trust Funding

Dear Commissioner Shabinette,

In accordance with RSA 126-A:84.IV., I am pleased to submit this annual report regarding the City of Keene Opioid Litigation Settlement distribution of \$7,375.59 received in June 2021.

These funds were deposited into an Opioid Litigation Settlement Revolving Fund established by the Keene City Council on July 1, 2021. As of this date no funds have been expended. In the near future, the City of Keene will be reviewing the community needs and developing a fair and transparent process for how best to spend the funds.

If you have any questions please contact City Manager Elizabeth Dragon at 603-357-9804.

Sincerely,

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Senior Staff Accountant
kgray@ci.keene.nh.us
603-757-1820

Cc: Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager
Tom Mullins, City Attorney
Kerrin Rounds (via email @ kerrin.rounds@dhhs.nh.gov)

State of New Hampshire

Vendor Payments

Check Number: 3222462

STATEMENT OF REMITTANCE

CHECK NUMBER	INVOICE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CONTACT INFORMATION	DATE	AMOUNT
4988373	210415	Opioid Settlement	(603) 271-1233	04/16/21	7,375.59
				TOTAL	7,375.59

If you have further payment questions, reference the contact information provided next to the line item in question.

Questions On Your Payment?

Please use the contact information provided above in the fourth column from the left.

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TITLE X PUBLIC HEALTH

CHAPTER 126-A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Opioid Abatement Trust Fund

Section 126-A:84

126-A:84 Opioid Abatement Trust Fund; Management and Distribution of Funds. –

- I. The commissioner of the department of health and human services, in consultation with the opioid abatement advisory commission established in RSA 126-A:85, shall administer the opioid abatement trust fund established in RSA 126-A:83. The commissioner shall draw from the opioid abatement trust fund for qualifying opioid abatement projects under RSA 126-A:86, I(b).
- II. Funds shall be distributed between the state, counties, cities and towns as follows:
- (a) Fifteen percent of the funds each year shall be distributed to the counties and political subdivisions as identified in RSA 126-A:83, II.
- (b) All remaining funds shall be deposited into the opioid abatement trust fund as established by RSA 126-A:83, I to be distributed by the commissioner of the department of health and human services, with approval of the opioid abatement advisory commission. Funds may be awarded to a qualifying governmental entity or program for an approved use under RSA 126-A:86, I(b).
- III. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall continue to make distributions from the trust fund under this section for as long as defendants in the opioid litigation make payments to the state or until such time that the funds in the opioid abatement trust fund are exhausted.
- IV. On or before September 1, 2020, each county, city, town or program that receives funds under paragraph II shall annually provide to the department of health and human services and the opioid abatement advisory commission a detailed account of all monies spent on approved uses, including, but limited to, an analysis and evaluation of the projects and programs it has funded.
- V. The department of health and human services shall adopt rules under RSA 541-A necessary to implement this subdivision. Such rules shall include funding qualifications, application procedures, time-lines for receiving, reviewing and acting upon application requests, and reporting requirements.
- VI. On or before November 1, 2020, the commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit an annual report to the governor and fiscal committee of the general court detailing the activities of the advisory commission, the administration of the opioid abatement trust fund, the amount distributed in the past year, the amount remaining in the trust fund, a summary of how funds were used in the past year, and any recommendations for future legislation.

Source. 2020, 39:55, eff. July 1, 2020.