

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Opioid Settlement Fund reimbursements; the proposed Westlake Area Harm Reduction Drop-In Center; and a Request for Proposals for the delivery of community-based opioid remediation services.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. CONCUR with the Housing and Homelessness Committee action of July 30, 2025.
2. AMEND Recommendation No. 4 of the Housing and Homelessness Committee action, Option “b” as follows:
 - b. Instruct the CAO to allocate \$3,500,000 in Opioid Settlement Funds to a new line item entitled "Opioid Remediation Program – Department of Disability" to support the delivery of opioid remediation services by community-based health organizations through a competitive bidding process, with a contract value of \$500,000 for each area.
3. AMEND Recommendation No. 5 of the Housing and Homelessness Committee action as follows:

INSTRUCT the CLA to work with the Mayor's Office and the Information Technology Agency to report to Council on the outcomes/metrics from the Mayor's Opioid Program.
4. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report in 90 days with a criteria evaluation matrix for proposals submitted in Fiscal Year 2025-26 and moving forward by the Council and Mayor's Offices that are provided to the CLA and City Administrative Officer (CAO), inclusive of the Measure of Access, Disparity, and Equity, Los Angeles Equity Index and Tool, overall need areas across the city, the measured impact that the money will have in the proposal areas, as well as number of fentanyl overdoses and fentanyl overdose deaths as provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Bureau census tract data.
5. AMEND Recommendation No. 2 of the Housing and Homelessness Committee action as follows:

Include the Unarmed Crisis Response program to also complete the necessary invoices and reporting requirements to ensure Opioid Settlement Fund reimbursement.
6. LIMIT the amount of Opioid Settlement Funds that can be used to conduct program assessments, inasmuch as the funds should be focused on service delivery.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA states that there is no impact to the General Fund. The recommendations in this report pertain to Opioid Settlement funds. The Opioid Trust Fund currently has an appropriated balance of approximately \$22 million, of which \$7.9 million is encumbered for inpatient substance use disorder services for people experiencing homelessness (Council file No. 23-0670). Council also set-aside \$3 million for the Westlake Area Harm Reduction Services Drop-In Center, which is currently in development, leaving an available balance of approximately \$11,100,000. The City will continue to receive an estimated \$4 to \$5 million annually for the remainder of the Opioid Settlement payout period, which is approximately 18 years.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on July 30, 2025, the Housing and Homelessness Committee considered CLA reports relative to Opioid Settlement Fund reimbursements; the proposed Westlake Area Harm Reduction Drop-In Center; and a Request for Proposals for the delivery of community-based opioid remediation services. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended to move forward the recommendations contained in the CLA report dated June 20, 2024, as amended, as detailed above.

Subsequently on September 9, 2025, the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment (APLCE) Committee considered the same matter. Representatives from the office of the CLA provided an overview of the program and responded to questions posed by the APLCE Committee. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the APLCE Committee concurred with the Housing and Homelessness Committee action of July 30, 2025, and further amended the matter as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
JURADO	YES
HERNANDEZ	YES
NAZARIAN	YES

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