

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles established the Opioid Trust Fund to receive settlement dollars to support opioid treatment, prevention, and recovery programs to mitigate the harm caused by opioid distributors and manufacturers. The Chief Legislative Analyst's October 30, 2023 and June 20, 2025 reports (CF 23-0670-S2) provides eligible activities and allowable expenditures for the Opioids Settlement Trust Fund in which the City should continue to advance.

Since the inception of the City's Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) 27,744 calls have been diverted from law enforcement for non-violent incidents involving mental health, behavioral distress, disturbances and safety checks. Specifically, UMCR responds to psychiatric emergencies, non-lewd indecent exposure and noise complaints of individuals who may be experiencing emotional distress. UMCR responders are also dispatched to calls involving individuals with substance abuse disorder incidents, including opioid related incidents.

Other jurisdictions across the country have invested opioid settlement funds to support programs such as:

- embedding mental health clinicians at emergency communications center;
- designating an Opioid Response Program Coordinator to map assets and service gaps and develop recommendations to operationalize key priorities set through a collaborative strategic plan;
- utilization of certified Peer Recovery Specialists;
- prevention focused workforce education and training programs;
- follow up care for incidents involving opioid overdose after the deployment of emergency services and;
- Naloxone distribution cabinets at libraries and city facilities.

Using specific opioid settlement funds for additional programs should be replicated in Los Angeles to enhance the services provided by UMCR and other city-funded outreach, street medicine, and mobile response programs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back in 30 days with a list of eligible expenditures of the Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) program, including, but not limited to outreach, street medicine and other mobile response programs, that can be reimbursed or funded by the Opioids Settlement Trust Fund, and develop recommendations to fund future remediation activities.

I FURTHER MOVE that City Council DIRECT the CAO to report back within 90 days on the feasibility of utilizing opioid settlement funds to support the continued expansion of UMCR, including: amending the program design to enable the use of the Opioids Settlement Trust Fund, developing opioid-related crisis response trainings and curriculum, documenting specific opioid-related incidents, and other strategies related to the deployment of specialized mobile teams to deliver opioid remediation services, including hiring outside consultants to assist the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst to report back in 30 days on how other jurisdictions are utilizing opioid settlement funds for crisis response and opioid-related deployment of mobile teams, to assist the CAO in designing future remediation activities.

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