

Article 12

Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund

- The Town of Needham will be receiving financial payments from recent, nationwide legal settlements with opioid distributors, manufacturers, and pharmacies.
- Based on current settlement agreements, payment amounts to Needham will fluctuate year to year. They will total an estimated \$1.8 million.
- The Town is obligated to spend these funds on opioid use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery under the terms of the settlement.

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- This article establishes an Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to provide a mechanism for setting aside this revenue each year. Future settlement payments will be automatically credited to this fund.
- Needham's Board of Health and Public Health Division will run a community engagement process to prioritize the best use of these funds.
- Future appropriations out of the fund must comply with the terms of the settlement agreement and will require Town Meeting approval.

The Select Board unanimously recommends adoption of this article.