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Updated opioid settlement summary released

This month, the OneOhio Recovery Foundation released an updated summary of opioid litigation settlements and the project impact on Ohio. The summary can be found here.

Dollars from the settlements will flow through the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) framework. As a reminder, the OneOhio MOU stipulates that, in each settlement, 15% will go to the state of Ohio, 30% will be distributed directly to local government entities, including counties, and 55% will be distributed to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation. The summary document estimates how much of each settlement will be allocated to the Foundation based on these terms.

Detailed information about the settlements can be found at nationalopioidsettlement.com. Ohio specific information for the Distributor and Janssen settlements can be found here.

As noted in the settlement terms column of the summary, these settlements are over a period of several years. In most cases, one payment will be made per year from each settlement, with most payments occurring during the summer months. The payments will flow through BrownGreer, the National Settlement Administrator. The Mallinckrodt bankruptcy settlement was paid through the National Opioid Abatement Trust.

Below are links to spreadsheets outlining the Local Government Share amounts for each of the payments that have been distributed thus far:

Distributor Payment 1

Distributor Payment 2

Distributor Payment 3

Janssen Payments 1 & 2

Janssen Payment 3

Mallinckrodt Payment

If you have questions regarding the Foundation or the Foundation Share, please visit oneohiofoundation.com.

If you have questions about the Local Government Share or the settlements, please contact Rachel Reedy at rreedy@ccao.org or 614-220-7996.

OBM Monthly Report shows strong GRF tax revenue performance

On Thursday, the Office of Budget and Management released its August Monthly Financial Report. The report, which covers July 2023, is the first of SFY 2024.

General fund revenues for July came in slightly above estimates, with a positive variance of 0.3% (about $12.3 million). The report highlights strong non-auto sales & use tax revenue, as sales tax revenue exceeded $1 billion for the ninth time since April 2021 and for the first time in the month of July.

Other key components of the state General Revenue Fund also had strong performances, with personal income tax coming in 1.6% above estimates and the commercial activity tax coming in 15.2% above estimates.

The report does not include estimates on disbursements, which is typical for the August report. As OBM notes, "spending estimates are built on a combination of appropriation levels set by H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly and estimated spending against prior year encumbrances. In addition to accounting for policy changes and spending to meet prior year encumbrances, OBM and the agencies also take this opportunity to review any changes in caseloads, payrolls, or other demands for services that might impact the level and pattern of spending during the coming year."

You can read the full report here.