



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,

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