

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: March 8, 2022

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

From: Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Re: Interlocal Agreement Governing Use of Regional Opioid Settlement Funds
Resolution No. 034-2022

Date: February 24, 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Mayor and Town Council approve Resolution No. 034-2022, authorizing the execution of the attached Interlocal Agreement governing the use of regional opioid settlement funds (Exhibit A).

GENERAL INFORMATION

On May 11, 2021 the Mayor and Town Council resolved (Resolution 052-2021) to enter in to a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Florida agreeing with proposed terms of the MOU in regards to Opioid Litigation and settlement funds.

In order for Palm Beach County to achieve greater funding and control over a Regional Fund of the proposed Opioid Litigation, they must be designated a “Qualified County”, as defined by the Florida Plan regarding the litigation settlement funds. In order for Palm Beach County to be designated as a “Qualified County” under the Florida Plan, they must enter into an agreement with municipalities whose populations, taken together, contain more than 50% of the municipalities’ total population. Participation in this Interlocal Agreement recognizes that enabling Palm Beach County to receive the County Regional Funds for expenditure in the best interest of all persons within the geographic boundaries of Palm Beach County will ensure that Opioid Litigation settlement funds are available and used to address opioid-related impacts within Palm Beach County.

Regional funds are separate from the proposed litigation settlement City/County and State funds, and this Interlocal Agreement will have no effect on proposed direct funds already sought by the Town of Palm Beach.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

The resolution and agreement have been reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

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Attachments

cc: Darrel Donatto, Fire Rescue Chief
John C. Randolph, Town Attorney