

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Joe Kerby, County Manager

RE: Opioid Settlement Funds: Advocates for Recovery of Colorado Contract
Signature – Finance

Date: 9/10/2024

Staff Recommendation:

WHEREAS, The State of Colorado established 19 regions across the state to distribute funds from settlements of legal actions initiated by local governments, including Jefferson County, and the State Attorney General against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Jefferson County is part of Region 10, which also includes Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. An Intergovernmental Agreement dated May 11, 2022, between Jefferson County and the other participating local governments in Region 10 established a Regional Council to manage the opioid settlement funds allocated to Region 10, with Jefferson County designated as the Fiscal Agent for the Regional Council.

WHEREAS, As the Fiscal Agent for the Regional Council, Jefferson County is responsible for receiving, holding, and making available Region 10 opioid settlement funds, and for executing vendor contracts on behalf of the Regional Council.

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2024, the Regional Council approved the Region 10's contract with Advocates for Recovery of Colorado from date of Board Chair signature for final execution of the contract, for one year, establishing the contract price for one year term not to exceed \$597,163.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Board Chair to sign the contract with Advocates for Recovery of Colorado, in accordance with the approval of the Regional Council as to form by the County Attorney Office (CAO).

Resolution No: CC24-264

Background: The Opioid Funds originate from the resolution of lawsuits filed by local governments, including Jefferson County, and State Attorneys General against opioid manufacturers and distributors. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was

established between the Colorado Attorney General and local governments to determine the distribution of these settlement funds within Colorado. These funds offer a unique opportunity to support innovative partnerships at the state, regional, and local levels in addressing the opioid epidemic. The Gateway to the Rockies Opioid Council (GROC) authorized the County, acting as the fiscal agent for the GROC Opioid Regional Council, to execute a contract with Advocates for Recovery Colorado to provide Recovery based community services to the Council. The GROC Opioid Regional Council has since approved the use of regional opioid funds for this contract.

Fiscal Impact: Yes, Regional Opioid Fund

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