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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY BY RECOGNIZING A PORTION OF THE CITY'S OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED TO DATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,688 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF

Summary and Background Information:

By Resolution 2018-72, the City Council determined to investigate and file lawsuits against manufacturers and wholesalers of opioid painkillers and other parties responsible for the epidemic and crisis arising from the misuse, abuse, and over-prescription of opioids and the costs to Commerce City of responding to the effects of widespread opioid addiction. By Resolution 2021-80, the City Council approved the Colorado Opioids Settlement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). As a result, the City began receiving its share of Opioid Settlement Funds at the end of 2022. The City has received \$120,811 to date and is expected to receive an approximate total of \$308,732 over an 18 year period.

Staff proposes using \$19,688 of Opioid Settlement Funds received to date for the purchase of a software program that provides caseload, program, and grant management capabilities. The software will streamline workflows, referrals, and program forms in a single platform as well as enable workflow automation and data import/export. This software will benefit the Community Well-Being Division as well as the Community Development Block Grant Coordinator. Year 1 costs to implement this system in 2024 are estimated to be \$39,688. \$20,000 was budgeted for this system in 2024, however, an additional \$19,688 is needed to implement this system. Sufficient Opioid Settlement Funds are available to cover this budget shortfall and proceed with this purchase in 2024. Ongoing subscription costs for this software system will be absorbed within the IT budget.

This software will support the Potential Opioid Abatement Approved Purposes detailed in Exhibit A of the MOU listed below:

- B.1 - Intervention: Ensure that health care providers are screening for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other risk factors and know how to appropriately counsel and treat (or refer, if necessary) a patient for OUD treatment.
- E.1 - People in Treatment and Recovery: The full continuum of care of recovery services for OUD and any co-occurring substance use or mental health issues, including supportive housing, residential treatment, medical detox services, peer support services and counseling, community navigators, case management, and

connections to community-based services.

- K.2 - Community Leadership: Government dashboard to track key opioid-related indicators and supports as identified through collaborative community processes.

This software system will allow best practices to screen for OUD and manage community referrals through workflow for the continuum of care for CWB clients.

Jim Tolbert, Assistant City Manager, and Theresa Wilson, Director of Finance, will be available to answer questions you may have.

Staff Responsible (Department Head): Jim Tolbert, Assistant City Manager

Staff Member Presenting: Jim Tolbert, Assistant City Manager

Financial Impact: Capital Expenditures Fund: \$19,688

Funding Source: Opioid Settlement Funding

Staff Recommendation: Approve Ordinance 2594

Suggested Motion: Motion to introduce by council as seated and approve Ordinance 2594