



# Board of Supervisors Memorandum

August 10, 2021

## Allocation of \$250,000 from the Contingency Fund to pay for Doses of Narcan, the Drug That Will Reverse or Neutralize Opiate Overdoses.

### Background

The state of Arizona has previously purchased and distributed Narcan to the County Health Department who in turn distributed these drugs to law enforcement officers, first responders, medical technicians and others who may encounter an individual with an opiate drug overdose. The funding at the state for this product has apparently been exhausted after the recent delivery of 500 Narcan doses to Pima County. It is unknown if the State will replenish the fund to continue purchasing Narcan in a timely fashion in order to prevent overdose drug deaths. In the meantime, drug overdose deaths continue to rise and is now the leading cause of death for children age (0-19). Arizona State Health Department has a contract for the acquisition of Narcan. Our procurement department and director indicate they are able to, through a cooperative purchase agreement, purchase Narcan from the state supplier.

It is estimated (at a cost of (\$70.35) per dose) that the number of doses that would be required over the next six months would be at a cost of up to \$250,000. Therefore, I would ask the Board to allocate \$250,000 from the contingency fund for the continued purchase of Narcan to be distributed to our law enforcement and health partners.

I believe that this expenditure can be reimbursed from the proposed opioid law suit settlement from which the county will receive significant funds.

### Recommendation

I recommend the Board approve the allocation of up to \$250,000 from the Contingency Fund for the continued purchase of Narcan to be distributed to our law enforcement and health partners.

Sincerely,

  
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