

# Ashe County

## Staff Report

7/28/2025

### RE: Opioid Settlement

**Summary:** The National Opioid Settlement is a historic agreement between state and local governments and major pharmaceutical companies—including manufacturers, distributors, and retailers—aimed at addressing the nationwide opioid crisis. As part of the settlement, billions of dollars are being distributed over the next two decades to states and local governments, including counties like ours in rural North Carolina. These funds are specifically intended to support opioid abatement efforts such as treatment programs, prevention services, recovery support, and harm reduction. It's a critical opportunity for our county to invest in long-term solutions that address the impact of opioid addiction on individuals, families, and our community as a whole.

In addition to the current settlements, a proposed nationwide settlement has been reached with Purdue Pharma, the Sackler family and 9 additional pharmaceutical companies including Sandoz. The total settlement is approximately \$9.2 billion but is distributed between participating states and local governments as well as legal fees for the national attorneys.

The national legal team is requesting action on the following items for Ashe County to be included in the ongoing settlement:

#### Opioid Settlement Agreements:

1. Purdue Pharma Plan Acceptance
2. Government Entity Settlement Agreement (GESA)
3. Nine Defendant Settlement Agreement
4. Acceptance of Sandoz Settlement Agreement

#### Attachments:



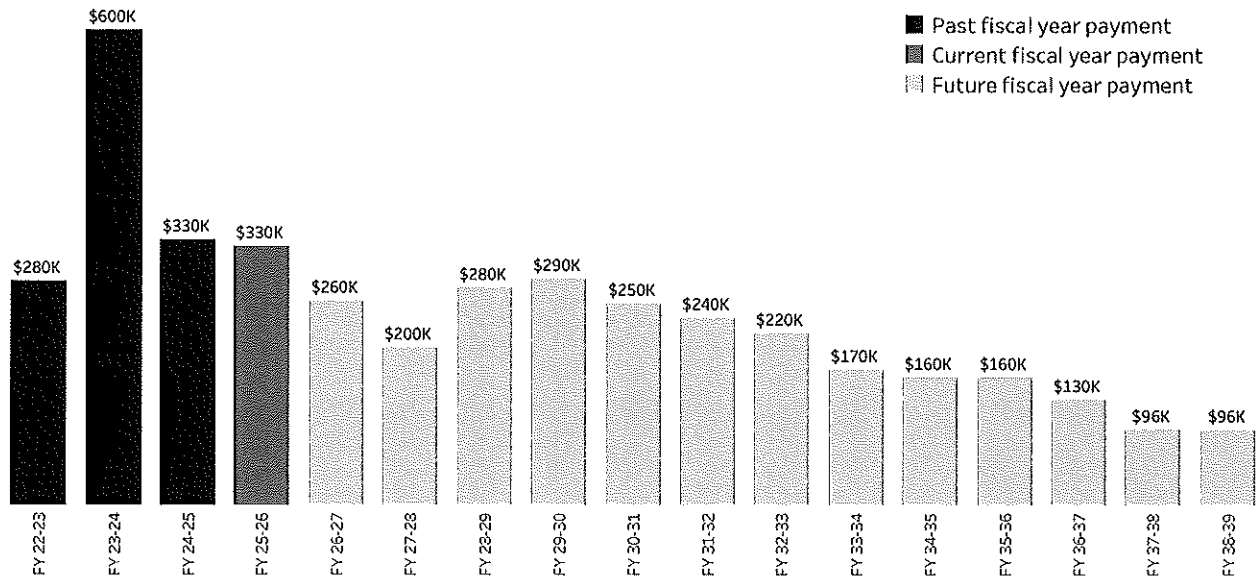
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## Settlement Summary – 2022 - 2038



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Ashe County is receiving \$4,088,807 in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2038.



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