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CITY OF CLARKSBURG

Updates from City Manager, Tiffany Fell



Clarksburg's Opioid Settlement

The opioid epidemic has been a major public health crisis in West Virginia, and the state has received settlements from various pharmacy retailers, prescription drug manufacturers, drug distributors, and management consulting firms totaling around \$847 million.

The state has agreed to a general distribution plan, with local governments receiving ~25% of the funds. The City of Clarksburg is one of the cities in West Virginia who has been disproportionately impacted by the opioid crisis and as a result, it has received its first check from the West Virginia opioid settlement for \$773,356.54. Additional payments of differing amounts will be received in the future as the defendants make payments in accordance with their settlement agreement.

As directed by the state in their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the funds must be spent on "Approved Purposes" such as expanding treatment availability, engaging in drug-related law enforcement, and other programs that help address the opioid epidemic.

The proper spending of this money is crucial to

help those most affected by the opioid epidemic. It is important that the funds are spent legally, transparently, and quickly to save lives and slow down the need for people to turn to drugs.

The Clarksburg City council recently approved its first expenditure of the money for a request from the Clarksburg Police Department for ~\$91,000 to purchase and install new mobile traffic cameras and license plate readers to be used in key entry and exit points of the city and areas seeing an increase in drug or property crimes, as needed.

Submit Your Ideas

As the City Council explores ways to use the money from this settlement to address local opioid addiction challenges, we invite citizens and organizations that have an idea or suggestion on where they think these funds might be best used, to send those to myself, the City Clerk, or to any member of council:

City Manager, Tiffany Fell:
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City Clerk, Annette Wright:
awright@cityofclarksburgwv.com

STAY CONNECTED

- **Next City Council Meeting: Thurs, Feb 01 @ 6PM**
- Download the latest City Newsletter and sign up for email notifications on the city website.

IT'S HAPPENING IN CLARKSBURG:

- **Municipal Election Filing Period** - Fri, Jan 05 (8AM-4PM) through Sat, Jan 27 (9AM -5PM) @ City Hall/City Clerk's Office
- **MOVIE: GROUNDHOG DAY (1993)**- Fri, Feb 02, 7PM @ Robinson Grand PAC
- **Brass Metropolis (Chicago Tribute)**- Sat, Feb 03, 7PM @ Robinson Grand PAC
- **The Hair Band Experience** - Sat, Feb 10, 7PM @ Robinson Grand PAC
- **MOVIE: CASABLANCA (1942)** - Wed, Feb 14, 7PM @ Robinson Grand PAC
- **Jazz Night at the Robinson Grand** - Sat, Feb 24, 7PM @ Robinson Grand PAC
- **The Fleetwood Mac Experience** - Thu, Mar 14, 7:30 PM @ Robinson Grand PAC