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Ledge Light Health District
Ms. Kerensa Mansfield
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Dear Ms. Mansfield:

The Town of Ledyard is a party to the National Opioid Settlement for the abatement of the opioid epidemic which began in 1990's and has taken countless lives in Connecticut during the past two decades.

Recently the town began to receive payments from the Distributor Settlement. Per the terms of the Settlement these funds must be used for specific opioid abatement purposes, including, but not limited to expanding access to opioid use disorder prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery options, to name a few.

The Town Council's Finance Committee has begun to discuss options for the use and/or distribution of these funds and we are seeking your guidance and input to help us determine the best value in terms of helping individuals and their families who are struggling with addiction.

Many families in our community have been devastated by the needless loss of a child, parent, or friend who became addicted to either prescription opioids and/or street drugs that may have been laced with fentanyl or other dangerous and harmful types of synthetic narcotics.

The Finance Committee plans to continue this discussion at our May 3, 2023 meeting and look forward receiving your ideas and recommendations; and welcome you to attend our meeting.

It is our hope that these Settlement Funds will help our community make a difference in engaging and building trust with people who use drugs in order to save lives, help them seek treatment, and find a productive path forward.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (860) 572-7181 or email at wsaums@ledyardct.org.

Thank you,

Bill Saums
Committee Chairman
Finance Committee

KJD/rm