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City of Charlestown Common Council  
304 Main Cross Street  
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Re: Additional Appropriation Request for Opioid Settlement Use

Dear Council Members:

The Medella House, Inc, a 501c3 organization formed in March of 2022 that serves as a sober living home for women in addiction recovery, has requested the City's allocation of funds received as a part of the opioid settlement passed through the state. Currently our distribution totals \$7,840.96 (\$2,352.29 in restricted use and \$5,488.67 in unrestricted use). I have asked the managers at the Medella House to appear before the Council to make a presentation to outline their services in the city and to answer any questions you have about their need for this funding.

The opioid settlement funds can only be used for items that respond directly to the opioid crisis. Approved uses can be found here:

[https://www.in.gov/recovery/files/Final\\_Remediation\\_Uses\\_Settlement\\_Agreement\\_3.25.22\\_Final.pdf](https://www.in.gov/recovery/files/Final_Remediation_Uses_Settlement_Agreement_3.25.22_Final.pdf)

I support allocating our current funds from the settlement to the Medella House and have asked the Clerk Treasurer to include an appropriation ordinance doing so for your consideration at the meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. I have verified with the Executive Director for the Governor's Office of Drug Prevention, Treatment, and Enforcement that this use is approved and appropriate. Please let me know if I can answer any questions for you. Jennifer Vega with the Medella House is also available to answer any questions you have about their organization. Their phone number is (812) 250-8703 and email address is

[MedellaHouse@gmail.com](mailto:MedellaHouse@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Treva Hodges, Mayor