



RESOLUTION TITLE: A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GASTON TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Gaston County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen, and the drug maker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals; and,

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and certain bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"); and,

WHEREAS, Gaston County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA; and,

WHEREAS, section E.6 of the MOA states:

E.6. Process for drawing from special revenue funds.

- a. Budget item or Resolution required. Opioid Settlement Funds can be used for a purpose when the Governing Body includes in its budget or passes a separate resolution authorizing the expenditure of a stated amount of Opioid Settlement Funds for that purpose or those purposes during a specified period of time.
- b. Budget item or Resolution details. The budget or resolution should (i) indicate that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; (ii) state the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy, and (iii) state the amount dedicated to each strategy for a stated period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in alignment with the NC MOA, Gaston County authorizes the expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	JBailey	CBrown	CCLoninger	AFraley	BHovis	TKeigher	SShehan	Vote
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- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 3
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$295,917.00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1, 2025 through End date June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Parent Partners for Positive Change (PPPC).

Using a harm reduction approach, peer support specialists will be embedded in Children & Family Services and will work with families who are involved with child protective services and permanency planning/foster care due to a parent's opioid use disorder. The peer support specialists will work with child welfare to address the needs of parents with opioid use disorder and will partner directly with parents to support their recovery. Expected outcomes are improved treatment completion and recovery rates for parents, decreased time in out-of-home placement for children, and increased reunification rates for children whose parents have an opioid use disorder.

- g. Provider: Olive Branch Ministry


The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$295,917.00.

Adopted this the 27th day of May, 2025.



Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

SEAL

GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO: Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

FROM: HLT Health
Dept. Code Department Name

Brittain Kenney 05/27/2025
Department Director Date

REQUEST TYPE:

- ☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT**
As it appears in Munis	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> 4335674265 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> FundDeptDivSubDivPrgSubPrgFutureFuncObjProj </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX </div>	
Ex. Employee Training	Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	Ex. \$5,000.00 Ex. (\$5,000.00)
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	(146,832.00)
Other Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-OBPPPC-Stratg3-0000-05-530015-	146,832.00

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 1 \$146,832.00 /Project Total \$295,917.00 of our allotment for Recovery Support Services, specifically certified peer support services in Gaston County's Children and Family Services, to be delivered by Olive Branch Ministries for continuation of funding. Peer support specialists will be embedded in Children and Family Services and will work with families who are involved with child protective services and permanency planning/ foster care due to a parent's opioid use disorder. The peer support specialists will work with child welfare to address the needs of parents with opioid use disorder and will partner directly with parents to support their recovery. Year 1 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) \$146,832.00 Year 1 Only

** Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

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FROM: HLT Health
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Brittain Kenney 04/10/2025
 Department Director Date

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	Fund	Dept	Div	SubDiv	Prog	SubProg	Future	Func	Obj	Proj	
Ex. Employee Training	XXXX	XXX	XXX	XXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXX	XX	XXXXXX	XXXXX	Ex. \$5,000.00 Ex. (\$5,000.00)
Fund Balance Appropriated	2055-NDP-000-0000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-										(149,085.00)
Other Services	2055-HLT-000-00000-OBPPPC-Stratg3-0000-05-530015-										149,085.00

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 2 \$149,085.00 /Project Total \$295,917.00 of our allotment for Recovery Support Services, specifically certified peer support services in Gaston County's Children and Family Services, to be delivered by Olive Branch Ministries for continuation of funding. Peer support specialists will be embedded in Children and Family Services and will work with families who are involved with child protective services and permanency planning/ foster care due to a parent's opioid use disorder. The peer support specialists will work with child welfare to address the needs of parents with opioid use disorder and will partner directly with parents to support their recovery. Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) \$149,085.00 Year 2 Only

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DHHS - Public Health Division

Board Action

File #: 25-290

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$295,917.00 (**Year 1: \$146,832.00, Year 2: \$149,085.00, Total: \$295,917.00**)

STAFF CONTACT

Abigail Newton - Assistant Public Health Director - DHHS - Public Health Division - 704-853-5103

BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$295,917.00. No additional County funds.

BACKGROUND

The State of NC joined in the national litigation against pharmaceutical supply chain participants who engaged in the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, or dispensing of opioid medications that have harmed the public. On June 8, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation (Res. 2021-172) joining in the national litigation. Gaston County was awarded \$40,520,354.00 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 18 years. To date the County has received \$11,845,106.51 in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$295,917.00 in Opioid Settlement funds that will be used to fund Recovery Support Services, specifically certified peer support services in Gaston County's Children and Family Services, to be delivered by Olive Branch Ministries for continuation of funding. Peer support specialists will be embedded in Children and Family Services and will work with families who are involved with child protective services and permanency planning/ foster care due to a parent's opioid use disorder. The peer support specialists will work with child welfare to address the needs of parents with opioid use disorder and will partner directly with parents to support their recovery.

Year 1 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): \$146,832.00

Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027): \$149,085.00

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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