



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: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2

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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	CBrown	CCloninger	AFrale	BHovis	KJohnson	TKeigher	RWorley	Vote
2023-387	11/28/2023	RW	BH	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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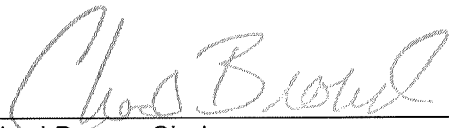
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- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$368,400.00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date January 1, 2024 through End date June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship fund (GCMATS)
The GCMATS program will be developed and implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing and will provide Gaston County's uninsured/underinsured residents the opportunity to receive Evidence-Based Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder along with care navigation to address social determinants of health that may impact a patient's recovery, the most important among these being financial insecurity. The program will also partner with Gaston County Police Department's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program to provide MAT to uninsured LEAD participants.
- g. Provider: McLeod Centers for Wellbeing

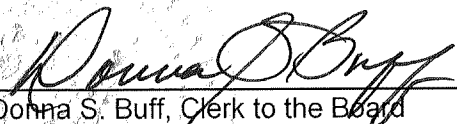
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$ 368,400.00.

Adopted this the 28th day of November, 2023.



Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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GASTON COUNTY

BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO:

Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager

FROM:

CSS

Dept. Code

Community Support Services

Department Name

Gregory Grier

Department Director

10/25/2023

Date

Dr. Kim S. Eagle, County Manager

Community Support Services
Department Name

10/25/2023
Date

☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*

☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

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Check cell- Amounts must sum to \$0 \$

** 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.

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 1 \$122,800/Total Project \$368,400 of our allotment for Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment through a Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship fund (GCMATS). The GCMATS program will be developed and implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing. Through the program, Gaston County's uninsured/underinsured residents will have the opportunity to receive Evidence-Based Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder along with care navigation to address social determinants of health that may impact their recovery. Additionally, GCMATS / McLeod will provide MAT to uninsured participants in Gaston County Police Department's LEAD program. Year 1 (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024): \$122,800



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DHHS - Community Support Services Division

Board Action

File #: 23-522

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Appropriate and Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship Fund (GCMATS) to be Developed and Implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing (**Year 1: \$122,800 / Total Project: \$368,400**)

STAFF CONTACT

Gregory Grier - Community Support Services - 704-862-6735

BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Fund. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

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 has 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 will receive a projected \$43,000,000 in settlement funds to be received over a period of 18 years. To date, the County has received \$ 4,250,134 in settlement funds. To date, \$2,778,431 has been allocated by the Board of Commissioners.

A Request for Proposals for evidence-based addiction treatment programs and services to address the opioid epidemic in our community was issued and posted from September 1, 2023 until October 1, 2023. Four proposals were received. Each proposal was reviewed and scored by a subcommittee of the Gaston County Opioid Settlement Team. Two of the four proposals were recommended for funding. The proposal submitted by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing is one of the two recommended proposals.

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Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Appropriate and Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds for the Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship Fund (GCMATS) to be Developed and Implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing (Year 1: \$122,800 / Total Project: \$368,400)
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This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$368,400.00 in Opioid Settlement funds for the Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship fund (GCMATS). The GCMATS program will be developed and implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing and will provide Gaston County's uninsured/underinsured residents the opportunity to receive Evidence-Based Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder along with care navigation to address social determinants of health that may impact a patient's recovery, the most important among these being financial insecurity.

Year 1 (January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024): \$122,800.00

Year 2 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025): \$245,600.00

The program will also partner with Gaston County Police Department's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program to provide MAT to uninsured LEAD participants.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)