



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: Naloxone Distribution
 - 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
2025-151	05/27/2025	TK	JB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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- c. Item letter and/ or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the NC MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 7
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$1,282,129.00
- 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: GEMS Community Paramedicine
 - 24/7 Opioid overdose response. Respond to provide options for harm reduction or treatment alternatives.
 - 24/7 MAT program. Bridge the gap from overdose to treatment. Provide additional dosing through the night, if needed.
 - Outreach
 - Better address emerging hazards
 - Continue and expand Naloxone Kit Distribution
- g. Provider: Gaston Emergency Medical Services


The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated for the above named and authorized strategies is \$1,282,129.00.

Adopted this the 27th day of May, 2025.



Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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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

* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

<p>JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:</p> <p>Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 1 \$607,937.00 /Project Total \$1,282,129.00 of our allotment for Recovery Support Services, specifically for the GEMS Community Paramedicine Program. The funds will allow for 24/7 opioid overdose response and bridge the gap from overdose to treatment. Funding will also be used for outreach and expansion of Naloxone Kit distribution. Year 1 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) \$607,937.00 Year 1 Only</p>

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Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520002-	500.00
Professional Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	31,850.00
Other Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530015-	500.00
Medications	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520003-	5,850.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520007-	2,700.00
Phone Service	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530002-	1,100.00
Printing	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520013-	500.00
Software Rental	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530029-	40,000.00

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TO: Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

FROM: HLT Health

 Dept. Code Department Name

 Brittain Kenney 05/27/2025

 Department Director Date

Department Director Date

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JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This BCR appropriates Year 2 \$674,192.00 /Project Total \$1,282,129.00 of our allotment for Recovery Support Services, specifically for the GEMS Community Paramedicine Program. The funds will allow for 24/7 opioid overdose response and bridge the gap from overdose to treatment. Funding will also be used for outreach and expansion of Naloxone Kit distribution. Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) \$674,192.00 Year 2 Only

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Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-520002-	525.00
Professional Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	68,952.00
Other Services	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530015-	525.00
Medications	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	6,143.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	2,835.00
Phone Service	2055-EMS-000-00000-CParmd-Stratg3-0000-02-530010-	1,155.00
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DHHS - Public Health Division Board Action

File #: 25-268

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$1,282,129.00 (**Year 1: \$607,937.00, Year 2: \$674,192.00, Total: \$1,282,129.00**)

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 \$1,282,129.00. 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 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 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 \$1,282,129.00 in Opioid Settlement funds for the continuation of the Community Paramedicine Program that will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department. The \$1,282,129.00 will allow for 24/7 opioid overdose response and bridge the gap from overdose to treatment. Funding will also be used for outreach and expansion of Naloxone Kit distribution.

Year 1 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026): \$607,937.00

Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027): \$674,192.00

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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