



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

WHEREAS, 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, 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

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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
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- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 3
- d. Amounted authorized for this strategy: \$866,139.80
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date August 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2025
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Recovery Transportation
 - Transportation will be provided for those without transportation to addiction treatment, harm reduction services, other recovery support services, primary healthcare, and other services needed to support their recovery, health, and well-being using a low-barrier model.
 - All drivers and supervisor are certified peer support specialists or recovery coaches.
 - Peer support specialists and recovery coach staff will help participants navigate and reduce barriers to access consistent treatment and care.
 - Staff will partner with community paramedics, local hospital systems, and other MAT providers to ensure MAT participants have access to ongoing care without interruption.
- g. Provider: Gaston County Emergency Medical Services

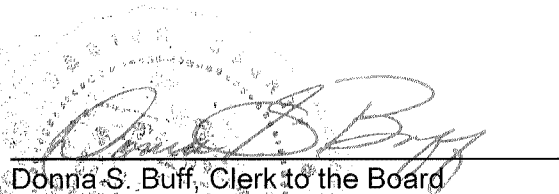
The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$866,139.80.

Adopted this the 27th day of July, 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 Community Support Services
 Dept. Code Department Name

Gregory Grier 7/27/2023
 Department Director Date

REQUEST TYPE: Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*
 Project Transfer Within Department & Fund Additional Appropriation of Funds*
 Line-Item Transfer Between Departments *Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION As it appears in Munis Ex. Employee Training	ACCOUNT NUMBER Fund-Dept-Div-SubDiv-Prog-SubProg-Future-Obj-Proj XXXX-XXX-XXX-XXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXX-XX-XXXXXX-XXXXX Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	AMOUNT** Whole dollars only Ex. (\$5,000) Ex. \$5,000
Opioid Settlement	2055-000-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-05-410211-	\$ (866,139.80)
Salaries	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-510001-	\$ 453,391.00
FICA	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-510100-	\$ 34,684.00
Retirement	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-510101-	\$ 58,605.80
401K	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-510102-	\$ 22,671.00
Health Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-510103-	\$ 92,000.00
Dental Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-510104-	\$ 2,400.00
Life Insurance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-510105-	\$ 1,600.00
Office Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-520001-	\$ 2,000.00
Program Supplies	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-520002-	\$ 2,000.00
Uniforms	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-520006-	\$ 2,000.00
Employee Training	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-520011-	\$ 12,000.00
Advertising	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-520015-	\$ 6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-520017-	\$ 1,000.00
Furniture / Equipment <\$5k	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-520020-	\$ 5,500.00
Phone Service	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-530002-	\$ 5,088.00
MotorFuels/Lubricants	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-530021-	\$ 40,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-530023-	\$ 2,000.00
Software Rental	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-530029-	\$ 11,800.00
Vehicle Prep	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-530052-	\$ 2,440.00
Motor Vehicles	2055-EMS-000-00000-RcvTrp-Stratg3-0000-05-540003-	\$ 108,960.00

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** 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.

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Gaston County joined the State in the National Opioid Settlement. This Board Action and BCR appropriates \$866,139.80 of our allotment for a Recovery Transportation program and operating costs for two years. The funds will be used to hire three transporters and one lieutenant who are certified peer support specialists or recovery coaches. Two vehicles will be purchased; one will be an ADA accessible van and the other will be a SUV. Transportation will be provided for individuals without transportation to addiction treatment, harm reduction services, other recovery support services, primary healthcare, and other services needed to support their recovery, health, and well-being. The program will also help participants navigate and reduce barriers to consistent care. The program will partner with MAT providers to ensure participants have access to ongoing care without interruption.



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DHHS - Community Support Services Division

Board Action

File #: 23-352

Commissioner Brown - DHHS - Community Support Services - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$866,139.80 for the Recovery Transportation Program

STAFF CONTACT

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

BUDGET IMPACT

Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$866,139.80. No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Minimal impact to the budget ordinance.

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 \$ 2,801,978 in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$866,139.80 in Opioid Settlement funds for the Recovery Transportation Program that will be managed by the Gaston Emergency Medical Services Department. The \$866,139.80 will fund three transporters and one lieutenant who are certified peer support specialists or recovery coaches as well as operating costs for two years. Two vehicles will be purchased; one will be an ADA accessible van and the other will be a SUV.

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POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

