



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, and,

WHEREAS, the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and 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"), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF"), and SAAF-2, 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 that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a resolution that:
(i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
(ii) states 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) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Gaston County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

- 1 First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Support mobile intervention, treatment, and recovery services offered by qualified professionals and service providers, such as peer recovery coaches, for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH conditions and for persons who have experienced an opioid overdose
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit B of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA. Exhibit B, Strategy A.5

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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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- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$352,500 00
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place.
Start date January 1, 2026 through End date June 30, 2027
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funds for McLeod Centers for Wellbeing will be used to acquire a fully equipped mobile medical unit designed to meet federal and state OTP regulations. The unit will include exam space, private counseling space, diagnostic and wound care equipment, secure dispensing area and storage for medications and harm reduction supplies.
- g. Provider: McLeod Centers for Wellbeing

The total amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$352,500 00

Adopted this the 26th day of February, 2026.

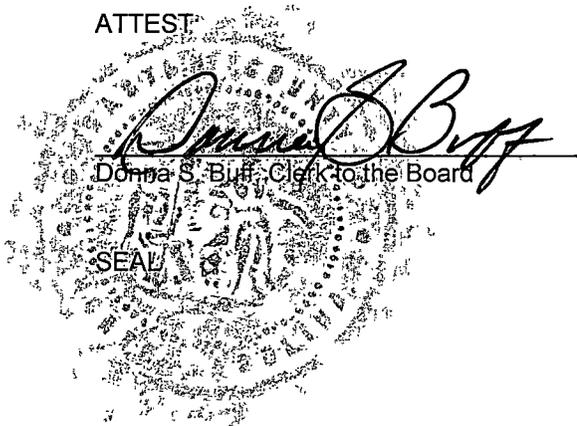


Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST



Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board





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DHHS - Public Health Division Board Action

File #: 26-072

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Approve a Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds and Appropriate \$352,500 00 (Year 1 \$342,500.00, Year 2: \$10,000.00, Total: \$352,500.00)

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BUDGET IMPACT

Year 1 (January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026) Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$342,500 00 No additional County funds.

Year 2 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) Increase revenue and expenses in the Opioid Settlement Funds by \$10,000 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 \$14 million in settlement funds.

This Board Action, if approved, appropriates \$352,500 00 in Opioid Settlement Funds for McCleod Centers for Wellbeing to acquire a fully equipped mobile medical unit designed to meet federal and state OTP regulations. The unit will include exam space, private counseling space, diagnostic and wound care equipment, secure dispensing area and storage for medications and harm reduction supplies.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)

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