



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: Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A of the NC MOA
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Exhibit A, Strategy 2
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: ~~\$668,378.00~~ \$906,324.84
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date July 1st, 2025 through End date June 30, 2027

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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	AFrale	BHovis	TKelgher	SShehan	Vote
2026-196	06/23/2026	TK	BH	A	A	AB	A	A	A	A	U

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- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Gaston County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Scholarship fund (GCMATS)

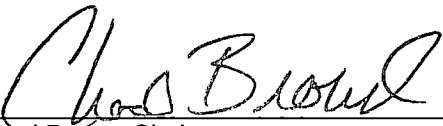
The GCMATS program will be developed and implemented by McLeod Centers for Wellbeing and will provide Gaston County's uninsured/underinsured residents the opportunity to receive Evidence-Based Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder along with care navigation to address social determinants of health that may impact a patient's recovery, the most important among these being financial insecurity.

- g. Provider: McLeod Centers for Wellbeing

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$668,378.00 \$906,324.84.

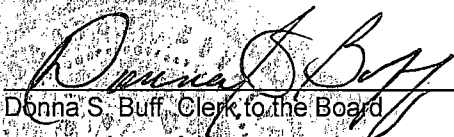
Adopted this the 27th day of May, 2025.

Revised and amended this the 23rd day of June, 2026.



Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the Board

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This BCR reduces Year 1 (FY26) to \$516,815.16 and returns the difference of \$314,126.00 to Opioid Fund Balance.

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This BCR increases Year 2 (FY27) funds by \$389,509.68



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DHHS - Public Health Division Board Action

File #: 26-270

Commissioner Keigher - DHHS - Health Division - To Amend Approved Resolution to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds to Increase the Project by \$237,946.84 and Appropriate the Corrected Amount for Year 2 of \$389,509.68 (Year 1: 516,815.16 / Year 2: \$389,509.68 / Total Project: \$906,324.84)

STAFF CONTACT

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

BUDGET IMPACT

Opioid Settlement Fund:

FY26 Decrease revenue and expense \$314,126.00. No additional County funds.

FY27 Increase revenue and expense \$389,509.68. 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, will recognize an additional \$237,946.84 to raise the total project budget from \$668,378.00 to \$906,324.84. Prior Board Action 2025-155 appropriated original budget totaling \$668,378.00. Board Action 2026-159, moved funds between year 1 and year 2; adding \$162,563.16 to year 1, but did not increase the total project budget by \$237,946.84 to \$906,324.84. However, a BCR was done in Munis to appropriate the new year 1 amount instead of the difference which increased the budget in Munis to \$830,941.16. This Board Action corrects year 1 to the intended budget of \$516,815.16 by reducing the FY26 appropriation by \$314,126.00. This Board Action also recognizes the increase to the project of \$237,946.84 to increase the project budget to \$906,324.84 and appropriates the correct amount of \$389,509.68 in FY27. This is approved by the Opioid Settlement Team.

FY26 Approved Budget (Year 1): \$516,815.16

FY27 Approved Budget (Year 2): \$389,509.68

Total Project Budget: \$906,324.84

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This Board Action also allows for any unspent funds as of June 30, 2027, to be returned to fund balance.

Total New Budget: \$906,324.84

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Spending Authorization Resolution and Budget Change Request (BCR)